

BUTTERFLIES OF PAWALGARH

More than a hundred and twenty species of butterflies have been recorded at Pawalgarh. The total checklist of butterflies may well be double this number. This brochure covers 81 of the commonly seen butterfly species.

Best seasons for butterflies at Pawalgarh

- **Pre-monsoon:** Mid-March to June.
- **Post-monsoon:** Mid-September to November.

Best times for butterflies

- Between 08:00 am and 03:00 pm.
- Some species fly only during early mornings and late evenings.
- At moist spots and stream edges around mid-day.

Best locations for butterflies

- Gardens with flowers.
- Stream edges and moist spots.
- Forest edges and forest trails.

BUTTERFLY HOTSPOTS AND TRAILS (to and fro)

- **Pawalgarh to Karda Srot:** 5 km (3 hrs) along forest trail till the Karda Srot (stream).
- **Pawalgarh to Kyari:** 10 km (6 hrs) trail criss-crossing the Dabka River.
- **Pawalgarh to Haatigaliyar:** 8 km (5 hrs) trail along the Dabka River, and through forest.
- **Sitabani to Moteshwar Mandir:** 5 km (3 hrs) trail along the Khichdi River.
- **Kyari to Pehal Ghat:** 5 km (3 hrs) forest trail along the Khichdi River.
- **Kyari to Ban Devi:** 9 km (6 hrs) trail along the canal.

Note

- Images not to scale. Sizes mentioned are wingspans in mm.
- The Schedule of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, under which a species/subspecies has been accorded legal protection, is mentioned in a red box.

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Butterflies of PAWALGARH Conservation Reserve



Hesperiidae (Skippers)

Grass Demon
Udaspes folus
40-48 mm



White and brown skipper that is found amongst grass and shrubs.

Swifts
Baoris, Parnara, Polytrema and Pelopidas species
25-45 mm



Small, brown fast flying butterflies. Many different species.

Giant Redeye
Gangara thyrus
70-76 mm



A single visual record of this species from Pawalgarh in August 2015. First record from Uttarakhand.

Darts and Dartlets
Potanthus, Telicota and Oriens species
20-40 mm



Small, brown fast flying butterflies with orange markings above. Many different species.

Tree Flitter
Hyarotis adrastus
38-48 mm



A brown-and-white skipper that flits from flower to flower. Largely a forest species.

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