

Genus *Telipna* Aurivillius, 1895 *Telipnas*

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Type-species: *Liptena acraea* Westwood, [1851] by original designation.

Telipna (**Telipnas**) is a purely Afrotropical genus containing 28 species. The genus was revised by Jackson in 1969 and, more recently, by Libert (Libert, 2005d). Species of this genus inhabit dense forest, and many species are scarce, with restricted distributions. They are mimics or co-mimics of the geometrid moth genus *Aletis*, as well as related genera of this moth family. All species fly low down, rarely more than a metre above the ground, and therefore inhabit forest with little understorey (Larsen, 2005a). They spend long periods sitting on the ends of twigs or feeding from extrafloral nectaries on Marantaceae. The flight is slow and usually not sustained. The larvae are mostly black with dense hairs. The larvae feed on algae on tree trunks and appear not to be associated with ants (Jackson, 1969). Libert (2005d) divided the genus into species groups and subgroups as follows:

T. acraea group
T. acraea subgroup
<i>T. acraea</i>
<i>T. sulphitia</i>
<i>T. aurivillii</i>
<i>T. semirufa</i>
<i>T. rothi</i>
T. albofasciata subgroup
<i>T. albofasciata</i>
<i>T. ja</i>
<i>T. cameroonensis</i>
<i>T. cuypersi</i>
<i>T. atrinervis</i>
T. medjensis complex
<i>T. medjensis</i>
<i>T. villiersi</i>
<i>T. kayonza</i>
<i>T. centralis</i>
<i>T. kaputui</i>
T. acraeoides group
<i>T. acraeoides</i>
<i>T. hollandi</i>
<i>T. ducarmei</i>
<i>T. rufilla</i>
T. citrimaculata group
<i>T. citrimaculata</i>
<i>T. sheffieldi</i>
T. transverstigna group
<i>T. transverstigna</i>
T. sanguinea group
<i>T. sanguinea</i>
<i>T. kigoma</i>
<i>T. consanguinea</i>
<i>T. erica</i>
<i>T. nyanza</i>
<i>T. ruspinooides</i>

***T. acraea* group**

T. acraea subgroup

****Telipna acraea* (Westwood, [1851])** **Orange-spotted *Telipna***

Liptena acraea Westwood, [1851]. *In*: Doubleday & Westwood, [1846-52]. *The genera of diurnal Lepidoptera*, London: pl. 77 [1851], 504 [1852] (1: 1-250 pp.; 2: 251-534 pp.). London.
Telipna acraea Westwood, 1851. d'Abrera, 2009: 614.

Type locality: Ghana: "Ashanti". Holotype female in N.H.M., London. Neallotype: male, Likpe, Ghana, 1 II 1963 (Th. Maessen); M.H.N.H., Paris (Libert, 2005d).

Distribution: Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, Nigeria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda.
Recorded, in error, from Angola by Druce (1875).

Habitat: Forest.

Habits: Not uncommon, and well spread within blocks of forest (Larsen, 2005a). Ones or twos are often seen perched on twig ends or at extrafloral nectaries. They seem to be reluctant to fly (Larsen, 2005a).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

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Telipna acraea acraea Westwood, 1851. d'Abrera, 2009: 614.

Type locality: Ghana: "Ashanti". Holotype female in N.H.M., London. Neallotype: male, Likpe, Ghana, 1 II 1963 (Th. Maessen); M.H.N.H., Paris (Libert, 2005d).

Distribution: Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, Nigeria, Cameroon (west).

Specific localities:

Guinea – Ziama (Safian *et al.*, 2020).

Sierra Leone – Banta (Libert, 2005d); Moyamba (Libert, 2005d).

Liberia – Ganta (Libert, 2005d); Wanau (Libert, 2005d); Wologizi (Safian *et al.*, 2020).

Ivory Coast – Numerous localities (Libert, 2005d); Mount Tonkouli (Libert, 2005d).

Ghana – Numerous localities (Libert, 2005d); Ashanti (TL)

Togo – Badou (Libert, 2005d).

Nigeria – Ubiaja (Jackson, 1969); Lagos (Libert, 2005d); Calabar (Libert, 2005d); Mkpote (Libert, 2005d); Ikom (Libert, 2005d); Obudu (Libert, 2005d).

Cameroon – Mamfe (Libert, 2005d).

bimacula Plötz, 1880. *nomen dubium*. Libert (2005d: 16). Treated (informally) as a valid subspecies by d'Abrera (2009: 614), without reference to Libert (2005d).

echo Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1890 *in* Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1887-92 (as sp. of *Liptena*). *Rhopalocera exotica, being illustrations of new, rare and unfigured species of butterflies* 1: 40 (183 pp.). London.
Ghana: "Gold Coast". Type in Z.M.H.U., Berlin.

conjuncta Jackson, 1969 (as ssp. of *Liptena acraea*). *Bulletin of the British Museum (Natural History)* (Entomology) 23: 5 (1-23). Nigeria: "Benin Prov., Ubiaja". Type in N.H.M., London. Synonymized with *Telipna acraea acraea* by Libert (2005d: 16). Treated (informally) as a valid subspecies by d'Abrera (2009: 614), without reference to Libert (2005d).

Telipna acraea fervida (Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1890])

Cameroon Orange-spotted Telipna

Liptena fervida Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1890]. *In* Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1887-92] (as sp. of *Liptena*). *Rhopalocera exotica*, being illustrations of new, rare and unfigured species of butterflies 3: 39 (183 pp.).
Telipna acraea fervida Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1890. d'Abreu, 2009: 614.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Cameroons”. Lectotype: male, Kamer. int. (Preuss); Z.M.H.U., Berlin (Libert, 2005d).

Distribution: Nigeria, Cameroon.

Specific localities:

Nigeria – Oban (Libert, 2005d).

Cameroon – Numerous localities (Libert, 2005d).

Telipna acraea nigrita Jackson, 1969

Central Orange-spotted Telipna

Telipna acraea bimacula f. fem. *nigrita* Talbot, 1935. *Entomologist's Monthly Magazine* 71: 70 (69-78, 115-127, 147-153).
Telipna acraea nigrita Jackson, 1969. *Bulletin of the British Museum (Natural History)* (Entomology) 23: 5 (1-23).
Telipna acraea nigrita Jackson, 1969. d'Abreu, 2009: 614.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Haut Congo, Basankusu, Bondanganga, 9 IV 1928 (G. Vinall)”. Holotype female and neallotype male in O.U.M.N.H., Oxford.

Distribution: Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda.

Specific localities:

Central African Republic – Bangui (Libert, 2005d); Moloukou (Libert, 2005d).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Basankusu (TL); Luali (Mayumbe) (Berger, 1981); Bokote (Libert, 2005d); Boende (Libert, 2005d); Molegbwe (Libert, 2005d); Kapelekese (Libert, 2005d); Lubi (Libert, 2005d); Luebo (Libert, 2005d); Miaou (Libert, 2005d); Kasai (Libert, 2005d); Mbandaka (Libert, 2005d); Katako-Kombe (Libert, 2005d); Tshioli (Libert, 2005d); Kapanga (Libert, 2005d); Luiza (Libert, 2005d); Kafakumba (Libert, 2005d); Central Forest Block (Ducarme, 2018).

Uganda – Semuliki N.P. (S. Forbes, unpublished, 2016).

zairiensis Berger, 1981 (as ssp. of *Telipna acraea*). *Les Papillons du Zaire* 223 (543 pp.). Bruxelles. [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Luali (Mayumbe)”. Types in M.R.A.C., Tervuren, Belgium. Synonymized with *Telipna acraea nigrita* by Libert (2005d: 19).

**Telipna sulpitia* Hulstaert, 1924

Northern Telipna

Telipna sulpitia Hulstaert, 1924. *Revue de Zoologie et de Botanique Africaines* 12: 114 (112-122, 173-194).
Telipna sulpitia Hulstaert, 1924. d'Abreu, 2009: 616.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Haut-Uele: Madyu, 29 III 1919 (L. Burgeon)”. Holotype female in M.R.A.C., Tervuren. Neallotype: male, Tembura, S. Sudan, XII 1922 (Janson); N.H.M., London (Jackson, 1969).

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo (north-east), Sudan (south), Uganda (north-west).

Specific localities:

Democratic Republic of Congo – Madyu (TL); Yebo Moto (Libert, 2005d).

Sudan – Aza for.-Amadi (Libert, 2005d); Tembura (Libert, 2005d); Yambio (Libert, 2005d).

