

Genus *Kakumia* Collins & Larsen, 1998 Ant Buffs

Metamorphosis **9** (2): 67 (66-85).

Type-species: *Liptena ideoides* Dewitz, by original designation.

Kakumia (**Ant Buffs**) is a purely Afrotropical genus containing three species. Species of this genus circle individual ‘ant-trees’ with a rapid flight (Larsen, 2005a).

Kakumia ferruginea (Schultze, 1923) Ferrous Ant Buff

Liptena ferruginea Schultze, 1923. *In* Schultze & Aurivillius, 1923. *Ergebnisse der Zweiten Deutschen Zentral-Afrika Expedition* **1**(17): 1184 (1113-1242).

Liptena ferruginea Schultze, 1923 s. Stempffer (1967: 54). Ackery *et al.*, 1995: 506.

Kakumia ferruginea (Schultze, 1923). Collins & Larsen, 1998: 67; **comb. nov.**

Kakumia ferruginea (Schultze, 1923). d’Abrera, 2009: 652.

Kakumia ferruginea (Schultze, 1923). Collins *et al.* 2013: 51.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Süd-Kamerun: M’peum”.

Distribution: Cameroon, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Specific localities:

Cameroon – M’peum (TL); Bitje (TL of *occidentalis*).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Ituri Forest (Ducarme, 2018).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

occidentalis Bethune-Baker, 1926 (as sp. of *Liptena*). *Annals and Magazine of Natural History* (9) **17**: 390 (384-402). *Annals and Magazine of Natural History* (9) **17**: 390 (384-402). **Syn. nov.** for *Kakumia ferruginea* (Libert, 2020).

Kakumia ideoides (Dewitz, 1887) Dark Ant Buff

Liptena ideoides Dewitz, 1887. *Deutsche Entomologische Zeitschrift* **30**: 428 (427-430).

Liptena ideoides Dewitz, 1887. Ackery *et al.*, 1995.

Kakumia ideoides (Dewitz, 1887). Collins & Larsen, 1998: 67; **comb. n.**

Kakumia ideoides Dewitz, 1886. d’Abrera, 2009: 652. [Date erroneous]



Kakumia ideoides orientis. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Zika Forest, Uganda. 12 June 2017. J. Dobson.
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Kakumia ideoides orientis. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Zika Forest, Uganda. 12 June 2017. J. Dobson.
Images M.C. Williams ex Dobson Collection.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Mukenge”.

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Cameroon, Congo, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Angola (north), Uganda, Tanzania (west),

Specific localities:

Democratic Republic of Congo – Mukenge (TL); Uele; Tshopo; Sankuru; Lualaba; Kishasa; Lukolele; Mbandake; Budjala; Mamove, Beni district, North Kivu (Ducarme, 2017); Biakatu (Ducarme, 2017); Ituri Forest (Ducarme, 2018); Central Forest Block (Ducarme, 2018); Mt Mitumba (Ducarme, 2018).

Gabon – Nyonie (Vande weghe, 2010); Alen Nkoma (Vande weghe, 2010); Waka (Vande weghe, 2010); Lope N.P. (Vande weghe, 2010); Massouna 2000 (Vande weghe, 2010); Ipassa (Vande weghe, 2010); Langoue (Vande weghe, 2010); camp PPG (Vande weghe, 2010).

Central African Republic – Sangha, near Bangui.

South Sudan – Sakure

Uganda – Zika Forest (Dobson, 2017).

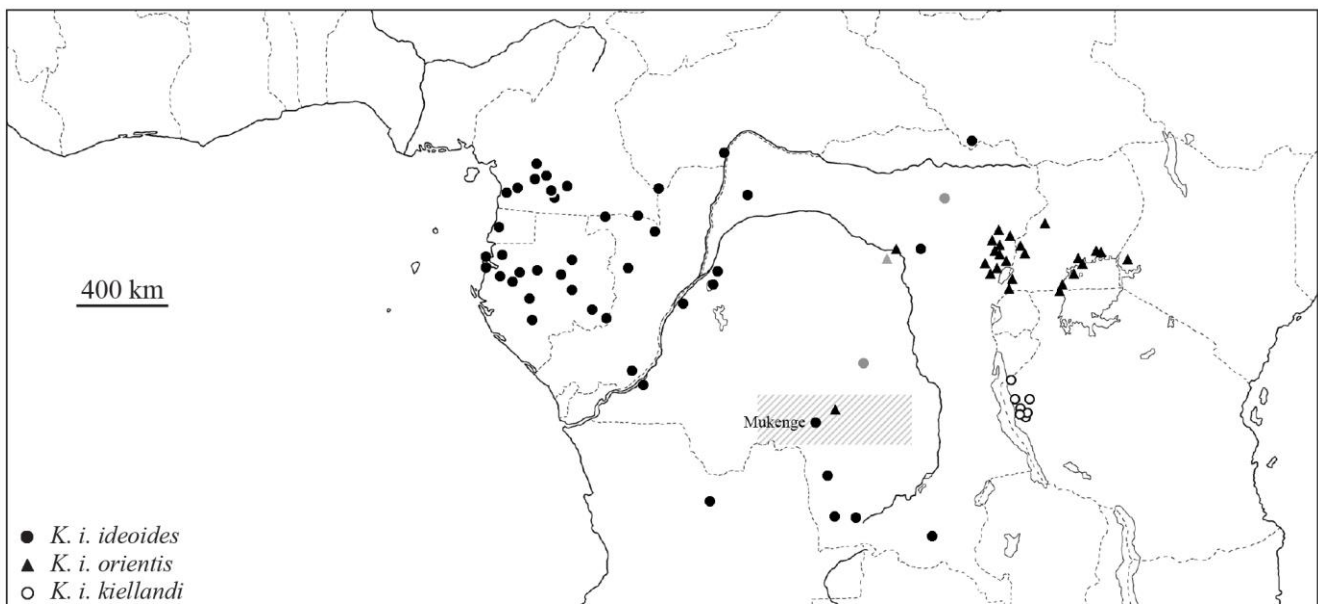
Tanzania – Kigoma (Kielland, 1990d); Mpanda (Luegele River) (Kielland, 1990d).

