

Butterfly diversity in agroforestry plantations of Eastern Ghats of southern Odisha, India

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Abstract Agroforestry plays an important role in food security, sustainable development and biodiversity conservation. For understanding the role of agroforestry on biodiversity, a study was undertaken to access butterfly diversity in coffee, cashew and guava plantations in Eastern Ghats of southern Odisha during February-April 2016. A total of 1075 individuals of butterflies belonging to 60 species and 46 genera under five families were recorded during the study. Species richness (S) as well as Shannon diversity (H) were found to be higher in coffee (S = 45, H = 3.051) plantation, followed by cashew (S = 31, H = 2.807) and guava (S = 20, H = 2.519). However, though butterfly abundance was found to be maximum in coffee (43%), it was higher in guava (33%) followed by cashew (24%). Also, a significant difference was observed between butterfly abundance among three plantations. This shows coffee plantation was the best habitat for butterflies among the three agroforestry habitats studied. The reason for this was habitat heterogeneity in coffee plantation supporting maximum exclusive butterfly species and was leasthuman influenced with close canopy forest. Over all, family Nymphalidae was found to be the most abundant, and Lycaenidae was the least abundant. The findings of the present study are promising and may set new directions for management of agroforestry plantations in the region to support a rich biodiversity.

Introduction

Tropical forests are one of the most biodiversity-rich habitats on the Earth and have been suffering from exceptional rates of habitat degradation due to human activities (Morris 2010; Whitmore 1998). Such human-altered habitats are largely unknown in terms of their biodiversity status in changing scenario of land use and land cover (Schulze et al. 2004; Waltert et al. 2004). However, restoration of these habitats to their natural forested state is unlikely, and hence, agroforestry practices have been suggested as a land use alternative to maintain the land productivity with better ecosystem services and biodiversity status (Jose 2009; Schroth et al. 2004). Hence, assessment of biodiversity of any agroforestry ecosystem is important that ultimately helps in recommending conservation action plan for human-altered landscapes. Insects, being largest animal group, play a key role in overall biodiversity of any area, and among insects, butterflies

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are one of the important groups (Hill and Hamer 1998; Kremen 1994).

Butterflies play a vital role in ecosystem functioning such as pollinator, important components of food chain, bio-indicator and habitat restorer. The biodiversity of butterflies are linked to their ecosystem by influencing nutrient cycling, plant population dynamics and predator-prey population dynamics (Hammond and Miller 1998). They are highly sensitive to change in temperature, humidity and light levels and are typically affected by habitat disturbance (Murphy et al. 1990; Wood and Gillman 1998). Therefore, they have been identified as good indicators of environmental variation and quality (Erhardt 1985; Gilbert 1984; Kremen 1992). The advantage of using butterfly species as indicators or candidates for ecosystem monitoring is that their tremendous ecological diversity provides a wide choice for designing appropriate assessment programmes (Kremen et al. 1993) which can be applied for short-term and long-term monitoring (Oduro and Aduse-Poku 2005).

The role of agroforestry in species conservation depends on the presence of protected natural areas in the landscape and sustainable agricultural practices such as agroforestry would not be able to support forest-dependent species if remnant natural habitats were converted to agriculture, which would lead to the overall decline of species in the landscape (Francesconi et al. 2013). The studies on butterfly diversity in agroforestry reveal that forest distance was the most significant landscape driver followed by the proportion of semi-natural habitats and abundance, and species richness of butterflies declines linearly with increasing forest distance (Théodore Munyuli 2013).

A range of studies have been published about butterfly diversity in agricultural landscapes in different parts of the world, Rands and Sotherton (1986) in cereal fields of Hampshire, North East England; Aviron et al. (2007) in different landscapes of western France (meadows, plots of cultivated crops, high density of hedgerows and grassy field margins); Théodore Munyuli (2012) in the mixed coffee–banana mosaic (semi-natural, agricultural) landscapes of rural central Uganda; Francesconi et al. (2013) in different land-use practices and forest habitats in Sau Paulo, Brazil; and Remini and Moulaï (2015) in different agricultural landscapes (citrus orchard, market gardening plot, pear orchard, peach orchard and cereal plot) in the eastern part of Mitidja, Algeria. Some studies on butterfly diversity have also been carried out in Eastern Ghats of India-Krishnankutty et al. (2006) studied in tropical dry deciduous forest of Alagar Hills, Tamil Nadu; Prasanna Kumar et al. (2011) in southern Andhra Pradesh; Atluri et al. (2011) in Anacardium plantation at Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh; Ponraman et al. (2015) in three hills of southern Eastern Ghats in Tamil Nadu; and Gideon et al. (2016) in Pachamalai Hills, Tamil Nadu. Although southern Odisha region of Eastern Ghats, India, presents very good example agroforestry plantations, there is hardly any study on butterfly diversity in them. Koraput, a hilly region of Eastern Ghats of South Odisha has seen major landscape changes through conversion of natural forest habitats into agroforestry plantations, the main crop being cashew, although sisal, coffee and other plantation crops have also been promoted (Kumar et al. 2006). Keeping this in mind, the present study was undertaken to document butterfly diversity across three agroforestry plantations (coffee, cashew and guava) in Koraput so as to understand their assemblages in these habitats.