Uganda – Masindi (Libert, 2005d); Murchinson Falls (Libert, 2005d).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

****Telipna aurivillii* Rebel, 1914**
Banded Telipna

Telipna aurivillii Rebel, 1914. *Annalen des (K.K.) Naturhistorischen Museums. Wien* **28**: 262 (219-294).
Telipna aurivillii Rebel, 1914. d’Abrera, 2009: 616.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Mawambi”. Lectotype: male, Mawambi-Ukaika, Zaire, XI-XII 1910 (Grauer); Naturhistorisches Museum, Vienne [Vienna]. Paralectotype: female, Urwald bei Mawambi, Zaire, XI 1910 (Grauer); Naturhistorisches Museum, Vienne [Vienna] (Libert, 2005d).

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda.

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

***Telipna aurivillii aurivillii* Rebel, 1914**
Banded Telipna

Telipna aurivillii Rebel, 1914. *Annalen des (K.K.) Naturhistorischen Museums. Wien* **28**: 262 (219-294).
Telipna aurivillii aurivillii Rebel, 1914. d’Abrera, 2009: 616.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Mawambi”. Lectotype: male, Mawambi-Ukaika, Zaire, XI-XII 1910 (Grauer); Naturhistorisches Museum, Vienne [Vienna]. Paralectotype: female, Urwald bei Mawambi, Zaire, XI 1910 (Grauer); Naturhistorisches Museum, Vienne [Vienna] (Libert, 2005d).

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo (north-east).

Specific localities:

Democratic Republic of Congo – Mawambi (TL); Medje (Holland, 1920); Semliki (Libert, 2005d); Mount Hoyo (Libert, 2005d); Kisangani (Libert, 2005d); Ituri Forest (Ducarme, 2018); Semuliki Valley (Ducarme, 2018); Central Forest Block (Ducarme, 2018); Mt Mitumba (Ducarme, 2018).

rothioides Holland, 1920 (as sp. of *Telipna*). *Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History* **43**: 214 (109-369). [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Medje”. Type in A.M.N.H., New York.

***Telipna aurivillii jefferyi* Jackson, 1969**
Budongo Banded Telipna

Telipna aurivillii jefferyi Jackson, 1969. *Bulletin of the British Museum (Natural History) (Entomology)* **23**: 9 (1-23).
Telipna aurivillii jefferyi Jackson, 1969. d’Abrera, 2009: 616.

Type locality: Uganda: “Budongo Forest, IX 1934 (T.H.E. Jackson)”. Holotype male and allotype female in N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Uganda (west).

Specific localities:

Uganda – Budongo Forest (TL); Bwamba (Toro) (Libert, 2005d); Kalinzu (Libert, 2005d); Semuliki N.P. (Davenport & Howard, 1996).

****Telipna semirufa* (Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1889])**
Western Telipna

Liptena semirufa Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1889]. *In*: Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1887-92]. *Rhopalocera exotica, being illustrations of new, rare and unfigured species of butterflies* **1**: 33 (183 pp.). London.

Telipna semirufa Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1889. d'Abrera, 2009: 614.



Telipna semirufa semirufa. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Bobiri Forest, Ghana. 20 May 2014.
Images M.C. Williams ex Gardiner Collection.



Telipna semirufa semirufa. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Bobiri Forest, Ghana. 21 May 2014.
Images M.C. Williams ex Gardiner Collection.

Type locality: Ghana: “Gold Coast”. Holotype male in N.H.M., London. Neallotype: female, Likpe Mate, Ghana, 10 VII 1969 (T. Maessen); M.H.N.H., Paris (Libert, 2005d).

Distribution: Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo.

Habits: Quite common and often sympatric with *Telipna acraea* (Larsen, 2005a).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

Telipna semirufa semirufa (Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1889])
Western *Telipna*

Liptena semirufa Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1889]. *In*: Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1887-92]. *Rhopalocera exotica, being illustrations of new, rare and unfigured species of butterflies* 1: 33 (183 pp.). London.

Telipna semirufa semirufa Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1889. d'Abrera, 2009: 614.



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Telipna semirufa semirufa. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Bobiri Forest, Ghana. 21 May 2014.
Images M.C. Williams ex Gardiner Collection.

Type locality: Ghana: “Gold Coast”. Holotype male in N.H.M., London. Neallotype: female, Likpe Mate, Ghana, 10 VII 1969 (T. Maessen); M.H.N.H., Paris (Libert, 2005d).

Distribution: Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo.

Specific localities:

Ivory Coast – Abengourou (Libert, 2005d).

Ghana – Likpe (TL); Wli Falls (Larsen, 2005a); Tano Ofin (Larsen, 2005a); Draw River (Larsen, 2005a); Bia (Libert, 2005d); Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary (Larsen *et al.*, 2007).

Togo – Badou (Libert, 2005d); Kloto (Libert, 2005d); Kouma (Libert, 2005d); Kpalime (Libert, 2005d); Misahohe (Libert, 2005d).

maesseni Stempffer, 1970 (as sp. of *Telipna*). *Bulletin de l’Institut Fondamental de l’Afrique Noire (A)* **32**: 767 (767-772). Type locality: Ghana: “Likpe Mate”. Types in M.H.N.H., Paris. Treated by Larsen (2005a: 126) as a valid species but synonymized with *Telipna semirufa* by Libert (2005d: 25). Larsen does not list Libert’s 2005 publication, however, d’Abrera (2009: 614) erroneously follows Larsen’s treatment of *maesseni* as a valid species.

Telipna semirufa ivoiriensis Libert, 2005
Issia Western *Telipna*

Telipna semirufa ivoiriensis Libert, 2005. *Revision du genre Telipna Aurivillius (Lepidoptera, Lycaenidae)*. A.B.R.I., Nairobi, Kenya and Lambillionea, Tervuren, Belgium: 26 (pp 1-73).

Type locality: Ivory Coast: “Issia, VIII 1966 (T.H.E. Jackson)”. Holotype female in M.H.N.H., Paris.

Distribution: Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast.

Specific localities:

Guinea – Ziela, Nimba (Libert, 2005d); Ziama (Safian *et al.*, 2020).

Sierra Leone – Mabang (Libert, 2005d).

Liberia – Bahn (Libert, 2005d); Kpain (Libert, 2005d).

Ivory Coast – Issia (TL); Alepe (Libert, 2005d); Banco (Libert, 2005d); Bayota (Libert, 2005d); Bereby (Libert, 2005d); Danane (Libert, 2005d); Tai (Libert, 2005d); Tiassale (Libert, 2005d).

Note: d’Abrera (2009: 614) appears to believe that *Telipna semirufa ivoiriensis* Libert 2005 is a synonym of *Telipna semirufa* (Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1889) but does not formally sink it. He states: “... apart from the slightly larger size of the Ivory Coast population (probably a seasonal difference), the specimens I have seen fit in well to the observable range of variations of typical *semirufa* from elsewhere in West Africa.”

**Telipna rothi* (Grose-Smith, 1898)
Pointed *Telipna*

Liptena rothi Grose-Smith, 1898. *Novitates Zoologicae* **5**: 353 (350-358).

Telipna rothi Grose-Smith, 1909. d’Abrera, 2009: 614. Date erroneous.

Type locality: [Nigeria]: “Warri, Niger Coast Protectorate, I 1896 (Dr. Roth)”. Neallotype: female, Warri, Nigeria, V 1897 (Dr. Roth). Holotype male and neallotype female in N.H.M., London (Libert, 2005d).

Distribution: Nigeria (west).

Records from Ghana (Jackson, 1969) and Ivory Coast (Stempffer, 1969) are erroneous (Larsen, 2005a; Libert, 2005d).

Specific localities:

Nigeria – Warri (TL); Ikeja (Larsen, 2005a); Agege (Larsen, 2005a); Omo (Larsen, 2005a); Okomu (Larsen, 2005a); Lagos (Libert, 2005d); Oni (Libert, 2005d); Bassa Pr. (Libert, 2005d); Ubiaja (Libert, 2005d); Itu (Libert, 2005d).

Habits: This Nigerian endemic is fairly common, where it occurs (Larsen, 2005a).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food:

Lichens [Ackery *et al.*, 1995: 483].

T. albofasciata subgroup

**Telipna albofasciata* Aurivillius, 1910 White-spotted Telipna

Telipna bimacula var. *albofasciata* Aurivillius, 1910. *Annali del Museo Civico di Storia Naturale (di Genova) Giacoma Doria* (3) 4: 520 (494-530).

Telipna albofasciata Aurivillius, 1910. d’Abrera, 2009: 614.