Habitat: Forest, from 900 to 1 400 metres (Kielland, 1990d).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

girthii Dewitz, 1887 (as sp. of *Liptena*). *Deutsche Entomologische Zeitschrift* **30**: 428 (427-430).
[Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Mukenge”.



Distribution map (Libert, 2024: 24) of *K. ideoides* subspecies: *K. i. ideoides* black dots (grey dots: uncertain localities; hatched zone = type locality of *K. ideoides*); *K. i. orientis* (black triangles); *K. i. kiellandi* (white/ black circles).

Kakumia ideoides ideoides (De Witz, 1887)

Dark Ant Buff

Liptena ideoides Dewitz, 1887. *Deutsche Entomologische Zeitschrift* **30**: 428 (427-430).

Liptena ideoides Dewitz, 1887. Ackery *et al.*, 1995.

Kakumia ideoides (Dewitz, 1887). Collins & Larsen, 1998: 67; **comb. n.**

Kakumia ideoides Dewitz, 1886. d'Abrera, 2009: 652. [Date erroneous]

Kakumia ideoides ideoides (Dewitz, 1887). Libert, 2024: 22.

Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Mukenge”.

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo (central and west), Congo, Gabon, Cameroon, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Angola.

Specific localities:

Democratic Republic of Congo – Mukenge (TL); Uele; Tshopo; Sankuru; Lualaba; Kinshasa; Lukolele; Mbandake; Budjala; Mamave.

Gabon – Nyonie (Vande weghe, 2010); Alen Nkoma (Vande weghe, 2010); Waka (Vande weghe, 2010); Lope N.P. (Vande weghe, 2010); Massouna 2000 (Vande weghe, 2010); Ipassa (Vande weghe, 2010); Langoue (Vande weghe, 2010); camp PPG (Vande weghe, 2010).

Central African Republic – Sangha, near Bangui.

South Sudan – Sakure

Habitat: Forest, from 900 to 1 400 metres (Kielland, 1990d).

girthii Dewitz, 1887 (as sp. of *Liptena*). *Deutsche Entomologische Zeitschrift* **30**: 428 (427-430).

[Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Mukenge”.

Kakumia ideoides orientis (Libert, 2024)

Eastern Dark Ant Buff

Kakumia ideoides orientis (Dewitz, 1887). Libert, 2024. Notes révisionnelles sur le genre *Kakumia* Collins & Larsen, 1998 et description de deux sous-espèces. *Lambillionea* **CXXIV** 1: 23.



Kakumia ideoides orientis. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.

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Kakumia ideoides orientis. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.

Zika Forest, Uganda. 12 June 2017. J. Dobson.

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Type locality: [Democratic Republic of Congo]: Mamove, Beni District, North Kivu.

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo (east), Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania.

Specific localities:

Democratic Republic of Congo – Mamove, Beni District, North Kivu (Ducarme, 2017); Biakatu (Ducarme, 2017); Ituri Forest (Ducarme, 2018); Central Forest Block (Ducarme, 2018); Mt Mitumba

(Ducarme, 2018), Kisangani, Lolwa, Kasugho.
Uganda – Zika Forest (Dobson, 2017), Budongo, Kayonza, Katera.
Tanzania – Minziro.
Kenya – Kakamega.
Habitat: Forest, from 900 to 1 400 metres (Kielland, 1990d).