Methodology

Study area

The study was conducted in Koraput district (18°N and 19°N latitude and 82°E and 83°E longitude) (herein after 'Koraput') in Odisha, India (Fig. 1). A large portion of the district is mountainous terrains of the Eastern Ghats, which are rich in endemic flora (Misra et al. 2009, 2012) and fauna (Agarwal et al. 2012, 2013; Debata et al. 2015, 2017; Majumdar 1988; Mohapatra et al. 2009, 2016; Palita et al. 2016). Over time, Koraput has experienced large-scale deforestation and increase in agricultural practices due to rapid industrialisation and 'Podu' (shifting) cultivation practiced by tribal people along with increased human settlements (Reddy et al. 2012). Forest cover of Koraput is classified into tropical moist deciduous and tropical dry deciduous type (Champion and Seth 1968). Monsoon (July–October) is the most dominating season of the area, with an annual precipitation of 1521 mm. Winter is prolonged from November to March and summer is brief from April to June. The temperature varies from minimum 12 °C to maximum 38 °C. The elevation is between 500 and 1600 m a.s.l.



Fig. 1 Study area showing different sites (Google Earth images) in Koraput, Odisha, India, along with transect path (yellow colour) and plantation area (red colour) of coffee plantation (1), cashew plantation (2) and guava plantation (3). (Color figure online)

The present study was carried out in three different agroforestry plantations, i.e. cashew, coffee and guava in different locations in the district of Koraput, and details of sites are mentioned below (Fig. 1). Human impact and grazing activities in the study sites were also measured (Table 1).

Coffee

Coffee is polyculture in nature and was studied in a plot of 10.19 ha area, which merges with forest on the eastern side (Fig. 1). Fourteen varieties of coffee (13 varieties of *Coffea arabica* and 01 variety of *Coffea robusta*) are the main agroforestry plantation, whereas plants like Silky Oak (*Grevillea robusta*), Black Pepper (*Piper nigram*), Jackfruit (*Artocarpus heterophylla*), Mango (*Mangifera indica*), Coco Tamarind

(Albizia saman), Jamun (Syzigium cumini) and Amaltas (Cassia fistula) provide shade to coffee. Microclimate of the area is shady and humid. Tree canopy cover (%) is 35.84 ± 1.9 , coffee plant density is 38 ± 3.9 (no. of plants \pm SE per 10 m² quadrate), and shade plant density is 8.8 ± 2.1 . The entire plantation area represents almost a closed type environment. The area is well protected without any outside interference, and there is a definite management protocol for coffee plantation with periodic rotational mowing and manuring (Table 1).

Cashew

Cashew (*Anacardium oxcidentale*) is mainly monoculture in nature and was studied in a plot of 15 ha area surrounded by semi-natural area. It is surrounded by

Parameters	Agroforestry plantations						
	Coffee	Cashew	Guava				
GPS location	18°49′09.3″N	18°47′44.77″N	18°41′26.60″N				
	82°40′58.0″E	82°43′28.69″E	82°50′0.35″E				
Altitude (m)	912	858	835				
Area (ha)	10.19	15.0	3.70				
Microclimate	Shady and humid	Dry	Dry				
Plant types							
Major plant	Coffea arabica (13 varieties) and Coffea robusta (1 variety)	Anacardium oxcidentale (1 variety)	Psidium gujava (1 variety)				
Shade plant	Grevillea robusta, Artocarpus heterophyllus, Mangifera indica, Piper nigrum, Albizia saman, Cassia fistula, Syzygium cumini	Nil	Nil				
Shrub	The main plant coffee is a shrub	Lantana camara, Chromolema odorata, Clerodendrum infortunatum, Ageratum conyzoides	Lantana camara, Chromolema odorata, Clerodendrum infortunatum				
Herb	Cynodon dactylon, Tridex procumbens	Mimosa pudica, Eleusine indica, Eragrostis spp, Dactyloctenium aegyptium, Sida rhombifolia, Tridex procumbens, Chrysopogon aciculatus	Mimosa pudica, Parthenium hysterophorus, Cynodon dactylon, Ocimum sanctum, Laportea interrupta				
Plant density							
Major plant density (no of plant \pm SE)	38 ± 3.9	6.8 ± 0.86	3.8 ± 0.2				
Shade plant density	8.8 ± 2.1	NA	NA				
Shrub density	_	27.2 ± 5.5	16.4 ± 3.9				
Herb density	4.5 ± 1.1	34.1 ± 3.4	36 ± 2.0				
Tree canopy cover (%)	35.84 ± 1.9	29.71 ± 4.6	35.87 ± 3.4				
Management p	vractices						
Rotational mowing	Every 3 years	Nil	Nil				
Watering	Dependent on rainwater. Artificially watering provided during summer.	Dependent on rainwater	Dependent on rainwater				
Pesticides	2 rounds of Bordeaux mix and one round of Hexaconazole-based pesticides are used.	No	No				
Manure	NPK-based chemical fertilizer as well as organic fertilizer also used	No	No				
Disturbance	Least HI, No G	Moderately HI, Least G	Highly HI, moderately G				

