

Genus *Vansomerenia* Heath, 1997 Savanna Gem

Metamorphosis Occasional Supplement No. 2: 13 (1-60).

Type-species: *Desmolycaena rogersi* Riley, 1932 by monotypy.

The genus *Vansomerenia* belongs to the Family Lycaenidae Leach, 1815; Subfamily Aphnaeinae Distant, 1884. The other genera in the Subfamily Aphnaeinae in the Afrotropical Region are *Phasis*, *Tylopaedia*, *Argyraspodes*, *Aloeides*, *Erikssonia*, *Trimenia*, *Aphnaeus*, *Axiocerses*, *Zeritis*, *Crudaria*, *Cigaritis*, *Chloroselas*, *Cesa*, *Lipaphnaeus*, *Chryсорitis* and *Pseudaletis*.

Vansomerenia (**Savanna Gem**) is a purely Afrotropical genus containing a single species.

**Vansomerenia rogersi* (Riley, 1932) Savanna Gem

Desmolycaena rogersi Riley, 1932. *Annals and Magazine of Natural History* (10) **10**: 149 (137-152).

Vansomerenia rogersi (Riley, 1932). Heath, 1997: 13 **comb. nov.**

Desmolycaena rogersi Riley, 1932. d'Abreu, 2009: 710. [invalid combination – ignores Heath, 1997].

Type locality: [Tanzania]: “Tanganyika Territory, Kongwa, nr. railway, c. 210 m. W. of Dar-es-Salaam”.

Distribution: Kenya (central), Tanzania (north).

Specific localities:

Kenya – Ngong (Larsen, 1991c); Kima (Larsen, 1991c); Kathini Ridge (Larsen, 1991c); Nanyuki (Larsen, 1991c).

Tanzania – Kongwa, west of Dar es Salaam (TL).

Habitat: Open savanna (Larsen, 1991c).

Habits: Apparently this species may be locally numerous (Larsen, 1991c). The flight is fast but specimens readily come to flowers (Larsen, 1991c).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

Associated ant: Nothing published.