Telipna albofasciata albofasciata. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Libreville, Gabon. 15 November 2017. J. Dobson.
Images M.C. Williams ex Dobson collection.



Telipna albofasciata albofasciata. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Libreville, Gabon. 2 December 2017. J. Dobson.
Images M.C. Williams ex Dobson collection.

Type locality: [Equatorial Guinea]: “Punta Frailes; Basilé”. Lectotype: male, Fernando Po, Equatorial

Guinea. Paralectotype: female, Fernando Po, Equatorial Guinea. Lectotype and paralectotype in Musée de Gênes (Libert, 2005d).

Distribution: Nigeria, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, Angola, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan.

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

Telipna albofasciata albofasciata Aurivillius, 1910
White-spotted Telipna

Telipna bimacula var. *albofasciata* Aurivillius, 1910. *Annali del Museo Civico di Storia Naturale (di Genova)* Giacoma Doria (3) 4: 520 (494-530).

Telipna albofasciata albofasciata Aurivillius, 1910. d'Abbrera, 2009: 614.



Telipna albofasciata albofasciata. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Libreville, Gabon. 15 November 2017. J. Dobson.
Images M.C. Williams ex Dobson collection.



Telipna albofasciata albofasciata. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Libreville, Gabon. 2 December 2017. J. Dobson.
Images M.C. Williams ex Dobson collection.

Type locality: [Equatorial Guinea]: “Punta Frailes; Basilé”. Lectotype: male, Fernando Po, Equatorial Guinea. Paralectotype: female, Fernando Po, Equatorial Guinea. Lectotype and paralectotype in Musée de Gênes (Libert, 2005d).

Distribution: Nigeria (south-east), Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, Angola, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo (west).

Specific localities:

Nigeria – Ikom (Libert, 2005d).

Cameroon – Mamfe (Libert, 2005d); Maan (Libert, 2005d); Campo (Libert, 2005d); Yaounde (Libert, 2005d).

Equatorial Guinea – Punta Frailes, Bioko (TL); Basile (Aurivillius, 1910); Alen (Libert, 2005d); Balengue (Libert, 2005d); Manyani (Libert, 2005d); San Benito (Libert, 2005d).

Gabon – Abanga (Libert, 2005d); Lake Azingo (Libert, 2005d); Lake Asebbe (Libert, 2005d); Fernan Vaz (Libert, 2005d); Fougamou (Libert, 2005d); Mimongo (Libert, 2005d); Libreville (Libert, 2005d); Nganmie (Libert, 2005d); Ogowe (Libert, 2005d); Bateke Reserve (Libert, 2005d);

Nyonie (Vande weghe, 2010); Pongara (Vande weghe, 2010); Mondah (Vande weghe, 2010); Safala (Vande weghe, 2010); Malibe (Vande weghe, 2010); Alen Nkoma (Vande weghe, 2010); Lake Evaro (Vande weghe, 2010); Akaka (Vande weghe, 2010); Rabi (Vande weghe, 2010); Lope N.P. (Vande weghe, 2010); Ipassa (Vande weghe, 2010); Langoue (Vande weghe, 2010); Kongou (Vande weghe, 2010); camp Nouna (Vande weghe, 2010); Bakouaka (Vande weghe, 2010); camp PPG (Vande weghe, 2010).

Congo – Ouessou (Libert, 2005d); Sembe (Libert, 2005d); Odzala (Libert, 2005d); Kelle (Libert, 2005d); Etoumbi (Libert, 2005d); Mambili (Libert, 2005d); Mah (Libert, 2005d); Ngundo (Libert, 2005d).

Angola – single female, no locality (Libert, 2005d)

Central African Republic – Dzanga (Noss, 1998); Bangui (Libert, 2005d); Mbaiki (Libert, 2005d).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Lukolela (Libert, 2005d); Mbandaka (Libert, 2005d); Matadi (Libert, 2005d); Stanley Pool (Libert, 2005d); Dekese (Libert, 2005d); Kisangani (Libert, 2005d); Bokuma (Libert, 2005d); Kapanga (Libert, 2005d); Kangasi (Libert, 2005d); Bambesa (Libert, 2005d).

Telipna albofasciata laplumei de Vos, 1918 Central White-spotted Telipna

Telipna acraeoides laplumei de Vos, 1918. *Revue Zoologique Africaine* 6: 62 (62-64).

Synonym of *Telipna albofasciata* Aurivillius, 1910. Ackery *et al.*, 1995.

Telipna albofasciata laplumei de Vos, 1917. Libert, 2005d: 30, **comb. nov.**

Telipna albofasciata laplumei de Vos, 1918. Lamas, pers. comm., July 2007.

Telipna albofasciata laplumei de Vos, 1917. d'Abrera, 2009: 614. Date is erroneous.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Api, 27 X 1908 (Laplume)”. Neallotype: male, Lotti, Acholi Mts, S. Sudan, X 1939 (T.H.E. Jackson). Holotype female in M.R.A.C., Tervuren and neallotype male in N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo (north), Sudan (south).

Specific localities:

Democratic Republic of Congo – Api (TL).

Sudan – Lotti (Libert, 2005d); Laboni (Libert, 2005d); Talodi (Libert, 2005d).

lotti Jackson, 1969 (as sp. of *Telipna*). *Bulletin of the British Museum (Natural History)* (Entomology) 23: 12 (1-23). Type locality: Sudan: “S. Sudan: Lotti Forest”. Types in N.H.M., London. Synonymized with *Telipna albofasciata laplumei* by Libert (2005d: 30).

**Telipna ja* Bethune-Baker, 1926 Bitje Telipna

Telipna ja Bethune-Baker, 1926. *Annals and Magazine of Natural History* (9) 17: 388 (384-402).

Type locality: Cameroon: “Bitje, Ja River Cameroons”; Gabon: “Gaboon”. Lectotype: male, Bitje, Ja River, 2000 ft (Bates); N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Cameroon, Gabon, Congo.

Specific localities:

Cameroon – Bitje, Ja River (TL); Mount Ngoekele (Libert, 2005d); Mount Oyem (Libert, 2005d);

Yaounde (Libert, 2005d); Mbankomo (Libert, 2005d); Bikoman (Libert, 2005d); Ebogo

(Libert, 2005d); Nkolmetet (Libert, 2005d); Obout (Libert, 2005d); Dja (Libert, 2005d);

Nyazanga (Libert, 2005d); Mount Mengale (Libert, 2005d); Djoum (Libert, 2005d); Akoakim

(Libert, 2005d); Mbatschungo (Libert, 2005d).

Congo – Etoumbi (Libert, 2005d); Ouessou (Libert, 2005d); Sembe-Souanke (Libert, 2005d).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

Note: d’Abrera (2009: 616) treats *Telipna ja* Bethune- Baker, 1926 as a synonym of *Telipna atrinervis* Hulstaert, 1924 but does not formally emend its status and makes no reference to Libert, 2005d, who treats *ja* as a valid species.

****Telipna cameroonensis* Jackson, 1969**
Cameroon Telipna

Telipna cameroonensis Jackson, 1969. *Bulletin of the British Museum (Natural History)* (Entomology) **23**: 11 (1-23).
Telipna cameroonensis Jackson, 1969. d’Abrera, 2009: 616.



Telipna cameroonensis. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Lobeke (Central), Cameroon. 6 May 2019. J. Dobson.
Images M.C.Williams ex Dobson Collection.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Mamfe, VII 1965 (T.H.E. Jackson)”. Allotype female, Mamfe, Cameroon, X 1956 (T.H.E. Jackson). Holotype and allotype in N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Nigeria (south-east), Cameroon (west), Gabon, Congo, Central African Republic.

Specific localities:

Nigeria – Oban Hills in the Cross River loop (Larsen, 2005a); near Obudu (Larsen, 2005a); Ndelebe-Calabar (Libert, 2005d); Ikom (Libert, 2005d).

Cameroon – Mamfe (TL); Korup (Lees, 1989); Yaounde (Libert, 2005d); Maan (Libert, 2005d); Moloundou (Libert, 2005d).

Gabon – Lastourville (Libert, 2005d); Rabi (Vande weghe, 2010).

Congo – Etoumbi (Libert, 2005d); Souanke (Libert, 2005d).

Central African Republic – Dzanga (Noss, 1998).

Habitat: Forest.