Table 1 Study site location, major plant association, management practices and disturbance index

Anthropogenic Activity Scale based on number of human encounter and grazing seen during study

Least HI: 0-1 time, moderately HI: 3-4 times, highly HI: 8-10 times encounter

HI human interference, G grazing of cattle

shrubs like Lantana camara, Chromolema odorata, Clerodendrum infortunatum, Ageratum conyzoides and represents an open environment. Cashew plant density is 6.8 ± 0.86 , whereas surrounding shrub density is 27.2 ± 5.5 . Tree canopy cover (%) is 29.71 ± 4.6 and microclimate is dry. There is no specific management practice here, and moderate human activity and least grazing have been noticed (Table 1).

Guava

Guava (*Psidium gujava*) is orchard in nature and was studied over an area of 3.70 ha close to agricultural fields in a rural set-up (Fig. 1). It is surrounded by shrubs like *Lantana camara*, *Chromolema odorata*, *Clerodendrum infortunatum* and represents a semiopen environment. Guava plant density is 3.8 ± 0.2 , whereas surrounding shrub density is 16.4 ± 3.9 . Tree canopy cover (%) is 35.87 ± 3.4 and microclimate is dry. There is no specific management practice adopted here. Increased human activity along with grazing has been noticed in this orchard (Table 1).

Data collection

Data on butterfly diversity were collected from February to April of 2016. Survey was repeated with 15-day gap, for 6 times in each plantation. Sampling of butterflies were carried out in a total of 18 numbers of 400 m modified Pollard transect walks with a constant space of 60 min for each transect in three plantations. Butterflies were counted within an imaginary box of 2.5 m on each side of the path and 5 m in front and above the observer (Van Swaay et al. 2012). Butterflies were counted from 0900 to 1300 h by transectwalk method (Pollard and Yates 1993). A 100-m transect was set up by GPS (Garmin eTrex10, Kansas city, KS, USA), and temperature was recorded through digital thermometer (ST9269, Mextech, India). Temperature varied from 29 to 38 °C (February-29.76 °C, March—33.77 °C, April—37.36 °C).

Butterflies were identified according to Wynter-Blyth (1957), Kunte (2000) and Kehimkar (2008). Species identification was based on visual observation and photo-documentation (Camera: Nikon D5300 with 18–140 mm Nikkon lens, Nikon Corporation, USA). Individual butterfly that could not be identified through visual study during transect flight was caught through butterfly net, identified and released. However, most 'Swift' and 'Dart' group of butterflies under Hesperiidae family could not be identified to the genus level were not included in calculation of abundance.

Habitat analysis

Habitat of three plantations was quantified by stratified random sampling. For tree density, the 400 m pollard transect was divided into 4 equal sections, and at the end of each section, a 10 m² quadrate was established. For quantifying shrub density, a 5 m² quadrate was placed at the end of each section. For herb density, two random 1 m² quadrate was placed inside the 5 m² quadrate. Within each plot, major plant density and shade plant density were quantified. Disturbance such as human impact (HI) and grazing of cattle (G) was also measured in and around 5-m visual distance in both side of the whole transect.

Canopy cover was measured with GLAMA app (Gap Light Analysis Mobile App, v.3; Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic) available through Google Play. The application was installed in smartphone and the picture of the vegetation was taken by 16 mega pixel rear inbuilt camera of the smartphone at the breast height and canopy cover index and CaCo was calculated through the application (Navarro-Martínez et al. 2017).

Data analysis

Family-wise species richness was analysed in three different plantation areas. Diversity indices were calculated using PAST software Version 3.15 (Natural History Museum, University of Oslo, Norway) (Hammer et al. 2001) and rank-abundance plot using Biodiversity Pro software version 2 (The Scottish Association for Marine Science and the Natural History Museum, London) (McAleece et al. 1997). Statistical analysis for habitat dependency on butterfly assemblage was examined by one-way ANOVA.

For each site, the overall species accumulation curve was generated using the EstimateS Program, version 9.1.0 (Colwell 2016). The number of samples was used as the index of sampling effort. EstimateS was also used to compute richness estimates based on a variety of nonparametric estimators such as Chao 1, Chao 2, ICE (Incidence-based Coverage Estimator), ACE (Abundance-based Coverage Estimator), Jackknife 1 and Jackknife 2 (Nganso et al. 2012) for coffee, cashew and guava plantations.

Shannon–Wiener index (H') is a widely used abundance-based diversity index assuming all species are represented in the sample.

$$H' = -\sum_{i=1}^{s} p_i \ln p_i$$

H' is the species diversity index, s is the number of species, and p_i is the proportion of individuals of each species belonging to the *i*th species of the total number of individuals and ln is the natural logarithm.

Pielou's evenness index (equitability) or J' deals with species evenness, which is the relative abundance or proportion of individuals among the species. Evenness of species reveals how their relative abundance is distributed in a particular sample or site (Magurran 2004).

$$J' = H' / \ln S$$

where S is the number of species present in the site. The value of J' ranges from 0 to 1. The less the variation in communities between the species, the higher the value of J'.