***Kakumia ideoides kiellandi* (Collins & Libert, 2024)**
Tanzanian Dark Ant Buff

Kakumia ideoides kiellandi Collins & Libert, 2024. Notes révisionnelles sur le genre *Kakumia* Collins & Larsen, 1998 et description de deux sous-espèces. *Lambillionea* CXXIV 1: 23.

Type locality: [Tanzania]: Kasye Forest, Kigoma District, W. Tanzania.

Distribution: Tanzania (west).

Specific localities:

Tanzania – Kigoma District: Kasye Forest; Gombe Stream National Park; Mugombazi River. Mpanda District: Luegele River; Busondo. (Kielland, 1978: 196).

Habitat: Forest, from 900 to 1 400 metres (Kielland, 1990d).

***Kakumia otauga* (Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1890])**
Western Ant Buff

Durbania otauga Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1890]. *In* Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1887-92]. *Rhopalocera exotica, being illustrations of new, rare and unfigured species of butterflies* 1: 46 (183 pp.). London.

Kakumia otauga (Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1890). Collins & Larsen, 1998; **comb. n.**

Kakumia otauga Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1890. d’Abrera, 2009: 652.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Cameroons – Barombi station”.

Distribution: Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria (south and Cross River loop), Cameroon, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda (west).

Larsen (2005a) is doubtful in regard to the species’ occurrence in Uganda.

Specific localities:

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

Liberia – Wologizi (Safian *et al.*, 2020); Wonegizi (Safian *et al.*, 2020).

Nigeria – near Benin City (Druce, 1903).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Ituri Forest (Ducarme, 2018).

Habitat: Forest.

Habits: A rather rare butterfly, tied to isolated ‘ant-trees’ (Larsen, 2005a). Both sexes circle the trunk of the ant-tree, sometimes high up (Larsen, 2005a).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

infima Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1890. *In* Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1887-92 (as sp. of *Durbania*). *Rhopalocera exotica, being illustrations of new, rare and unfigured species of butterflies* 1: 46 (183 pp.). London. Sierra Leone: “Sierra Leone”. Syn. nov. Collins & Larsen, 1998. *Metamorphosis* 9 (2): 67 (66- 85); given as a good species of *Liptena* by Ackery *et al.*, 1995: 507. See below for resurrection as a subspecies.

gordoni Druce, 1903 (as sp. of *Pseuderesia*). *Annals and Magazine of Natural History* (7) 11: 69 (69- 72). Nigeria: “W. Africa, near Benin City”. Syn. nov. Collins & Larsen, 1998. *Metamorphosis* 9 (2): 67 (66-85); given as a good species of *Liptena* by Ackery *et al.*, 1995: 507.

bakeriana Cator, 1904 (as sp. of *Pseuderesia*). *Annals and Magazine of Natural History* (7) 13: 73 (73- 76). Sierra Leone: “Sierra Leone”. Synonymised with *gordoni* by Stempffer (1967).

***Kakumia otauga otauga* (Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1890])**
Western Dark Ant Buff

Durbania otauga Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1890]. *In* Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1887-92]. *Rhopalocera exotica, being illustrations of new, rare and unfigured species of butterflies* 1: 46 (183 pp.). London.

Kakumia otlauga (Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1890). Collins & Larsen, 1998; **comb. n.**
Kakumia otlauga otlauga (Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1890). Libert, 2024:

Type locality: Cameroon: “Cameroons – Barombi station”.

Distribution: Guinea, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria (south and Cross River loop), Cameroon, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda (west).

Larsen (2005a) is doubtful in regard to the species’ occurrence in Uganda.

Specific localities:

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

Liberia – Wologizi (Safian *et al.*, 2020); Wonegizi (Safian *et al.*, 2020).

Nigeria – near Benin City (Druce, 1903).

Democratic Republic of Congo – Ituri Forest (Ducarme, 2018).

Habitat: Forest.

Habits: A rather rare butterfly, tied to isolated ‘ant-trees’ (Larsen, 2005a). Both sexes circle the trunk of the ant-tree, sometimes high up (Larsen, 2005a).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

Kakumia otlauga infirma (Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1890])

Sierra Leone Dark Ant Buff

Durbani infima Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1890]. *In* Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1887-92 (as sp. of *Durbania*). *Rhopalocera exotica, being illustrations of new, rare and unfigured species of butterflies* 1: 46 (183 pp.). London.

= *Kakumia otlauga* Collins & Larsen, 1998. **syn. nov.** *Metamorphosis* 9 (2): 67 (66- 85).

Kakumia otlauga infirma (Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1890]). Libert, 2024. Notes révisiionnelles sur le genre *Kakumia* Collins & Larsen, 1998 et description de deux sous-espèces. *Lambillionea* CXXIV 1: 29. **stat. rev.**

Type locality: Sierra Leone: “Sierra Leone”.

Distribution: Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Guinea, Nigeria.

Specific localities:

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

Nigeria - d’Umuhaia; Ikom; Oban; Uwet.