Habits: Appears to be a rare species (Larsen, 2005a).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

****Telipna cuypersi* Libert, 2005**
Dull Telipna

Telipna cuypersi Libert, 2005. *Revision du genre Telipna Aurivillius (Lepidoptera, Lycaenidae)*. A.B.R.I., Nairobi, Kenya and Lambillionnea, Tervuren, Belgium: 34 (pp 1-73).

Telipna cuypersi Libert, 2005. d’Abrera, 2009: 618.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Kinshasa, 7 XI 2002 (F. Cuypers). Holotype (female) and allotype (male) in M.R.A.C., Tervuren, Belgium.

Distribution: Congo (south), Angola (north), Democratic Republic of Congo (west).

Specific localities:

Congo – Kuilu (Libert, 2005d); M’vouti (Libert, 2005d); Mah (Libert, 2005d); Ngo (Libert, 2005d); Yaka-Yaka (Libert, 2005d).

Angola – Beu (Libert, 2005d).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Kinshasa (TL); Bombo Lumene (Libert, 2005d); Luali (Libert, 2005d); Mbata-Siala (Libert, 2005d); Popokabaka (Libert, 2005d).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

****Telipna atrinervis* Hulstaert, 1924**

Unmarked *Telipna*

Telipna atrinervis Hulstaert, 1924. *Revue de Zoologie et de Botanique Africaines* **12**: 114 (112-122, 173-194).

Telipna atrinervis Hulstaert, 1924. d'Abreera, 2009: 616.



Telipna atrinervis. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Ebogo, Cameroon. 12 May 2019. J. Dobson.
Images M.C.Williams ex Dobson Collection.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Bitje, Kamerun, IX-XI 1911 (Bates-Rosenberg)”. Holotype female in M.R.A.C., Tervuren, Belgium. Neallotype: male, Bitje, Cameroon, (G.L. Bates); N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Angola (Mendes *et al.* 2018), Congo, Central African Republic.

Specific localities:

Cameroon – Bitje (TL); Yaounde (Libert, 2005d); Kribi (Libert, 2005d); Yokadouma (Libert, 2005d); Moloundou (Libert, 2005d).

Equatorial Guinea – Alen (Libert, 2005d).

Congo – Etoumbi (Libert, 2005d); Kelle (Libert, 2005d); Odzala (Libert, 2005d); Sembe (Libert, 2005d).

Gabon – Ipassa (Libert, 2005d); Oyem (Libert, 2005d); Bitam (Vande weghe, 2010); camp Nouna (Vande weghe, 2010).

Central African Republic – Dzanga (Noss, 1998); Bimon (Libert, 2005d); Moloukou (Libert, 2005d).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

venanigra Bethune-Baker, 1926 (as sp. of *Telipna*). *Annals and Magazine of Natural History* (9) **17**: 387 (384-402). Cameroon: “Bitje, Cameroons”. Type in the N.H.M., London.

***T. medjensis* (= *T. plagiata*) complex**

****Telipna medjensis* Holland, 1920**

Medje *Telipna*

Telipna medjensis Holland, 1920. *Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History* **43**: 214 (109-369).

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Medje”. Type in the C.M.N.H., Pittsburgh.

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo.

Specific localities:

Democratic Republic of Congo – Medje (TL); Lower Batahu River (Joicey & Talbot, 1921); Beni (Libert, 2005d); Biakatu (Libert, 2005d); Bucha (Libert, 2005d); Itoa River (Libert, 2005d); Lume (Libert, 2005d); Makusa (Libert, 2005d); Masau (Libert, 2005d); Mawambi (Libert, 2005d); Musenyeme (Libert, 2005d); Teturi (Libert, 2005d); Lowa Valley (Libert, 2005d); Ituri Forest (Ducarme, 2018); Semuliki Valley (Ducarme, 2018); Mt Mitumba (Ducarme, 2018).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

plagiata Joicey & Talbot, 1921 (as sp. of *Telipna*). *Bulletin of the Hill Museum, Witley* **1**: 79 (40-166). [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Lower Batahu River, Semliki Valley, XII 1919 (T.A. Barns)”. Neallotype: male, Beni, Ituri, III 1947 (T.H.E. Jackson). Holotype female and neallotype male in N.H.M., London. **Note:** Despite the respective dates of publication, d’Abrera (2009: 616), without explanation (and informally), incorrectly treats *Telipna medjensis* Holland, 1920 as a junior synonym of *Telipna plagiata* Joicey & Talbot, 1921.

****Telipna villiersi* Stempffer, 1965**

Small *Telipna*

Telipna villiersi Stempffer, 1965. *Bulletin de l’Institut Français d’Afrique Noire (A)* **27**: 1450 (1449-1465).

Telipna villiersi Stempffer, 1965. d’Abrera, 2009: 616.

Type locality: Congo: “République du Congo: Sibiti, XI 1963 (Villiers & Descarpentries)”.

Neallotype: Kelle, Congo, X 1963 (T.H.E. Jackson). Holotype male in M.H.N.H., Paris and neallotype female in N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Gabon, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo (west).

Specific localities:

Gabon – Koungou (Libert, 2005d); Langoue (Libert, 2005d); Ipassa (Libert, 2005d); Lambarene (Libert, 2005d); camp Nouna (Vande weghe, 2010).

Congo – Sibiti (TL); Kelle (Jackson); Etoumbi (Libert, 2005d).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Kimuenza (Libert, 2005d); Kinshasa (Libert, 2005d).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

****Telipna kayonza* Jackson, 1969**

Kayonza *Telipna*

Telipna kayonza Jackson, 1969. *Bulletin of the British Museum (Natural History) (Entomology)* **23**: 14 (1-23).

Telipna kayonza Jackson, 1969. d’Abrera, 2009: 616.

Type locality: Uganda: “Kigezi, Kayonza, V 1954 (T.H.E. Jackson)”. Allotype: female, Kigezi, Kayonza, VII 1952 (T.H.E. Jackson). Holotype male and allotype female in the N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Uganda (south-west).

Specific localities:

Uganda – Kayonza, Kigezi (TL); Kalinzu (Libert, 2005d).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

****Telipna centralis* Libert, 2005**

Long-winged *Telipna*

Telipna centralis Libert, 2005. *Revision du genre Telipna Aurivillius (Lepidoptera, Lycaenidae)*. A.B.R.I., Nairobi, Kenya

and Lambillionea, Tervuren, Belgium: 40 (pp 1-73).
Telipna centralis Libert, 2005. d'Abbrera, 2009: 618.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Lutahe, Sankuru, 17 III 1953 (Dr. M. Fontaine)”. Allotype: female, Dekese, Kasai, XII 1959 (V. Allard). Holotype male and allotype female in the M.R.A.C., Tervuren, Belgium.

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo.

Specific localities:

Democratic Republic of Congo – Lutahe (TL); Dekese (Allard); Dingila (Libert, 2005d); Bangupa (Libert, 2005d); Pinjili (Libert, 2005d); Basankusu (Libert, 2005d); Ikela-Loila River (Libert, 2005d); Mai Ndombe (Libert, 2005d).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

****Telipna kaputui* Libert, 2005**

Kasungu *Telipna*

Telipna kaputui Libert, 2005. *Revision du genre Telipna Aurivillius (Lepidoptera, Lycaenidae)*. A.B.R.I., Nairobi, Kenya and Lambillionea, Tervuren, Belgium: 40 (pp 1-73).

Telipna kaputui Libert, 2005. d'Abbrera, 2009: 618.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Kasungu, North Kivu, 2000 m, II 2004 (R. Ducarme)”. Allotype: female, Kasungu, North Kivu, 2000 m, 22 I 2005 (R. Ducarme). Holotype male in the M.R.A.C., Tervuren, Belgium; allotype female in coll. R. Ducarme.

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo (north-east).

Specific localities:

Democratic Republic of Congo – Kasungu (TL); Matwa (Libert, 2005d); Mount Mitumba (Libert, 2005d).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

***T. acraeoides* group**

****Telipna acraeoides* (Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1890])**

Large *Telipna*

Liptena acraeoides Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1890]. *In*: Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1887-92]. *Rhopalocera exotica, being illustrations of new, rare and unfigured species of butterflies* 1: 39 (183 pp.). London.

Telipna acraeoides Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1891. d'Abbrera, 2009: 616. Erroneous date.

Type locality: Angola: “Angola”. Neallotype: female, N'Dalla Tando, 2700 ft, N Angola, 27 XII 1908 (Dr. Ansorge). Holotype male and neallotype female in N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Congo, Angola, (north-west), Democratic Republic of Congo.

Specific localities:

Congo – Yakayaka near Brazzaville (Libert, 2005d).