Bray–Curtis is a popular similarity index based on abundance data among sites and was calculated using PAST software Version 3.15.

Results

Species richness

Table 2 summarises butterfly species diversity and abundance data in three agroforestry plantations (coffee, cashew and guava). A total of 1075 butterflies belonging to 60 species under 45 genera and five families were recorded from study sites. The family Nymphalidae with 26 species (43%) was found to be richest in species, followed by Lycaenidae with 12 species (20%), Hesperiidae with nine species (15%), Pieridae with seven species (12%) and Papilionidae with six species (10%), respectively (Table 2).

Among the study sites, species harvested varied between 20 and 45. The coffee plantation possesses maximum species richness with 45 species (75%), followed by cashew with 31 species (51.6%) and guava with 20 Species (33.3%), respectively (Fig. 2).

Among the recorded butterflies, 10 species are common in three plantations. There are four species under Nymphalidae (*Euploea core*, *Symphaedra nais*, *Tirumala limniace* and *Ypthima huebneri*), three species under Pieridae (Catopsilia pomona, *Catopsilia pyranthe* and *Delias hyparete*), two species under Hesperiidae (*Baoris farri* and *Iambrix salsala*), one in Papilionidae (*Pachliopta aristolochiae*) (Table 2).

The numbers of exclusive species restricted to a single habitat are more in coffee, followed by cashew and guava, respectively, while coffee plantation recorded 25 exclusive species (08 each under Lycaenidae, Nymphalidae, 07 under Hesperiidae and 02 under Pieridae), in cashew seven species (04 under Nymphalidae, 02 under Lycaenidae, and 01 under Pieridae) and in guava only two species (one each under Nymphalidae and Papilionidae), respectively (Table 2).

There is a good representation of forest species (forest-dependent and forest-edge species) among the studied butterflies in three plantations, with maximum of 57.77% in coffee (s = 26), 54.83% in cashew (s = 17) and 35% in guava (s = 7) (Table 2). Among the forest species, members of the family Nymphalidae were represented more in coffee (higher in sub-family Limentidinae and Satyrinae) and cashew (higher in sub-family Limentidinae). Cashew also has a good representation of forest-dependent species under family Papilionidae (sub-family Papilioninae) (Table 2).

The study revealed the occurrence of six species under Schedule category of Indian Wildlife Act. 1972, i.e. four species under Schedule I (*Castalius rosimon*, *Euploea midamus*, *Lethe europa and Chilasa clytia*), three species under Schedule II (*Cynitia lepidea*, *Neptis ananta*, *Rapala varuna*) and two species under Schedule IV (*Boaris farri* and *Euploea core*) (Table 2). IUCN Red List status (IUCN 2017) of butterflies indicate that only five species are under least concern (LC) category (*Euploea core*, *Euploea midamus*, *Hypolimnas bolina*, *Junonia almana* and *Eurema brigitta*) and rest 55 species are under not evaluated (NE) category (Table 2).

Estimated species richness

Species richness estimators showed that the observed species richness (S_{ob}) underestimates true species richness at three agroforestry plantations. The

Table 2 Species abundance data of three agroforestry plantations (coffee, cashew and guava) in Koraput, Odisha

