

Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 25-Nov-13 05:01 AM GMT

Instead of cluttering up the ID section of the forum with Philippines pix, it seemed sensible to start a blog here, and then them as wants to look, can look.

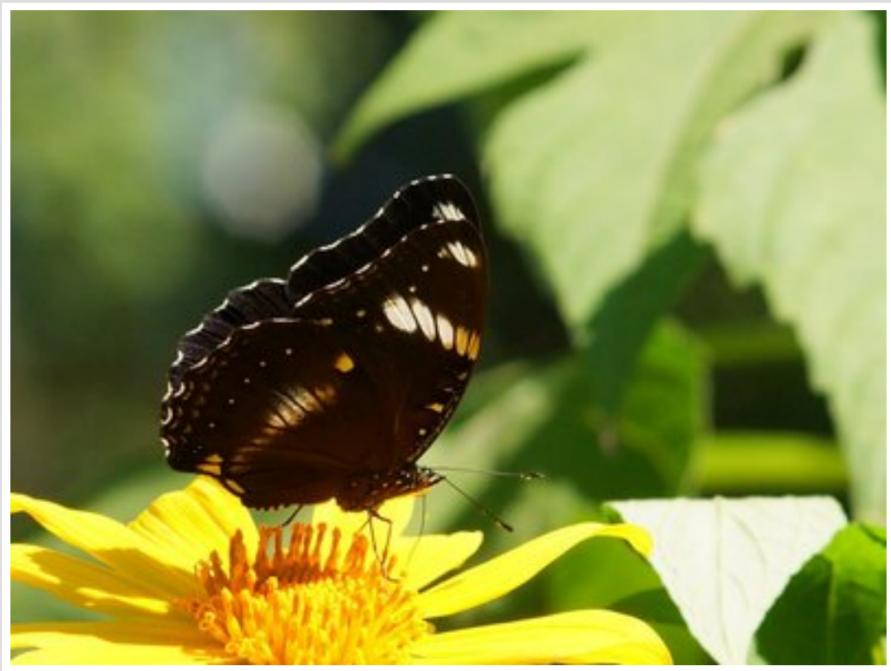
I fear that it may turn out to be a litany of 'nearly' photo opportunities, as many of the species here seem to blast about without any suggestion of stopping anywhere. There is also no field guide to the butterflies of the area, and anyway, many of the Hesperids are only separable by dissection. In many ways a Philippine butterflyman's lot is not a totally happy one!

I am staying for three months on the territory of the Ateneo de Manila University campus, where my wife has a temporary professorship. The campus is situated on a hill amongst what was once virgin rainforest. There are several 5/10 acre patches of secondary forest and even the occasional original rainforest tree, which somehow 'scaped the woodsman's axe. These areas support a considerable population of butterflies (and moths – an enormous Atlas Moth was flapping about outside our room last night – it was like a 747 going over). I estimate that I've seen more than 50 species already. I'll try and post a daily report from here and from the various other places that we hope to visit during our stay. Any comments and/or ID thoughts would be very welcome.

Monday 25th November:

The day dawned with a crystal blue sky and by eight o'clock, the heat was already searing, such that apart from the ubiquitous Psyche, there was very little about. The Psyche is often considered to be a very difficult butterfly to photograph as they flap feebly about and rarely settle. The answer is to come here, where there are always several dozens flying about more or less all the time. With these numbers, some must stop to feed or mate, so 5 mins usually produces a 'settler'.

I did see a number of species whizzing about, including a couple of new Pierids. Few photo opps were presented, except a quick chance at (I think) a Great Egfly and a lovely Pierid, yet to be ID'd.



Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Chris Jackson, 25-Nov-13 01:46 PM GMT

Hi Tony,
Lovely pics. I spent a few minutes on the Web and was quite chuffed to come up with this butterfly which looks most similar to your Pierid : Orange Gull (*Cepora iudith malaya*).
And that Great Egfly looks brill.
Chris.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 25-Nov-13 01:56 PM GMT

Thanks, Chris,

I have also been doing a bit of 'netting', and came up with *Cepora aspasia*. Both certainly look possibles – any other offers. I have finally met a Doc from the Biology Dept, who I hoped would be able to cast some light on the various species found in Ateneo... Turns out he's a specialist in microscopic aquatic beetles, and wouldn't know what a butterfly was if it bit him on the leg!