Angola – N'Dalla Tando (Neallotype locality; Libert, 2005d); Canhoca (Libert, 2005d); Bolungo Alto (Libert, 2005d); Cassualala (Libert, 2005d); Ngara (Libert, 2005d); Rio Cuvo (Libert, 2005d); Seles (Libert, 2005d); Zenza (Libert, 2005d).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Mbanza-Ngundo (Libert, 2005d); Zongo (Libert, 2005d); Kinshasa (Libert, 2005d); Mbandaka (Libert, 2005d); Kisangani (Libert, 2005d).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

****Telipna hollandi* Joicey & Talbot, 1921**
Three-spotted *Telipna*

Telipna hollandi Joicey & Talbot, 1921. *Bulletin of the Hill Museum, Witley* 1: 80 (40-166).
Telipna hollandi Joicey & Talbot, 1921. d'Abrera, 2009: 616.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Ituri Forest, N.W. Beni, I 1920 (T.A. Barns)”.
Neallotype: female, Beni, Ituri, 4000 ft, VIII 1946 (T.H.E. Jackson). Holotype male and neallotype female in H.H.M., London.

Distribution: Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

***Telipna hollandi hollandi* Joicey & Talbot, 1921**
Three-spotted *Telipna*

Telipna hollandi Joicey & Talbot, 1921. *Bulletin of the Hill Museum, Witley* 1: 80 (40-166).
Telipna hollandi hollandi Joicey & Talbot, 1921. d'Abrera, 2009: 616.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Ituri Forest, N.W. Beni, I 1920 (T.A. Barns)”.
Neallotype: female, Beni, Ituri, 4000 ft, VIII 1946 (T.H.E. Jackson). Holotype male and neallotype female in H.H.M., London.

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo (north-east).

Specific localities:

Democratic Republic of Congo – Ituri Forest (TL); Beni (Libert, 2005d); Biakatu (Libert, 2005d);
Bucha (Libert, 2005d); Epulu (Libert, 2005d); Mapimbi (Libert, 2005d); Teturi (Libert, 2005d).

***Telipna hollandi exsuperia* Hulstaert, 1924**
Western Three-spotted *Telipna*

Telipna exsuperia Hulstaert, 1924. *Revue de Zoologie et de Botanique Africaines* 12: 112 (112-122, 173-194).
Telipna hollandi exsuperia Hulstaert, 1924. Libert, 2005d: 43, n. stat.
Telipna hollandi exsuperia Hulstaert, 1924. d'Abrera, 2009: 616.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Bitje, Kamerun, XI 1909 (Bates)”. Neallotype: female, Bitje, Cameroon (Bates-Rosenberg). Holotype male and neallotype female in the M.R.A.C., Tervuren, Belgium.

Distribution: Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Specific localities:

Cameroon – Bitje (TL); Yaounde (Libert, 2005d); Sangmelima (Libert, 2005d); Djoum (Libert, 2005d);
Batouri (Libert, 2005d); Maan (Libert, 2005d).

Equatorial Guinea – Alen (Libert, 2005d).

Gabon – Koungou (Libert, 2005d); Langoue (Libert, 2005d); d'Ivindo (Libert, 2005d); camp Nouna
(Vande weghe, 2010).

Congo – Kelle (Jackson, 1969); Ketta (Libert, 2005d); Odzala (Libert, 2005d).

Central African Republic – Dzanga (Noss, 1998); Bangui (Libert, 2005d); Bimon (Libert, 2005d);
Botambi (Libert, 2005d); Boukoko (Libert, 2005d); Moloukou (Libert, 2005d).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Mbandaka (Libert, 2005d); Basankusu (Libert, 2005d); Katakoli
(Libert, 2005d); Katakoko-Kombe (Libert, 2005d); Loila River (Libert, 2005d).

kelle Jackson, 1969 (as sp. of *Telipna*). *Bulletin of the British Museum (Natural History)* (Entomology) 23: 13 (1-23). Congo: “Rép. du Congo: Moyen Congo, Kelle”. Types in N.H.M., London.

****Telipna ducarme* Libert, 2005**
Kisangani *Telipna*

Telipna ducarme Libert, 2005. *Revision du genre Telipna Aurivillius (Lepidoptera, Lycaenidae)*. A.B.R.I., Nairobi, Kenya and Lambillionea, Tervuren, Belgium: 44 (pp 1-73).
Telipna ducarme Libert, 2005. d'Abrera, 2009: 618.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Kisangani, VII 1987 (R. Ducarme)”. Allotype: female, Kisangani, 5 VIII 1990 (R. Ducarme). Holotype male and allotype female in the M.R.A.C., Tervuren, Belgium.

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo.

Specific localities:

Democratic Republic of Congo – Kisangani (TL); Gazi (Libert, 2005d); Omotumba (Libert, 2005d); Komi (Libert, 2005d); Katako-Kombe (Libert, 2005d); Central Forest Block (Ducarme, 2018).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

****Telipna rufilla* (Grose-Smith, [1901])**
Niger Delta *Telipna*

Liptena rufilla Grose-Smith, [1901]. *In*: Grose-Smith, [1897-1902]. *Rhopalocera exotica, being illustrations of new, rare and unfigured species of butterflies 1*: 133 (214 pp.). London.
Telipna rufilla Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1891. d'Abrera, 2009: 614. Authorship and date erroneous.



Telipna rufilla. Male (holotype), upperside. Photo ex Torben Larsen.

Type locality: [Nigeria]: “Warri, Niger Coast Protectorate, II 1896 (Dr. Roth)”. Holotype male in N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Nigeria.

Known from only three males and a female (Libert, 2005d).

Specific localities:

Nigeria – Warri (TL); Umuhaia (Davey, *vide* Libert, 2005d).

Habitat: Forest.

Habits: A rare species (Larsen, 2005a).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

***T. citrimaculata* group**

****Telipna citrimaculata* Schultze, 1916**
Yellow-spotted Telipna

Telipna citrimaculata Schultze, 1916. *Archiv für Naturgeschichte* **81** (A.12.): 141 (136-142).
Telipna citrimaculata Schultze, 1916. d'Abreera, 2009: 614.



Telipna citrimaculata citrimaculata. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Camp Kombo, Cameroon. 7 May 2019. J. Dobson.
Images M.C.Williams ex Dobson Collection.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Boënga (Südost-Kamerum)”. Lectotype: male, Djah Gebiet, Cameroon (Schlechter); Z.M.H.U., Berlin. Neallotype: female, Ouesso, Souanke, Congo, I 1960; M.H.N.H., Paris.

Distribution: Cameroon, Congo, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda.

Habitat: Forest.

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

***Telipna citrimaculata citrimaculata* Schultze, 1916**
Yellow-spotted Telipna

Telipna citrimaculata Schultze, 1916. *Archiv für Naturgeschichte* **81** (A.12.): 141 (136-142).
Telipna citrimaculata citrimaculata Schultze, 1916. d'Abreera, 2009: 614.



Telipna citrimaculata citrimaculata. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Camp Kombo, Cameroon. 7 May 2019. J. Dobson.
Images M.C.Williams ex Dobson Collection.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Boënga (Südost-Kamerum)”. Lectotype: male, Djah Gebiet, Cameroon (Schlechter); Z.M.H.U., Berlin. Neallotype: female, Ouesso, Souanke, Congo, I 1960; M.H.N.H., Paris.

Distribution: Cameroon, Congo (north), Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Specific localities:

Cameroon – Boenga (TL); Djah (Libert, 2005d); Ebogo (Libert, 2005d); Ngelebock (Libert, 2005d); Bitje (Libert, 2005d); Moloundou (Libert, 2005d).

Congo – Ouesso (Libert, 2005d); Souanke (Libert, 2005d).

Central African Republic – Bangui (Libert, 2005d); Boukoko (Libert, 2005d); Mbaiki (Libert, 2005d).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Bafwaboli (Joicey & Talbot, 1921); Kuma (Libert, 2005d); Lukololela (Libert, 2005d); Mbandaka (Libert, 2005d); Basankusu (Libert, 2005d); Katakombi (Libert, 2005d); Kapanga (Libert, 2005d); Kapelekese (Libert, 2005d); Kafakumba (Libert, 2005d); Kisangani (Libert, 2005d); Kindu (Libert, 2005d); Luiza (Libert, 2005d); Sandoa (Libert, 2005d).

angustifascia Joicey & Talbot, 1921 (as sp. of *Telipna*). *Bulletin of the Hill Museum, Witley* 1: 77 (40-166). Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Dense forest near Bafwaboli, N. side of Tshopo Valley”. Types in the N.H.M., London. Treated (informally) as a subspecies of *citrimaculata* by d’Abrera (2009: 614), without reference to Libert (2005d), who synonymised *angustifascia* Joicey & Talbot, 1921 with *citrimaculata* Schultzze, 1916.