Sl no	Scientific name	Common name	E-cat	Average abundance of butterflies (mean \pm SE)			IUCN/WPA status
				Coffee	Cashew	Guava	
Fam	ily—Hesperiidae (9 species), sub-fai	mily—Coeliadinae					
1.	Hasora chromus Cramer, 1780	Common Banded Awl	WSS	1.33 ± 0.61	0	0	NE
Sub-	family—Hesperiine						
2.	Baoris farri Moore, 1878	Paintbrush Swift	FDS	0.33 ± 0.33	0.16 ± 0.16	0.16 ± 0.16	NE/Sch IV
3.	Gangara thyrsis Fabricius, 1775	Giant Redeye	FDS	0.5 ± 0.34	0	0	NE
4.	Iambrix salsala Moore, 1866	Chestnut Bob	FDS	10.83 ± 3.73	0.16 ± 0.16	0.33 ± 0.21	NE
5.	Notocrypta curvifascia (Felder &Felder, 1862)	Restricted Demon	FDS	0.16 ± 0.16	0	0	NE
6.	Suastus gremius Fabricius, 1798	Indian Palm Bob	WSS	0.16 ± 0.16	0	0	NE
7.	Telicota augias (Linnaeus, 1763)	Pale Palm Dart	OHPS	0.66 ± 0.49	0	0	
Sub-	family—Pyrginae						
8.	Sarangesa dasahara (Moore, [1866])	Common Small Flat	FES	7.5 ± 2.82	0	0	NE
9.	<i>Tagiades litigiosa</i> Moeschler, 1878	Water Snow Flat	FDS	1.83 ± 0.79	0	0	NE
Fam	ily—Lycaenidae (12 species), sub-fa	mily—Nemeiobiinae					
10.	Abisara echeria (Stoll, [1790])	Plum Judy	FDS	0.83 ± 0.40	0	0	NE
Sub-	family—Polyommatinae						
11.	Castalius rosimon (Fabricius, 1775)	Common Pierrot	OHPS	0.5 ± 0.22	0	0	NE/Sch I
12.	Catochrysops strabo (Fabricius, 1793)	Forgetmenot	OHPS	0	0.33 ± 0.21	0.66 ± 0.21	NE
13.	Freyeria trochylus (Freyer, 1845)	Grass Jewel	OHPS	0.33 ± 0.21	0.66 ± 0.21	0	
14.	Jamides celeno (Cramer, [1775])	Common Cerulean	FDS	0	0.16 ± 0.16	0	NE
15.	Petrelaea dana (de Niceville, [1884])	Dingy Line blue	FDS	0.66 ± 0.49	0	0	NE
16.	Pseudozizeeria maha (Kollar, [1844])	Pale Grass Blue	OHPS	0	0.16 ± 0.16	0	NE
17.	Zizula hylax (Fabricius, 1775)	Tiny Grass Blue	OHPS	1.33 ± 0.49	0	0	NE
Sub-	family—Theclinae						
18.	Rapala pheretima (Hewitson, 1863)	Copper Flash	FDS	0.16 ± 0.16	0	0	NE
19.	Rapala varuna (Horsfield, 1829)	Indigo Flash	OHPS	0.16 ± 0.16	0	0	NE/Sch II
20.	Spindasis syama (Horsfield, 1829)	Club Silverline	FDS	0.16 ± 0.16	0	0	NE
21.	Spindasis vulcanus (Fabricius, 1775)	Common Silverline	OHPS	0.16 ± 0.16	0	0	NE
Fam	ily—Nymphalidae (26 species), sub-	family—Biblidinae					
22.	Ariadne merione Cramer, 1779	Common Castor	WSS	0.5 ± 0.22	0	0	NE
Sub-	family—Cyrestinae						
23.	<i>Cyrestis thyodamas</i> Boisduval, 1836	Common Map	FDS	0.5 ± 0.34	1.66 ± 0.49	0	NE

Table 2 continued

Sl no	Scientific name	Common name	E-cat	Average abundance of butterflies (mean \pm SE)			IUCN/WPA status
				Coffee	Cashew	Guava	
Sub-j	family—Daninae						
24.	Danaus chrysippus Linnaeus, 1758	Plain Tiger	WSS	0.33 ± 0.21	0	0	NE
25.	Danaus genutia (Cramer, [1779])	Common Tiger	WSS	0	0.83 ± 0.30	4.66 ± 0.49	NE
26.	Euploea core Cramer, 1780	Common Crow	WSS	8.5 ± 0.67	8.66 ± 1.60	10.83 ± 0.30	LC/Sch IV
27.	Euploea midamus Linnaeus, 1758	Spotted Blue Crow	FES	0	0.33 ± 0.21	0	LC/Sch I
28.	Parantica aglea Stoll, 1782	Glassy Tiger	FDS	1.66 ± 0.42	0	1.66 ± 0.49	NE
29.	Tirumala limniace Cramer, 1775	Blue Tiger	WSS	0.83 ± 0.30	3.5 ± 0.84	6.83 ± 1.04	NE
30.	<i>Tirumala septentrionis</i> Butler, 1874	Dark Blue Tiger	FDS	0	0.5 ± 0.22	0	NE
Sub-j	family—Heliconiinae						
31.	Phalanta phalantha Drury, 1773	Common Leopard	WSS	0.33 ± 0.21	0	0.83 ± 0.47	NE
Sub-j	family—Limentidinae						
32.	Athyma perius Linnaeus, 1758	Common Sergeant	FES	1.16 ± 0.60	0	0	NE
33.	Cynitia lepidia (Butler, 1868)	Grey Count	FDS	0.16 ± 0.16	0	0	NE/Sch II
34.	Moduza procris (Cramer,[1777])	Commander	FDS	0	0.33 ± 0.21	0	NE
35.	Neptis ananta Moore, 1857	Yellow Sailer	FDS	0	0.33 ± 0.21	0	NE/Sch II
36.	Neptis hylas (Linnaeus, 1758)	Common Sailer	FDS	9.5 ± 1.60	2.33 ± 0.42	0	NE
37.	Pantoporia hordonia (Stoll, [1790])	Common Lascar	FDS	0.33 ± 0.21	0	0	NE
38.	Symphaedra nais (Forster, 1771)	Baronet	OHPS	0.33 ± 0.21	0.33 ± 0.21	0.83 ± 0.30	NE
Sub-j	family—Nymphalinae						
39.	Hypolimnas bolina Linnaeus, 1758	Great Eggfly	FDS	1.33 ± 0.42	0	0	LC
40.	Junonia almana (Linnaeus, 1758)	Peacock Pansy	SWSS	0	0	1.33 ± 0.42	LC
41.	Junonia iphita (Cramer, [1779])	Chocolate Pansy	FDS	0.83 ± 0.54	2.83 ± 0.74	0	NE
42.	Junonia lemonias (Linnaeus, 1758)	Lemon Pansy	OHPS	0	0.33 ± 0.21	2.5 ± 0.22	NE
Sub-j	family—Satyrinae						
43.	Elymnias hypermnestra Linnaeus, 1763	Common Palmfly	FDS	0.33 ± 0.21	0	0	NE
44.	Lethe europa (Fabricius, 1775)	Bamboo Treebrown	FDS	0.5 ± 0.22	0	0	NE/Sch I
45.	Melanitis leda (Linnaeus, 1758)	Common Evening Brown	WSS	5.33 ± 1.28	1.83 ± 0.87	0	NE
46.	<i>Mycalesis perseus</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	Common Bushbrown	FDS	4.33 ± 0.95	3.16 ± 1.13	0	NE
47.	Ypthima huebneri Kirby, 1871	Common Four- ring	FDS	2.5 ± 0.71	1.66 ± 0.42	5.16 ± 0.30	NE
Fam	ily—Papilionidae (6 species), sub-fa	mily—Papilioninae					
48.	Chilasa clytia (Linnaeus, 1758)	Common Mime	FDS	0	0.83 ± 0.47	0.66 ± 0.21	NE/Sch I
49.	Graphium agamemnon (Linnaeus, 1758)	Tailed Jay	FDS	2.5 ± 0.5	0.16 ± 0.16	0	NE
50.	Graphium nomius (Esper, 1798)	Spot Swordtail	FDS	0	0.16 ± 0.16	0.33 ± 0.21	NE