Onward and, hopefully, upward,

Tony.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Chris Jackson, 25-Nov-13 02:00 PM GMT

Tony,

Perhaps I should have limited myself simply to suggesting Orange Gull *Cepora judith*, as there appear to be 30 or so subspecies.

Chris

Re: Philippines Blog

by NickMorgan, 25-Nov-13 08:16 PM GMT

"cjackson" wrote:

Tony,

Perhaps I should have limited myself simply to suggesting Orange Gull *Cepora judith*, as there appear to be 30 or so subspecies.

Chris

Wow, I just Googled *Cepora judith* and see what you mean! I do love the diversity of species in the tropics, but I find identification truly baffling. You would really have to spend a life time there to start to distinguish between the species and sub-species. It's fun trying to identify them though! 😊

Re: Philippines Blog

by Padfield, 25-Nov-13 09:48 PM GMT

Very much enjoying all these pictures – and I'm glad you're putting them together in a blog, Tony, because I often miss new posts.

As I'm sure you are aware, *Cepora aspasia* is itself sometimes treated as a subspecies of *C. judith* and I'm sure this (*aspasia/judith*) is what it is. The species must be very sedentary, with so many subspecies in such a small area (11 just in the Philippines).

The 'eggflies' are an amazing group, the females mimicking various Danaids with remarkable accuracy. *Hypolimnas bolina*, of which you have a male here, mimics the crows (*Euploea* sp.), while *Hypolimnas misippus*, which also flies in the Philippines, is so like a plain tiger I followed and photographed one for several minutes in a busy Mumbai street before I realised it *wasn't* a plain tiger.

Guy

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 26-Nov-13 08:34 AM GMT

Thanks, Guys, and thank you, Guy, for your gentle expertise.

26th November:

Did my usual early morning circuit in brilliant sunshine, but apart from a very fresh Lemon Emigrant, which declined to be photographed (I did warn you that it was likely to be a 'near miss blog'), I saw only the usual suspects. Went out again, in cloudy conditions, at midday, when the only occurrence of note was a 20 minute contest with a Club Silverline, which could not make up its mind whether to open its wings or not. The CS eventually won, but I did get a glimpse of the upperside...



Hope for better tomorrow.

T.M.

26th November

by Tony Moore, 27-Nov-13 04:33 AM GMT

Another morning of 'near misses', I'm afraid. I wasn't proposing to post today, but on the way home I spotted what surely must be called the 'Bird-dropping Spider'. It reminded me of the Black Hairstreak pupa, and showed no sign of moving, even when prodded gently. This place is full of surprises...



Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 27-Nov-13 01:26 PM GMT

After another look, and considering the apparent immobility of the spider, I think this may be a fungus affected, dead spider. Can't imagine how I didn't see it before - d'oh! Must try harder...

T.

Thursday 29th November

by Tony Moore, 28-Nov-13 03:53 AM GMT

Thought I was due for another blank day, when I spotted this beauty in the undergrowth. I think it must have been freshly emerged.

Papilio alphenor



Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by NickMorgan, 28-Nov-13 01:02 PM GMT

What a beautiful butterfly. The lines of lighter scales dusted across the wings are lovely. Your spider had me fooled, too!

Re: Philippines Blog

by Padfield, 28-Nov-13 06:10 PM GMT

Excellent antidote to the snow! Last night, even in the valley, temperatures here dropped below -10°C and struggled to reach zero today.

It won't surprise you to know the silverline gives me tingles, but the swallowtail is lovely, too. You did well to take advantage of the cloudy day. If *alphenor* behaves like its very close relative, *polytes*, it will be almost impossible to get a photo like that in the sun. They dance over the flowers, supping while delicately tip-toeing on the petals, never resting their wings.

More tomorrow, I hope ...

Guy

Re: Philippines Blog

by David M, 28-Nov-13 09:33 PM GMT

This is manna from heaven, Tony.

It's cold, grey and butterfly bereft right now in the UK so keep 'em coming!