Telipna citrimaculata neavei Bethune-Baker, 1926

Budongo Yellow-spotted Telipna

Telipna neavei Bethune-Baker, 1926. *Annals and Magazine of Natural History* (9) 17: 386 (384-402).
Telipna citrimaculata neavei Bethune-Baker, 1926. d’Abrera, 2009: 614.

Type locality: Uganda: “Budongo Forest, Unyoro”. Lectotype: female, Budongo Forest, Unyoro, 3400 ft, 11-15 XII 1911 (Neave). Paralectotype: male, Budongo Forest, Unyoro, 3400 ft, 11-15 XII 1911 (Neave). Lectotype and paralectotype in N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda (west).

Specific localities:

Democratic Republic of Congo – Lova Valley (Libert, 2005d); Paulis (Libert, 2005d); Mambasa (Libert, 2005d); Beni (Libert, 2005d); Mount Hoyo (Libert, 2005d); Blukwa (Libert, 2005d); PN Albert (Libert, 2005d); Ituri Forest (Ducarme, 2018); Mt Mitumba (Ducarme, 2018).

Uganda – Budongo Forest (TL); Bwamba (Libert, 2005d); Kibale (Libert, 2005d).

Telipna citrimaculata victoriae Libert, 2005

Uganda Yellow-spotted Telipna

Telipna citrimaculata victoriae Libert, 2005. *Revision du genre Telipna Aurivillius (Lepidoptera, Lycaenidae)*. A.B.R.I., Nairobi, Kenya and Lambillionea, Tervuren, Belgium: 50 (pp 1-73).
Telipna citrimaculata victoriae Libert, 2005. d’Abrera, 2009: 614.

Type locality: Uganda: “Mpanga Forest, Mpigi, V 1957 (T.H.E. Jackson)”. Allotype: male, Mpanga Forest, Mpigi, X 1959. Holotype female and allotype male in M.H.N.H., Paris.

Distribution: Uganda (south-east).

Specific localities:

Uganda – Mpanga Forest (TL); Kamengo (Libert, 2005d); Entebbe (Libert, 2005d); Kampala (Libert, 2005d); Mabira (Libert, 2005d); Mulange (Libert, 2005d).

**Telipna sheffieldi* Bethune-Baker, 1926

Ugandan Telipna

Telipna sheffieldi Bethune-Baker, 1926. *Annals and Magazine of Natural History* (9) 17: 387 (384-402).
Telipna sheffieldi Bethune-Baker, 1926. d’Abrera, 2009: 614.



Telipna sheffieldi. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Mpanga Forest, Uganda. 13 June 2009. P. Ward.
Images M.C. Williams ex Dobson Collection.

Type locality: Uganda: “Durro Forest, Toro, 4000-4500 ft, 25-29 XI 1911 (S.A. Neave)”. Allotype: female, Mpanga Forest, Toro, 4500 ft, 13-23 XI 1911 (S.A. Neave). Holotype male and allotype female in N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Uganda.

Specific localities:

Uganda – Durro Forest (TL); Mpanga Forest (Bethune-Baker, 1926); Itwara (Libert, 2005d); Kibale (Libert, 2005d); Fort Portal (Libert, 2005d).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

T. transverstigna group

****Telipna transverstigna* Druce, 1910**

Delta *Telipna*

Telipna transverstigna Druce, 1910. *Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London* **1910**: 356 (356-378).

Telipna transverstigma Druce, 1910. d’Abrera, 2009: 616. Misspelling of species name.

Telipna transverstigma Druce, 1910. Vande weghe, 2010: 333. Misspelling of species name.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Bitje, Ja river, Cameroons, 2000 ft, wet season (G.L. Bates)”. Neallotype: female, Bitje, Ja River, 2000 ft, X-XI 1912. Holotype male and neallotype female in N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Cameroon, Gabon, Congo (north).

Specific localities:

Cameroon – Bitje, Ja River (Libert, 2005d); Mount Messa (Libert, 2005d); Kala (Libert, 2005d); Ngoekele (Libert, 2005d); Nkoltsam (Libert, 2005d); Odza (Libert, 2005d); Ototomo (Libert, 2005d); Obout (Libert, 2005d); Ebogo (Libert, 2005d); Lolodorf (Libert, 2005d); Efulen (Libert, 2005d).

Gabon – Koungou (Libert, 2005d); PN d’Ivindo (Libert, 2005d) Langoue (Vande weghe, 2010); camp Nouna (Vande weghe, 2010).

Congo – Kelle (Libert, 2005d).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

T. sanguinea group

****Telipna sanguinea* (Plötz, 1880)**

Pearl-spotted *Telipna*

Pentila acraea var. *sanguinea* Plötz, 1880. *Stettiner Entomologische Zeitung* **41**: 198 (189-206).

Telipna sanguinea Plötz, 1880. d’Abrera, 2009: 618.



Telipna sanguinea sanguinea. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Camp Kombo, Cameroon. 7 May 2019. J. Dobson.
Images M.C.Williams ex Dobson Collection.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Camerons-Gebirge”. Neotype: male, Mamfe, (British) Cameroon, VII 1956; M.H.N.H., Paris. Neallotype: female, Mamfe, (British) Cameroon, IX 1956; M.H.N.H., Paris.

Distribution: Nigeria, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo, Angola, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Tanzania.

Habitat: Forest.

Habits: Flies along forest streams, in semi-shade. Often rests on tree trunks for long periods, fluttering up when disturbed. Easily confused with day-flying moths of the genus *Aletis*. Larsen (2005a) regards it as commoner than *Telipna cameroonensis* in eastern Nigeria, but states that it is by no means a common butterfly. Females oviposit on lichens on the bark of tree trunks (Van Someren, 1974).

Flight period: Flies during the rainy season (Kielland, 1990d).

Early stages:

Jackson, 1937: 206 (Budongo Forest, Uganda; *Telipna sanguinea depuncta*).

“There is no apparent difference between the early stages of this and of the preceding species (*T. consanguinea*) except that the larval hair is here more golden brown and slightly longer.”

Larval food:

Lichens [Kielland, 1990d: 171].

Telipna sanguinea sanguinea (Plötz, 1880)

Pearl-spotted Telipna

Pentila acraea var. *sanguinea* Plötz, 1880. *Stettiner Entomologische Zeitung* **41**: 198 (189-206).

Telipna sanguinea sanguinea Plötz, 1880. d’Abrera, 2009: 618.



Telipna sanguinea sanguinea. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Camp Kombo, Cameroon. 7 May 2019. J. Dobson.
Images M.C.Williams ex Dobson Collection.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Camerons-Gebirge”. Neotype: male, Mamfe, (British) Cameroon, VII 1956; M.H.N.H., Paris. Neallotype: female, Mamfe, (British) Cameroon, IX 1956; M.H.N.H., Paris.
Distribution: Nigeria (east), Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo (north), Angola, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Specific localities:

Nigeria – Oban Hills of the Cross River loop (Larsen, 2005a); Butatong, Okwangwo (Larsen, 2005a); Mamu (Libert, 2005d); Awka (Libert, 2005d); Ikom (Libert, 2005d); Calabar (Libert, 2005d).

Cameroon – Mamfe (Libert, 2005d); Malap (Libert, 2005d); Fouban (Libert, 2005d); Maan (Libert, 2005d); Goyoum (Libert, 2005d)

Equatorial Guinea – Alen (Libert, 2005d); Bioko (Libert, 2005d).

Gabon – Fougamou (Libert, 2005d); Ipassa (Libert, 2005d); Lake Asebbe (Libert, 2005d); Lambarene (Libert, 2005d); Libreville (Libert, 2005d); Ndjole (Libert, 2005d); Tchibanga (Libert, 2005d); Nyonie (Vande weghe, 2010); Pongara (Vande weghe, 2010); Mondah (Vande weghe, 2010); Lake Evaro (Vande weghe, 2010); camp Nouna (Vande weghe, 2010); Bakouaka (Vande weghe, 2010).

Congo – Ouessou (Libert, 2005d); Souanke (Libert, 2005d); Sembe (Libert, 2005d); Odzala (Libert, 2005d); Kelle (Libert, 2005d); Etoumbi (Libert, 2005d).