Table 2 continued

Sl no	Scientific name	Common name	E-cat	Average abundance of butterflies (mean \pm SE)		flies	IUCN/WPA status
				Coffee	Cashew	Guava	
51.	Pachliopta aristolochiae (Fabricius, 1775)	Common Rose	OHPS	0.16 ± 0.16	0.5 ± 0.22	0.16 ± 0.16	NE
52.	Papilio demoleus Linnaeus, 1758	Lime Swallowtail	OHPS	0	0	5.66 ± 0.49	NE
53.	Papilio polymnestor Cramer, [1775]	Blue Mormon	FDS	0.16 ± 0.16	0.16 ± 0.16	0	NE
Fami	ly—Pieridae (7 species), sub-family	—Colladinae					
54.	Catopsilia pomona (Fabricius, 1775)	Common Emigrant	OHPS	1.5 ± 0.71	6 ± 0.63	8.83 ± 0.47	NE
55.	Catopsilia pyranthe (Linnaeus, 1758)	Mottled Emigrant	OHPS	0.33 ± 0.21	0.83 ± 0.47	2.16 ± 0.65	NE
56.	Eurema blanda (Boisduval, 1836)	Three-spot Grass Yellow	FDS	2.5 ± 0.56	0	0	NE
57.	Eurema brigitta (Stoll, [1780])	Small Grass Yellow	OHPS	1.16 ± 0.65	0	0	LC
58.	Eurema hecabe (Linnaeus, 1758)	Common Grass Yellow	SWSS	0	1.33 ± 0.42	0	NE
Sub-f	amily-Pierinae						
59.	Delias hyparete (Linnaeus, 1758)	Painted Jezabel	FDS	1.33 ± 0.49	2 ± 0.36	3.83 ± 0.47	NE
60.	Pareronia valeria (Cramer, [1776])	Common Wanderer	OHPS	0	0.66 ± 0.33	2 ± 0.96	NE

FDS forest-dependent species, *FES* forest-edge/woodland species, *OHPS* open habitat specialist species, *WSS* widespread species, *SWSS* swamp/wetland specialist species, *NE* not evaluated, *LC* least concern, *Sch* schedule, *WPA* Wildlife (Protection) Act of India, 1972



Fig. 2 Venn diagram showing habitat-wise species richness in three agroforestry plantations in Koraput (circles on the basis of decreasing size belongs to coffee, cashew and guava, respectively)

incidence-based richness estimator (ICE and Chao 2), abundance-based richness estimator (ACE and Chao 1), Jack 1 and Jack 2 tended to level with increasing sample size and produced stable and broadly accurate estimates at small number of samples (Table 3; Fig. 3). In all three plantations, observed species richness underestimates true species richness, when unique species are either more or equal to singletons in assemblages sampled. In case of coffee, all six estimators showed that S_{ob} underestimates true species, in which unique species are more than singletons/doubletons. In case of cashew, S_{ob} underestimates true species number are same as that of singletons/doubletons. In case of guava, while Chao 1/Chao 2 estimators indicate that S_{ob} is equal with true species richness, ACE/ICE and Jack 1/Jack 2 estimators indicate that S_{ob} underestimates true species is equal with singletons/doubletons. (Table 3).