Re: Philippines Blog

by Chris Jackson, 29-Nov-13 05:58 PM GMT

Great Papilio photo Tony. The unfortunate mouldy spider reminds us that there must be many horrible ways to finish your days in the jungle!! Take care 😊

CJ

28/29/30th November

by Tony Moore, 01-Dec-13 03:50 PM GMT

Spent the last three days at an Eco-Resort about 100km. south of Manila. We were shown to our 'hut', to find a Golden Birdwing floating about in the garden! Looked like my kind of place... Sadly, we had rain and cloud for most of our stay 😞. I did manage to get out for a couple of hours each day, but the action was pretty restricted. On the first evening I found a Common Tit, which hung on in the wind:



The commonest Lycaenid was the Gram Blue (I think):



They were common, but mostly fairly battered. I watched one ovipositing, and found the tiny blue egg. Unfortunately, I don't have my stacking kit with me so was unable to photograph it.

The second day produced a couple of new Hesperids, of which this was the smartest:



It was about Small Skipper size, but much more 'racy'. The net has so far failed to produce an ID, so any help would be welcome.

The best IMO was only about an hour before we were due to leave. The rain stopped, and I ventured out for a last look at the vegetable garden. I had seen several examples of a small white Lycaenid buzzing each day, but despite lots of 'following', had never seen one land. I saw an example flying quite slowly, around a small shrub. It landed deep in the plant, out of camera reach. It proved to be very compliant, and I twice got it on my finger. As soon as I let it crawl onto a photographically friendly leaf, it upped and went back to its twig. I eventually inserted myself in the bush to find the butterfly (and me, by then), covered in ants. The ants appeared to be cleaning the insect – and biting me, meanwhile. I think that it was one of the Miletinae, possibly *Allotinus luzonensis*. This family is fascinating in that the larvae are carnivorous, feeding on Coccids and Aphids, usually from an ant herd. The ants seem not to bother about these depredations. There is patently a very close symbiotic relationship between the ants and the butterfly. Wish I had had more time to watch:



Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Padfield, 01-Dec-13 04:38 PM GMT

Brilliant picture of the ants with the Lycaenid – which I agree is *Allotinus* sp. I think that lovely skipper is *Suada albina* (sometimes given as *albinus*, but that surely breaches the ICZN rules). If I'm right, yours is the best picture of it on the internet!

I think the 'tit' is not the common tit, *Hypolycaena erylus* but the closely related *H. sipylus*. See the pictures here:

<http://www.asahi-net.or.jp/~EY4Y-TKNM/Theclinae-Phil/Hypolycaena.html>

Note the rather more broken pd line, terminating, on the hindwing, with a strong point at the costa.

Guy

Re: Philippines Blog

by NickMorgan, 01-Dec-13 06:09 PM GMT

Fantastic pictures again. The *Allotinus* being tended by the ants is amazing. I have never heard of an adult butterfly being tended by ants before. You are going to end up with an amazing collection of pictures after three months!

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 02-Dec-13 03:15 AM GMT

Thanks, again, Guy for your expert input.

I was not happy with *erylus*, the eye colour was wrong, and there was a dot rather than a line at the hw costa, but my only reference book is 'The Butterflies of Singapore' by K S Khoo – not ideal. The skipper ID looks spot on – a seriously stunning little butterfly.

Tony.

2nd December

by Tony Moore, 02-Dec-13 04:14 AM GMT

Not a lot to see, today. It's becoming more difficult to find new species. Finally managed to catch what I assumed was an *Ancyra* Blue, with open wings. Most of the Lycaenids here are AB, but looking at the hw black marks, I'm less sure. Another one for Guy, I'm afraid 😞 :



Tony M.

3rd December

by Tony Moore, 03-Dec-13 01:09 PM GMT



This has me completely flummoxed, in that it has no tails.. There doesn't seem to be any divergence in the marginal line, which would allow for tails being lost, and the fringing looks complete. Any ideas?

Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Padfield, 03-Dec-13 01:29 PM GMT

That looks very like *Prosotas dubiosa* to me. Here's one I photographed in India:



I agree on the ancyra blue – lovely shot!

Guy

Prosotas dubiosa

by Tony Moore, 03-Dec-13 02:02 PM GMT

Thanks, Guy – of course it is!

Don't know how I missed it – I went twice through the Phillipine Lycaenid list – D'oh!

