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# Winged Beauty

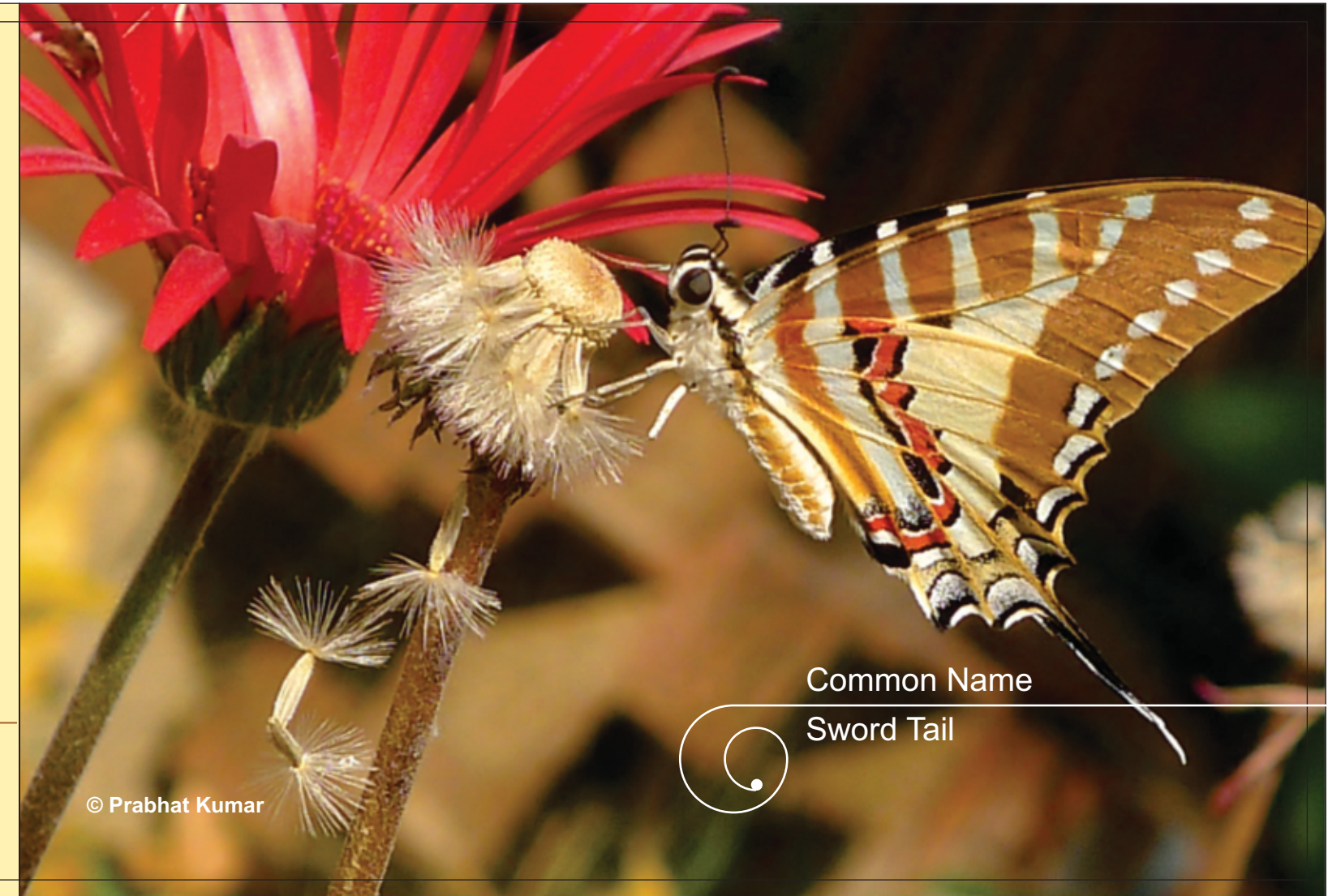
Butterflies of Jharkhand





Butterflies are the colorful creatures of nature and one of the important members of ecosystem. The vast group of butterflies and moths, collectively known as Lepidoptera (scale wing), are undoubtedly among the most popular in insects world. Altogether, there are over 165,000 known species of butterflies and moths in the world. There are about 1500 species of butterflies in India.

Butterflies hold an important place in the food chain of nature and also closely associated with plant's life-cycle, particularly playing an important role in pollination of certain plants as 'pollinators'. The feeding of Butterfly mainly depends on the plant species. The plant feeding species are about one-fourth of the whole butterfly population and roughly, around half of them belong to the group, Lepidoptera. Butterflies require the same conditions every year for their breeding so it makes them sensitive to change in eco-system. The area rich in butterflies are rich in other invertebrates too. Overall, the butterflies are known as Bio-indicators of a healthy ecosystem.



Common Name  
Sword Tail



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Lime Butterfly

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Egg Fly

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Crow

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Peacock Pansy

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Common Name  
Yellow Pansy

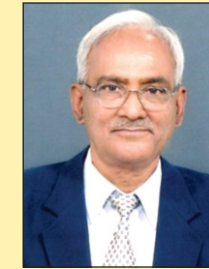
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Common Name  
Grey Pansy



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