Among the three agroforestry plantations of the present study, the observed species richness of butterflies in coffee was higher in comparison with cashew and guava (Table 3). An analysis of the species accumulation curves (Fig. 3) shows that in all three cases (coffee, cashew and guava) asymptote has

Sites	ShannonPielc (H') (J')
Coffee	3.051 0.469
Cashew	2.807 0.534
Guava	2.519 0.620
Cashew Guava	2.807 2.519

Table 3 Butterfly species diversity data for three agroforestry plantations in Koraput

Singletons and doubletons are the number of species represented by one or two individuals, respectively; uniques and duplicates are the number of species occurring in only one or two samples, respectively; nonparametric richness estimators were used to estimate total species richness at a site; ACE and Chao 1 are abundance-based richness estimators. All others (ICE, Chao 2, Jack 1 and Jack 2) are incidence-based estimators (Nganso et al. 2012)

been reached, which indicates that species saturation had been reached and sampling effort was adequate (Nganso et al. 2012).

Species diversity and abundance

Among the sampled butterflies, maximum of 460 were recorded in coffee (43%), followed by 357 in guava (33%) and 258 in cashew (24%), respectively. The most abundant butterflies were recorded from coffee plantation, Iambrix salsala is the most abundant species (65 individuals), followed by Neptis hylas (57 individuals) and Euploea core (51 individuals), respectively. Coffee plantation exhibited maximum species richness as well as abundance whereas guava plantation has lowest species diversity but secondmost abundant species population. Among the butterfly families, Nymphalidae is the most abundant family accounting for 57.3% of the recorded specimens, followed by family Pieridae with 19.26% and family Hesperiidae with 13.49%. Family Papilionidae with 6.42% and Lycaenidae with 3.53% abundance are the least abundant families with the least number of individuals (Table 4).

Higher species diversity in terms of butterfly species was observed in coffee plantation with the Shannon–Wiener index value H'= 3.05, followed by cashew plantation with H'= 2.80. The guava plantation exhibits the lowest species diversity with H'= 2.51 (Table 3). The rank-abundance curve shows maximum species richness in coffee plantation (Fig. 4). Very few species dominated in three plantations and exclusive species are more in coffee plantation. Coffee plantation possesses lowest evenness whereas guava plantation possesses greater

species evenness. Bray–Curtis cluster analysis shows that guava and cashew plantations have more species similarity than coffee plantation (Fig. 4).

One-way ANOVA indicated that there is a significant difference in total species abundance among three plantations [F = 8.915, p = 0.002 (< 0.05)]. However, on comparing family-wise abundance data in three plantations, it was revealed that species under family Nymphalidae only shows similarity in abundance [F = 1.804, p = 0.198 (> 0.05)] (Table 4).

Discussion

In the present study, among three agroforestry plantations, coffee plantation shows highest butterfly species richness, maximum abundance and higher species diversity in comparison with cashew and guava plantations, which may be due to habitat heterogeneity supporting maximum exclusive butterfly species along with higher plant density, humid condition as well as closed system with good canopy cover. Based on the result, the presence of forest species in coffee plantation was higher compared to cashew and guava, which may be due to its proximity to natural forest. The study is consistent with the earlier finding of Francesconi et al. (2013). In addition, tree density was relatively higher in shaded coffee compared to the other land-use practices, which may be identified as a predictor of butterfly species richness (Bobo et al. 2006). Francesconi et al. (2013) is of the opinion that shaded coffee resembles an open canopy forest patch in the agricultural landscape, which would explain a more similar butterfly species composition to that of the forest habitats.





Adoption of specific management practices in coffee plantation of the present study through rotational mowing in every three years, manuring and watering provides a better environmental condition. In addition, least anthropogenic disturbance makes the coffee plantation protected. Further, mixed culture in coffee plantations may provide favourable environment for butterflies. In contrast, Dolia et al. (2008) view that coffee plantations may not provide sufficient food resources for adult butterflies and their larvae. However, these plantations may provide butterflies with non-consumable resources (e.g. roosting, resting, basking and mate location), which are also important for their survival. By providing such additional resources, coffee plantations may enhance landscape supplementation (Dunning et al. 1992). Although large areas of relatively undisturbed forests are essential for preserving biodiversity, opportunities for conservation in human-dominated landscapes must not be overlooked. Agroforestry systems such as

Family	Coffee Abundance (Cashew %)	Guava	Total	F value ($df = 2.15$)	<i>p</i> -probability
Hesperiidae	140	2	3	145 (13.49%)	11.333	0.001 (< 0.05)
Lycaenidae	26	8	4	38 (3.53%)	5.919	0.012 (< 0.05)
Nymphalidae	236	172	208	616 (57.3%)	1.804	0.198 (> 0.05)
Papilionidae	17	11	41	69		
(6.42%)	14.823	0.000 (< 0.001)				
Pieridae	41	65	101	207		
(19.26%)	14.384	0.000 (< 0.001)				
Total individual	460 (43%)	258 (24%)	357 (33%)	1075 (100%)	8.915	0.002 (< 0.05)

Table 4 Butterfly species abundance of three agroforestry plantations in Koraput



Fig. 4 Rank-abundance plot of butterflies three agroforestry plantations in Koraput

shaded coffee plantations are known to be more compatible with biodiversity conservation than other, more drastic, land transformations (Dolia et al. 2008).