Must start taking more care 🙄

Tony.

December 4th

by Tony Moore, 04-Dec-13 02:43 AM GMT

Only one new one today, sadly suffering from a set to with a bird by the look of it. Amazing colours – an insect I had not seen before.

Red Base Jezebel:



Tony M.

Red Base Jezebel

by Tony Moore, 04-Dec-13 03:55 AM GMT

Further to my last, the RBJ may be *Delias henningia*, rather than *D. pasithoe*. Not sure how to separate them.

T.M.

RBJ

by Tony Moore, 04-Dec-13 08:43 AM GMT

A quick trawl on the net suggests *pasithoe* from the black/yellow uw distribution. Happy to be corrected 😊.

T.M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by NickMorgan, 04-Dec-13 06:38 PM GMT

Tony,

The Singapore ButterflyCircle has a wonderful web site and various members have blogs. They are very knowledgeable and I asked if anyone had any expertise about the butterflies of the Philippines. He suggested that you would be welcome to post your pictures on their Facebook page if you would like to ask their opinions on ID.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112319205455786/>

Re: Philippines Blog

by Padfield, 04-Dec-13 08:00 PM GMT

That's an excellent suggestion, Nick!

The *Delias* species is certainly one of the *pasithoe* group (in the Philippines, *pasithoe*, *henningia* or *hidecoae*). In my own reference books, the pictures of *henningia* seem absolutely spot-on and I would suggest it is that. Pictures on the web seem very variable and make me less sure! In the absence of a field guide to say what is significant and what not, I concede defeat on that one!

If you follow Nick's suggestion, Tony, do post the definitive answers you get!

Guy

Re: Philippines Blog

by Nick Broomer, 04-Dec-13 08:56 PM GMT

Hi Tony,

I have been following your blog with great interest, such beautiful butterflies, and the photos are super. Looking forward to some more. 😊

All the best, Nick.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 05-Dec-13 12:11 AM GMT

Thanks, Nick, for a great suggestion – wilco and report. Just off for my morning search – hope to have something to post later...

Tony.

December 5th

by Tony Moore, 05-Dec-13 03:38 AM GMT

A cooler day today – like about 27 instead of 32! It was immediately apparent that there were many more butterflies about. Club Silverlines all over the place, although none with open wings. There was much to calm the senses, and delight the eye...



I saw my first Elbowed Pierrot, which, surprise, surprise, flicked off before I could get onto it 😞.

A pair of enormous, apparently pure white Pierids, was performing aerobatics around the forest edge – no idea what they were, but they at least twice the size of a Large White.

My day was made when I spotted this:



It was easily the biggest Lycaenid that I have ever seen, twice Green Hairstreak size. I'm fairly confident that it is *Deudorix epijarbas*, although happy to be corrected. A lovely insect. I managed to get several shots, but then had the usual troubled walk back, hoping there was something reasonable in the can. I'll try and get out again later and see if I can find it with open wings (we live in hope).

Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Chris Jackson, 05-Dec-13 11:41 AM GMT

Hi Tony,
Search on the Web does appear to show it as the Oriental Cornelian.
Nice photo.
Chris.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 05-Dec-13 04:09 PM GMT

It has just been pointed out to me (courtesy of the Singapore Butterfly Site), that the supposed *Papilio elphenor*, previously posted, is, in fact, a male Common Mormon *Papilio polytes*. The lack of tails fooled me completely. There's so much to learn.... 😞

Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by LancsRover, 05-Dec-13 04:55 PM GMT

Keep the pics coming Tony, they are great, you are keeping us all cheerful 😊 in these 70mph winds and in the rain/sleet/snow and 5c temps. 😞

Regards Russ

Re: Philippines Blog

by Padfield, 05-Dec-13 05:32 PM GMT

What were the grounds for identifying the *alphenor* as *polytes*, Tony? I understood *polytes*, *sensu stricto* to have a much more restricted distribution in the Philippines. But *alphenor* is often included as a subspecies of *polytes* and I wonder if that is what they meant – *Papilio polytes alphenor*.

