

Genus *Neaveia* Druce, 1910

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Type-species: *Neaveia lamborni* Druce, by original designation.

The genus *Neaveia* belongs to the Family Lycaenidae Leach, 1815; Subfamily Poritiini Doherty, 1886; Tribe Epitolini Jackson, 1962. The other genera in the Tribe Epitolini in the Afrotropical Region are *Iridana*, *Teratoneura*, *Epitola*, *Cerautola*, *Hewitola*, *Geritola*, *Stempfferia*, *Cephetola*, *Deloneura*, *Batelusia*, *Tumerepedes*, *Pseudoneaveia*, *Epitolina*, *Hypophytala*, *Phytala*, *Neoepitola*, *Aethiopana*, *Hewitsonia*, and *Powellana*.

Neaveia (Pierine Blue) is a purely Afrotropical genus containing a single species.

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Distribution: Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia (Gardiner, 2010b).

Habitat: Forest, sometimes in quite open areas (Larsen, 2005a). Riparian (Gardiner, 2010b).

Habits: The species is rather rare in West Africa (Larsen, 2005a). At Aburi specimens were noted flying inside the dense crowns of low-growing trees. The flight is not very fast (Larsen, 2005a).

Specimens have been noted to settle on the trunks of trees that are infested with *Crematogaster* ants (Congdon & Collins, 1998).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

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Distribution: Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria (south and Cross River loop), Cameroon.

Specific localities:

Ivory Coast – Mount Peko (Warren-Gash, *vide* Larsen (2005a)).

Ghana – Aburi Botanical Gardens (Larsen, 2005a); Atewa Range (Aduse-Poku & Doku-Marfo, 2007).

Nigeria – Oni Creek (TL); Agege, near Lagos (Larsen, 2005a).

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Distribution: Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo (Uele), Uganda (west), Kenya (west), Tanzania (north-west), Zambia (north-west).

Specific localities:

Uganda – Masaka, Sango Bay, Katera (TL).

Tanzania – Kere Hill, Minziro Forest (rare) (Congdon & Collins, 1998).

Zambia – Mwinilunga district (Curle & Ficq, *vide* Gardiner, 2010b).