Angola – Quango (Libert, 2005d).

Central African Republic – Bangui (Libert, 2005d); Moloukou (Libert, 2005d); Mbaiki (Libert, 2005d).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Mukenge (Dewitz, 1886); Kamituga (Dufrane, 1945); Lukolela (Libert, 2005d); Kasai (Libert, 2005d); Kapanga (Libert, 2005d); Beni (Libert, 2005d); Mount Hoyu (Libert, 2005d); Ituri Forest (Ducarme, 2018); Mt Mitumba (Ducarme, 2018).

anneckei Dewitz, 1886: 427 (as sp. of *Liptena*). [No reference in Ackery *et al.*, 1995 for 1886.] [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Mukenge”. Type in Z.M.H.U.

bistrigata Aurivillius, 1925 (as var. of *Telipna sanguinea*). *Archiv für Zoologi* **17** (A) (32): 7 (20 pp.). [Democratic Republic of Congo?]: “Nördlich vom Edward See”. Type in Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet, Stockholm. Holotype in the Swedish Natural History Museum (images available at www2.nrm.se/en/lep_nrm/s).

mariae Dufrane, 1945 (as sp. of *Telipna*). *Bulletin et Annales de la Société Royale Entomologique de Belgique* **81**: 112 (90-143). [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Kamituga”. Type in I.R.S.N.B., Brussels.

***Telipna sanguinea depuncta* Talbot, 1937**
Eastern Pearl-spotted Telipna

Telipna sanguinea depuncta Talbot, 1937. *Transactions of the Royal Entomological Society of London* **86**: 59 (59-72).
Telipna sanguinea depuncta Talbot, 1937. d’Abrera, 2009: 618.

Type locality: Uganda: “Lectotype: male, Tero Forest, S.E. Buddu, 3800 ft, 26-30 IX 1911 (S.A. Neave)”. Paralectotype: female, Mpanga Forest, Toro, 4800 ft, 13-23 XI 1911 (S.A. Neave). Lectotype and paralectotype in N.H.M., London.

Diagnosis: Differs from the nominate subspecies in the paler ground-colour and from subspecies *kigoma*, in the hindwing upperside, where the black marginal band is much narrower (Congdon & Collins, 1998).

Distribution: Uganda, Tanzania (north-west).

Specific localities:

Uganda – Tero Forest (TL); Budongo Forest (Jackson, 1937); Malabigambo Forest, Katera (Jackson, 1937); Semuliki N.P. (Davenport & Howard, 1996); Mapanga Forest (Libert, 2005d); Sesse Island (Libert, 2005d); Bwamba (Libert, 2005d); Kalinzu (Libert, 2005d).

Tanzania – Minziro Forest (Congdon & Collins, 1998); Kikuru Forest (Congdon & Collins, 1998).

**Telipna kigoma* Kielland, 1978

Kigoma *Telipna*

Telipna sanguinea kigoma Kielland, 1978. *Tijdschrift voor Entomologie* **121**: 193 (147-237).

Telipna kigoma Kielland, 1978. Libert, 2005d: 54, **n. stat.**

Telipna sanguinea kigoma Kielland, 1978. d'Abbrera, 2009: 618. **stat. rev. comb. rev.**

Telipna kigoma Kielland, 1978. Collins et al., 2013: 45. **stat. rev.**

Type locality: Tanzania: "Kigoma, Lubalizi, 6 III 1970 (J. Kielland)". Allotype: female, Lubalizi, 11 III 1970 (J. Kielland). Holotype male and allotype female in N.M.K., Nairobi.

Distribution: Tanzania (Mpanda and Kigoma regions).

Specific localities:

Tanzania – Lubalizi River (TL; Kielland); Luntampa Forest (Kielland, 1990d); Ntakatta Forest (Kielland, 1990d); Mogombazi River (Kielland, 1990d); Kefu Forest (Kielland, 1990d); Mihumu Forest (Kielland, 1990d); Kasye (Libert, 2005d); Wanzizi (Libert, 2005d).

Habits: *Telipna kigoma* is very localized and rare (Kielland, 1990d).

Habitat: Riverine forest.

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

**Telipna consanguinea* Rebel, 1914

Twin-spot *Telipna*

Telipna consanguinea Rebel, 1914. *Annalen des (K.K.) Naturhistorischen Museums. Wien* **28**: 262 (219-294).

Telipna consanguinea Rebel, 1914. d'Abbrera, 2009: 618.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: "Beni, X 1910 (Grauer)". Neallotype: female, Pauli, Uele, Democratic Republic of Congo, 24 Xii 1956 (M. Fontaine). Holotype male in Naturhistorisches Museum, Vienna. Neallotype female in M.R.A.C., Tervuren.

Distribution: Cameroon, Congo, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Tanzania.

Habitat: Forest.

Habits: Females oviposit on lichens on the bark of tree trunks (Van Someren, 1974).

Early stages:

Jackson, 1937: 205 [Budongo Forest, Uganda].

Larva sparsely clothed with long brown hair and indistinguishable from that of a moth. Broader anteriorly with a fine dark dorsal line and small black collar. Laterals sharply scalloped, carrying tufts of short spiny hair, as well as the longer hair mentioned above. Colour greenish or bluish brown with fine darker lines. Anal segments black, like the collar. Spiracles small and greenish; below them a row of minute white dots. Head small and pale brown. Length 30 mm. **Pupa** placed with the extremity, surrounded by the larval skin, fixed to the trunk of a tree, standing out from it at an angle of 45 degrees. Spiny, the spines being arranged in rows of rosettes laterally, ventrally and dorsally. Thorax sharply domed, the two sides of the dome bearing large oval spots, so highly polished as to resemble obsidian. Seen at certain angles they glitter and sparkle like eyes and at others suggest large holes in the thorax. Head-case broad and carried well in front. Colour brown; wing-cases shiny; without spines. Pupa with no external protection and, except that it is usually placed in a dark place behind a creeper, there is no attempt at concealment. Length 16 mm.

Larval food:

Lichens and mosses on the bark of trees, not among ants [Jackson, 1937: 205; Budongo Forest, Uganda].

Telipna consanguinea consanguinea Rebel, 1914

Twin-spot *Telipna*

Telipna consanguinea Rebel, 1914. *Annalen des (K.K.) Naturhistorischen Museums. Wien* **28**: 262 (219-294).

Telipna consanguinea consanguinea Rebel, 1914. d'Abbrera, 2009: 618.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Beni, X 1910 (Grauer)”. Neallotype: female, Pauli, Uele, Democratic Republic of Congo, 24 Xii 1956 (M. Fontaine). Holotype male in Naturhistorisches Museum, Vienna. Neallotype female in M.R.A.C., Tervuren.

Distribution: Cameroon, Congo, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda.

Specific localities:

Cameroon – Moloundou (Schultze, 1923); Malen (Schultze, 1923); Yokaduma (Schultze, 1923); Ebogo (Libert, 2005d); Yaounde (Libert, 2005d); Metet (Libert, 2005d); Batouri (Libert, 2005d).

Congo – Ouessou (Schultze, 1923).

Central African Republic – Bangui (Libert, 2005d); Boukoko (Libert, 2005d); Mbaiki (Libert, 2005d); Nole (Libert, 2005d).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Beni (TL); Paulis (Libert, 2005d); Mbandaka (Libert, 2005d); Katakoli (Libert, 2005d); Kafakumba (Libert, 2005d); Walikali (Libert, 2005d); Ituri Forest (Ducarme, 2018); Semuliki Valley (Ducarme, 2018); Central Forest Block (Ducarme, 2018).

Uganda – Bwamba (Libert, 2005d); Semuliki N.P. (H. Selb, unpublished, 2016).

exstincta Schultze, 1923 *in* Schultze & Aurivillius, 1923 (as ab. of *Telipna consanguinea*). *Ergebnisse der Zweiten Deutschen Zentral-Afrika Expedition* 1(17): 1150 (1113-1242). Congo: “Franz. Kongo: Ouessou”. Type in the Hamburg Museum.

Telipna consanguinea ugandae Bethune-Baker, 1926
Eastern Twin-spot *Telipna*

Telipna erica f. *ugandae* Bethune-Baker, 1926. *Annals and Magazine of Natural History* (9) 17: 388 (384-402).

Telipna consanguinea ugandae Bethune-Baker, 1926. d’Abrera, 2009: 618.



Telipna consanguinea ugandae. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Mabira Forest, Uganda. 15 June 2009. J. Dobson.
Images M.C. Williams ex Dobson Collection.