Guy

Re: Philippines Blog

by NickMorgan, 05-Dec-13 08:41 PM GMT

I love the variety of butterflies in the tropics, but I do find it frustrating that they are so difficult to identify positively. There seem to be so many species and sub-species that closely resemble each other and they can be so variable, having different wet-season and dry-season forms. I have been doing my best via Google and the books I have to identify any of these butterflies, but I have failed miserably!!!

I'm still not 100% about some of the butterflies I saw in St Lucia last year.

Maybe I should just enjoy looking at them and not worry about what they are called! I'm certainly enjoying Tony's pictures. 😊

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 06-Dec-13 12:22 AM GMT

What were the grounds for identifying the *alphenor* as *polytes*,

I have just joined the Singapore Butterfly Group, and one of their members posted a 'correction'. I have also seen a female *polytes* on the campus, and assumed that the Asian guy was correct. I hadn't realised that a tailless variety of the male occurs. My original ID was from several photographs of *alphenor*, which were part of a personal website that I found. I'll add a comment to the Facebook picture and see if there is any other response. Thanks, again Guy,. for your interest and input.

Tony.

Polytes/alphenor

by Tony Moore, 06-Dec-13 05:04 AM GMT

The initial confusion was because I had mis-spelled *alphenor* as *elphenor* – a totally different species. Mea very culpa – apologies 😞

Tony.

December 6th

by Tony Moore, 06-Dec-13 05:21 AM GMT

Mainly cloudy this morning. Usually means that not so many butterflies are seen, but those that do appear are more likely to be sitting still. I had previously watched several, I think, Wanderers *Pareronia boebera* flashing about the forest margins, but had never seen one settle. I was astonished today to find one flapping about the various pots in the Jesuit Community's garden! It was quite determined, and returned several times after having been scared away by motor vehicles passing nearby. I was able to get a couple of underside shots. There was a very short burst of sunshine and the insect showed some slight sign of opening its wings. I decided to 'camp out' over it and pray for sunshine (well, I was in the right place...). 22 minutes later, the sun peeked out and my butterfly gave me a lovely, open winged opportunity:



Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Chris Jackson, 06-Dec-13 07:31 AM GMT

Wow, a good lesson in patience and perseverance – the perfect pair of photos.
Chris

Monday 9th December

by Tony Moore, 09-Dec-13 05:02 AM GMT

After a couple of forced days off, I ventured out again this morning. Only saw one newby – a tiny Lycaenid, which I think is a Pygmy Grass Blue *Zizula hylax*. Its jizz was quite different from the Lesser GB, and it was much more ready to settle. I also post a photo of an amazing Shield Bug – a real jewel and twice the size of the average British one.





Tony M.

Re:29/30th Nov

by Tony Moore, 09-Dec-13 01:21 PM GMT

Now fairly confident that the *Allotinus* species shown with ants is *Allotinus fallax*.

Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by NickMorgan, 09-Dec-13 01:44 PM GMT

Your *Zizula hylax* looks good to me! I saw them in Mauritius a few years ago, but although they seemed quite common I didn't manage a decent picture because they were so small that my camera had trouble focussing on them!

10th December

by Tony Moore, 10-Dec-13 09:20 AM GMT

The Ateneo territory is only 83 hectares, surrounded by concrete on all sides. Amazingly, after six weeks I'm still finding new species at almost one a day! I finally caught up with a hungry Lemon Emigrant *Catopsilia pomona*, form *crocale*, I think. A photograph cannot do this species justice; in flight it swoops around at great speed, often diving vertically from treetop to ground level. This is the first one that I have been able to approach:



Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Padfield, 10-Dec-13 11:51 AM GMT

You did well to get the *pomona*, Tony! This highly mobile butterfly is particularly restless, nectaring briefly then moving on.

As Nick says, there is no doubt about the *Z. hylax*. I too have fond recollections of this species because it flies in the cemetery in Kolkata where my grandfather is buried. It is incredibly tiny and delicate but like many small things, very successful, flying from Africa right through to Australia and quite remote Pacific islands.

Memories ...

Guy

Thursday 12th December

by Tony Moore, 12-Dec-13 04:10 AM GMT

Saw my first *Graphium* species today, probably a Common Bluebottle, but it didn't hang around... I also saw a couple of new Skippers, of which this was one:

Common Palm Dart (I think).



