

Genus *Argynnis* Fabricius, 1807 Fritillaries

The genus *Argynnis* belongs to the Family Nymphalidae Rafinesque, 1815; Subfamily Heliconiinae Swainson, 1822; Tribe Argynnini Swainson, 1833; Subtribe Argynnina Swainson, 1833. The other genus in the Subtribe Argynnina in the Afrotropical Region is *Issoria*.

Argynnis (Fritillaries) is a genus containing a number of Holarctic species, including a single, widespread species that is found in the Afrotropical Region and Oriental Region.

Subgenus *Argyreus* Scopoli, 1777

Introductio ad historium naturalem sistens genera lapidum, plantarum et animalum 431 (506 + [34] pp.). Pragae.

Type-species: *Papilio niphe* Linnaeus, by subsequent designation (Reuss, 1928. *Internationale Entomologische Zeitschrift* **22**: 146 (145-146).).

= *Acidalia* Hübner, 1819 *in* Hübner, [1816-[1826]. *Verzeichniss bekannter Schmettlinge* 31 (432 + 72 pp.). Augsburg. Type-species: *Papilio niphe* Linnaeus, by subsequent designation (Scudder, 1875. *Proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences* **10**: 101 (91-293).).

= *Mimargyra* Reuss, 1922. *Archiv für Naturgeschichte* **87** (A.11.): 221 (180-230). Type-species: *Papilio hyperbius* Linnaeus, by original designation.

**Argynnis* (*Argyreus*) *hyperbius* (Linnaeus, 1763)

Papilio hyperbius Linnaeus 1763. *Amoenitates Academicae* **6**: 408 (384-415). [nominate subspecies extralimital]

Argyreus hyperbius (Linnaeus, 1763). Ackery *et al.*, 1995.

Argynnis (*Argyreus*) *hyperbius* (Linnaeus, 1763) **comb. n.** Simonsen, 2006b.

Type locality: China. [Lectotype designated by Honey & Scoble, 2001: 334.]

Diagnosis: Wingspan – male 55 mm; female 56 mm.

Distribution: Ethiopia. The nominate subspecies is extralimital.

Early stages:

Lambkin & Lambkin, 1977 [*Argynnis hyperbius inconstans*]

Larval food: ?

Note: D'Abbrera(2004: 260) treats the subgenus *Argyreus* as a genus, informally and without explanation.

Relevant literature:

Omura & Honda, 2009 [Responsiveness to food-derived volatiles].
Kandori *et al.*, 2009 [Learning rate of other species and between species].
Smetacek, P. 2005 [Mimetic status].

Argynnis (Argyreus) hyperbius neumanni Rothschild, 1902
Ethiopian Fritillary

Argynnis hyperbius neumanni Rothschild, 1902. *Novitates Zoologicae* **9**: 596 (595-598).
Argyreus hyperbius neumanni (Rothschild, 1902). Ackery *et al.*, 1995.
Argynnis (Argyreus) hyperbius neumanni Rothschild, 1902 **comb. n.** Simonsen, 2006b.

Type locality: Ethiopia: “Kaffa and Schoa”.

Distribution: Ethiopia.

Specific localities:

Ethiopia – Kaffa (TL); Schoa (Rothschild, 1902).