Telipna consanguinea ugandae. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Mabira Forest, Uganda. 15 June 2009. J. Dobson.
Images M.C. Williams ex Dobson Collection.

Type locality: [Uganda]: “Toro; Mulange”. Lectotype: male, Daro Forest, Toro, 4500-5000 ft, 25-29 X 1911 (S.A. Neave). Paralectotype: female, Entebbe, 12-20 I 1912 (S.A. Neave). Lectotype male and paralectotype female in N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Uganda (except Bwamba), Tanzania.

Specific localities:

Uganda – Mulange (= Malange?) (TL); Budongo Forest (Jackson, 1937); Daro Forest (Neave, *vide* Libert, 2005d); Entebbe (Neave, *vide* Libert, 2005d); Itwara (Libert, 2005d); Kitale (Libert, 2005d); Toro (Libert, 2005d); Kamengo (Libert, 2005d); Bugalla Island (Libert, 2005d); Kisubi (Libert, 2005d); Jinja (Libert, 2005d); Buvuma Island (Libert, 2005d); Bunyenvu Forest (Libert, 2005d).

Tanzania – Mwanza (Libert, 2005d).

****Telipna erica* Suffert, 1904**
Four-spotted *Telipna*

Telipna erica Suffert, 1904. *Deutsche Entomologische Zeitschrift, Iris* 17: 41 (12-107).
Telipna erica Suffert, 1904. d'Abbrera, 2009: 618.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Camerun, Barombi Station (S. Preuss)”. Neallotype: male, Bitye, Ja River, 2000 ft, Cameroon (G.L. Bates). Holotype female in Z.M.H.U., Berlin. Neallotype male in N.H.N., London.

Distribution: Cameroon, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda.

Specific localities:

Cameroon – Barombi Station (TL); Bitje (Libert, 2005d); Kribi (Libert, 2005d); Yaounde (Libert, 2005d); Mount Eloumden (Libert, 2005d); Mount Messa (Libert, 2005d); Mount Ngoekele (Libert, 2005d); Ebogo (Libert, 2005d); Lolodorf (Libert, 2005d); Maan (Libert, 2005d).

Gabon – Oyem? (Libert, 2005d).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Lukolela (Libert, 2005d); Mbandaka (Libert, 2005d); Eala (Libert, 2005d); Flandria (Libert, 2005d); Lake Tumba (Libert, 2005d); Katako-Kombe (Libert, 2005d); Lusambo (Libert, 2005d); Kisangani (Libert, 2005d).

Uganda – Semuliki N.P. (Davenport & Howard, 1996).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

nigra Suffert, 1904 (as ssp. of *Telipna acraea*). *Deutsche Entomologische Zeitschrift, Iris* 17: 42 (12-107). Cameroon: “Nordwest-Camerun”.

****Telipna nyanza* Neave, 1904**
Pale *Telipna*

Telipna nyanza Neave, 1904. *Novitates Zoologicae* 11: 335 (323-363).
Telipna nyanza Neave, 1904. d'Abbrera, 2009: 618.



Telipna nyanza nyanza. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Mabira Forest, Uganda. 15 June 2009. J. Dobson.
Images M.C. Williams ex Dobson Collection.

Type locality: Uganda: “Entebbe, 4000 ft, 10 IV 1903 (C.A. Wiggins)”. Neallotype: male, Entebbe. Holotype female in O.U.M.N.H., Oxford. Neallotype male in N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Cameroon, Congo, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda,

Zambia, Angola.

Habitat: Forest.

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

Telipna nyanza nyanza Neave, 1904

Pale Telipna

Telipna nyanza Neave, 1904. *Novitates Zoologicae* **11**: 335 (323-363).

Telipna nyanza nyanza Neave, 1904. d'Abrera, 2009: 618.



Telipna nyanza nyanza. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Mabira Forest, Uganda. 15 June 2009. J. Dobson.
Images M.C. Williams ex Dobson Collection.

Type locality: [Uganda]: “Entebbe”.

Distribution: Uganda.

Specific localities:

Uganda – Entebbe (TL); Kayonza (Libert, 2005d); Budongo (Libert, 2005d); Mbale (Libert, 2005d); Mpigi (Libert, 2005d); Jinja (Libert, 2005d).

Telipna nyanza katangae Stempffer, 1961

Western Pale Telipna

Telipna ruspinoides katangae Stempffer, 1961. *Annales du Musée Royal de l’Afrique Centrale* (8) **94**: 9 (73 pp.).

Telipna nyanza katangae Stempffer, 1961. Libert, 2005d: 62, **n. stat.**

Telipna nyanza katangae Stempffer, 1961. d'Abrera, 2009: 618.



Telipna nyanza katangae. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Wingspan: ?mm. Zambezi Bridge, Ikelenge, Zambia. 10/III/77. A. Heath.
(From a photograph of a specimen donated to the Natural History Museum, London).

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Congo, Kapanga, II 1936 (F.G. Overlaet)”.

Allotype: female, Kapanga, X 1935 (F.G. Overlaet). Holotype male and allotype female in M.R.A.C.,

Tervuren, Belgium.

Distribution: Cameroon (east), Congo, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Zambia, Angola.

Specific localities:

Cameroon – Goyoum (Libert, 2005d).

Congo – Etoumbi (Libert, 2005d); Kelle (Libert, 2005d); Mambili (Libert, 2005d); Ngo (Libert, 2005d).

Central African Republic – Bangui (Libert, 2005d); Moloukou (Libert, 2005d).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Kapanga (TL); Luali (Libert, 2005d); Mayombe (Libert, 2005d); Kinshasa (Libert, 2005d); Bombo-Lumene (Libert, 2005d); Upper Kasai (Libert, 2005d); Kafakumba (Libert, 2005d); Kungulu (Libert, 2005d); Lupweshi (Libert, 2005d); Sandoa (Libert, 2005d); Paulis (Libert, 2005d); Beni (Libert, 2005d); Mount Hoyo (Libert, 2005d); Ituri Forest (Ducarme, 2018); Semuliki Valley (Ducarme, 2018); Central Forest Block (Ducarme, 2018); Mt Mitumba (Ducarme, 2018).

Uganda – Bwamba (Libert, 2005d); Semuliki N.P. (H. Selb, unpublished, 2016).

Zambia – Ikelenge (Heath *et al.*, 2002; Libert, 2005d).

Angola – Zambezi-Congo divide (Libert, 2005d).

****Telipna ruspinoidea* Schultze, 1923**

Ruspinoidea *Telipna*

Telipna ruspinoidea Schultze, 1923. *In*: Schultze & Aurivillius, 1923. *Ergebnisse der Zweiten Deutschen Zentral-Afrika Expedition 1* (17): 1151 (1113-1242).

Telipna ruspinoidea Schultze, 1923. d'Abrera, 2009: 618.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Süd-Kamerun: Owöngi Kom-Fälle”. Neotype: male, Bitje, Cameroon, dry season (G.L. Bates). Neallotype: female, Moyen Congo, II 1959 (T.H.E. Jackson). Neotype male and Neallotype female in N.H.M., London.

Distribution: Nigeria (south-east), Cameroon (south), Equatorial Guinea (Bioko), Gabon, Congo, Central African Republic, Uganda (S. Forbes, pers. comm., 2015).

Specific localities:

Nigeria – Cross River loop (Larsen, 2005a); Butatong, Okwangwo (Larsen, 2005a); Calabar (Libert, 2005d).

Cameroon – Owongi Kom-Falle (TL); Korup (Lees, 1989); Bitje (Libert, 2005d); Bipindi (Libert, 2005d); Dikola (Libert, 2005d); Ndjock (Libert, 2005d); Ebogo (Libert, 2005d); Zamakoe (Libert, 2005d); Yaounde (Libert, 2005d); Dja (Libert, 2005d); Akoafim (Libert, 2005d); Lolodorf (Libert, 2005d); Metet (Libert, 2005d); Moloundou (Libert, 2005d); Owong (Libert, 2005d).

Gabon – Ipassa (Libert, 2005d); PN d'Ivondo (Libert, 2005d); Camp Nouna (Vande weghe, 2010).

Congo – Etoumbi (Libert, 2005d).

Central African Republic – Boukoko (Libert, 2005d).

Uganda – Semuliki N.P. (S. Forbes, pers. comm., 2015).

Habitat: Forest.

Habits: A scarce species (Larsen, 2005a). Found sympatrically at Butatong, Okwangwo with *Telipna sanguinea* (Larsen, 2005a).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.