Finally managed to catch a Club Silverline with its wings open:



The final pic is one from yesterday, which seems to be severely exercising the minds of the Singapore Butterfly Circle. The best they have come up with so far is *Telecota ufo* 😊 . It was big (45mm wingspan) – I think it may be a Philippines endemic, but any suggestions would be welcome.



Just previewed all this and am amazed that the pix uploaded in the right order. Old dogs.....

Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Padfield, 12-Dec-13 07:37 AM GMT

On the grounds of the dark basal area to the hindwing and the clearly demarcated pd band, I wonder if the UFO is *Telecota ohara*.

Nice upperside shot of the silverline - but then again, this species does have a spectacular underside!

Guy

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 13-Dec-13 05:48 AM GMT

Thanks, Guy, but according to my Philippines check-list, *ohara* is not found on Luzon. I thought it may be *Telicota besta*, but that appears not to be found in the Philippines at all 😞. I post another Skip below and wonder how you think it looks for *Potanthus mingo*? I could easily spend three months here just on Hesperidae 🇵🇭!



Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by NickMorgan, 13-Dec-13 12:24 PM GMT

Potanthus serina? 😊

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 13-Dec-13 01:26 PM GMT

That looks like a really good shot, Nick.

The photo in my 'Butterflies of Singapore' is not convincing, but various pix on the net look like a dead ringer. I'm sure you are right - I'll put it to the Singapore guys and see what they say.

Thanks again,

Tony.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 16-Dec-13 01:24 PM GMT

"NickMorgan" wrote:

Potanthus serina? 😊

I've just had confirmation from a Philippines specialist that it is *Taractrocera luzonensis*., a Luzon endemic. I see it quite frequently here, but the only pix I had showed uppers only. Been away for a couple of days (to give my dear wife a rest from me butterflying 🇵🇭). Hope to find something interesting tomorrow.

Tony M.

17th December

by Tony Moore, 17-Dec-13 01:25 PM GMT

Four new species today, three 'skips' and a Peirid. I've also located a Facebook page, run by a very knowledgeable lady, which is devoted to Philippine lepidoptera. ID'ing should be a little easier from now on. I also found another Cornelian this morning. It almost immediately opened its wings (apparently a very rare occurrence). Sadly, it was a female, which has a dull brown upperside, not the brilliant flash of crimson I was hoping for 😞.

The first skipper was tiny (20mm ws). This was the only shot I managed. No idea what it is, but I'll run it past the Philippine guys and see what they say.



This one is, I think, *Halpe luteisquama*



Finally, an open wing shot of a male Lesser Grass Blue, which hung around just long enough 😊



Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 17-Dec-13 02:18 PM GMT

Three more from today. The Pierid was tiny – Brown Hairstreak size. The Hesperid was seriously tiny – no more than 18mm ws. And the Cornelian was a dratted female 😡



Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 18-Dec-13 03:34 AM GMT

I now have a confident ID for the *T. ufo* of 12th Dec. It is *Telicota hilda*, a species that I had not come across. And the tiny spotted Skipper – first pic yesterday, is *Aeromachus musca*. . The Singapore Butterfly Circle would seem to have some pretty clued-up members....

Tony M.

18th December.

by Tony Moore, 18-Dec-13 06:02 AM GMT

Good outing today, despite missing a couple of chances at a Chocolate Albatross. The *H. luteisquama* was on the same flower spray and I managed a better shot:



I then saw a Straight Pierrot *Caleta roxus ssp. angustior* (not a lot of people know that!) in some deep grass. I missed it the first time, but went back after 30 mins to find it fluttering about (it's better to be born lucky....). It sat most obligingly:



Followed a Grass Yellow, hoping it was something other than *hecabe*, but I fear that is all it is 😞.



Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Chris Jackson, 18-Dec-13 08:03 AM GMT

These are great photos Tony, what an amazing variety there is.
Chris

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 18-Dec-13 08:55 AM GMT

Thanks, Chris,

It is an amazing place – so many endemics. I haven't the remotest interest in returning to the UK, although, sadly, shall have to at the end of Jan. We're off to Cebu for Christmas and New Year, so I hope there will be some good stuff there 🍷.

Tony.

Re: Philippines Blog

by William, 18-Dec-13 11:23 AM GMT

Superb Photos Tony 😊 – it must be exciting to have such an incredible variety on your doorstep 😊 .