Though cashew plantation in the present study records a lower density of cultivated plants, density of shrub and herbs in this plantation is quite high, thereby providing very good ground cover, which may be suitable for butterflies. However, lack of specific management practices, dry microclimate and moderate level of disturbance are causes of concern for this agroforestry plantation. Investigation on the impacts of cashew cultivation on biodiversity using butterfly assemblages in Guinea-Bissau (West Africa) indicated slightly lower overall species richness and abundance of butterflies in cashew orchards than in native woodland habitats, whereas the former were dominated by generalist species, the latter showed a much higher richness and abundance of trophic and habitat specialists (Vasconcelos et al. 2015). In the present study, cashew recorded 31 species of butterfly, next to its richness in coffee plantation along with quite a good number of exclusive and forest species of butterflies, which may be due to good ground cover with shrub and herbs. Further, the plantation area being largest (15 ha) among three plantations may also be responsible for quite a good species richness of butterflies in cashew.

In case of guava, least number of species was recorded, which may be due to low density of cultivated plants, ground cover was dominated by exotic plants and microclimate being dry (Table 1). Further, lack of specific management practices along with high anthropogenic disturbance, grazing pressure and comparatively smaller plantation area (3.7 ha) may also be responsible for lower butterfly species richness in guava. This finding in guava is consistent with theoretical expectation of species–area relationship, whereby small areas tend to support fewer species (May and Stumpf 2000; Purvis and Hector 2000).

In the present study, significant difference in species abundance (p < 0.05) in three plantations was observed along with species richness. Rankabundance curve indicates the presence of less number of abundant species and large number of unique species during sampling. Cashew and guava showed maximum similarity (50.69%) (Fig. 5) in butterfly species, in comparison with coffee, which may be due to a combination of several factors, viz. openness of the agrosystems, dry microclimate and near similarity in ground cover (herbs and shrubs) (Table 1). However, more sampling is required for three plantations for understanding complete habitat dependency of butterflies.



Fig. 5 Bray–Curtis cluster analysis among three agroforestry plantations in Koraput

Among the butterfly families recorded, the family Nymphalidae with maximum abundance and highest species richness are the most successful family among the studied three agroforestry plantations with a good representation of forest species. Similarly, Fermon et al. (2005) report higher diversity and abundance of Nymphalidae in a disturbed forest in comparison with natural forests site. Nymphalidae has a strong association with the highly disturbed site, and therefore, it appears to be disturbance tolerant (Khan and Rastogi 2015). Monitoring butterflies could guide management on a smaller scale and over shorter periods, and baited nymphalid butterflies seem to provide a good indicator tool (Fermon et al. 2000). Findings of Bobo et al. (2006) confirmed that species richness and diversity do not represent powerful indicators of forest disturbance on smaller scale, but that the abundance of butterfly species, particularly of the Nymphalidae family, with smallest geographic ranges is of a much more indicative value in the present study (Fermon et al. 2000, 2005).

In recent years, conservationists have placed increasing emphasis on the importance of conserving biodiversity and ecosystem services outside of protected areas, including in agricultural landscapes (Harvey et al. 2008; Gardner et al. 2009). Such efforts are recognised as critical for buffering and connecting nature reserves, maintaining populations of native species, and increasing the resilience of rural regions 1435

to climate change and other disturbances (Bennett 2003; Fischer and Lindenmayer 2007). Bhagwat et al. (2008), Philpott et al. (2008), and Scales and Marsden (2008) examined the results of various biodiversity studies comparing species richness values in agroforestry and forest habitats. These as well as many other authors have come to the conclusion that agroforestry can play an important role in biodiversity conservation (Estrada et al. 2000; Harvey et al. 2006; Harvey and Villalobos 2007; Perfecto et al. 2005; Wezel and Bender 2003). Francesconi et al. (2013) are of the view that agroforestry plots cannot replace natural habitats. The role of agroforestry in species conservation depends on the presence of protected natural areas in the landscape. Further, they are of the view that sustainable agricultural practices such as agroforestry would not be able to support forestdependent species if remnant natural habitats were converted to agriculture, which would lead to the overall decline of species in the landscape. The present study at Koraput in Eastern Ghats showed that coffee plantation close to natural forest and cashew surrounded by semi-natural area had higher species richness and abundance of butterflies in comparison with guava. Similar findings have been reported by Dolia et al. (2008) around a protected area in Western Ghats of India and Théodore Munyuli (2013) from Central Uganda, in which both the abundance and species richness of butterflies declined linearly with increasing forest distance. Further, it is suggested that the ability of different agricultural land uses (humandominated landscapes) to support Lepidoptera communities can be enhanced if tree plantations/crop fields are established in proximity to surrounding primary forests (Hawes et al. 2009; Théodore Munyuli 2013).

In conclusion, the present study represents the first survey of butterfly diversity in agroforestry plantations of Koraput, Odisha. The butterfly diversity in the present study varied with different agroforestry plantations in Koraput. The variation in species richness and abundance may be due to nature of agroforestry plantations or due to management practices adopted along with distance of the plantations from the natural forest. As butterfly acts as umbrella species (New 1997), the findings of the present study are promising and may set new directions for management of agroforestry plantations in the region to support a rich biodiversity. Further, the degraded lands require agroforestry plantations, which may increase butterfly diversity as well as increase in the socio-economic level of tribal people.

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