Re: Philippines Blog

by Padfield, 18-Dec-13 11:30 AM GMT

What a wonderful creature that Pierrot is! It must be thrilling to be discovering all these new things, especially at this time when most of us are having to make do with memories (or going off to butterfly farms!).

Guy

19th December

by Tony Moore, 19-Dec-13 07:58 AM GMT

Very cloudy, this morning and not a lot about. Still found a couple of 'newbies'. The first was a very tiny Skipper – ws no more than 16/18mm! Almost Pygmy blue size: Correction: I've just been informed that this is *A. plumbeola*. I didn't think it could be so small. Also should have waited for its wings to open, when there would have been no doubt about the ID 😞 .



I was then delighted to find this in the open:



Fairly sure it is a Common Snow Flat *Tagiades japetus*. I've not seen any other 'Flats' so far – shame it was a bit beaten up 😞 .

I then found these:



Never seen them in the wild before – an astonishing animal. There turned out to be a veritable convention of the creatures – six within a few cm of each other! A couple got fed up with the interference and flew off – quite a sight.

Another interesting day...

Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 20-Dec-13 02:00 AM GMT

Correction to blog entry of Dec 18th. I have again heard from Dr Seow of the Butterfly Circle. Apparently *T. hilda* is confined to Palawan! My *T. ufois*, in fact, *Telicota augias pythias*, – so there!!

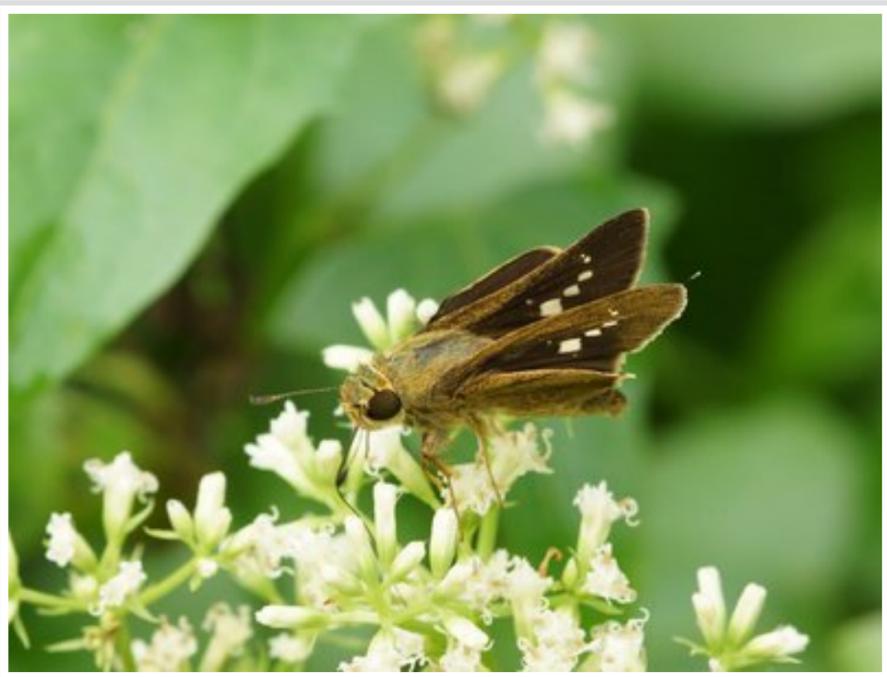
T.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 20-Dec-13 07:06 AM GMT

Some pix from earlier here:

This has just been identified as *Parnara kawazoei*, quite a common 'skip' in Luzon:



There are many *Ypthimas*, which I thought were all the same. I posted one pic on the Singapore site, and it turned out to be *Ypthima stellera*:



which I gather is comparatively unusual.

Below is the more usual type that I see. I'll try and get a positive ID and post.



ps: Apparently, the last pic is also *stellera*, but a male. This is the dominant species on Luzon, so not really special at all 😞 . T.

Tony M.

Re: Philippines Blog

by Tony Moore, 31-Dec-13 08:38 AM GMT

Very poor internet connection atm. Hope to resume normal service on 3rd Jan. Happy New Year everyone..

Tony Moore.