

Genus *Birabiro* Talavera *et al.*, 2021
Abyssinian Grass Jewel

TALAVERA, G., LUKHTANOV, V.A., PIERCE, N.E. & VILA, R. 2021. Barcodes combined with multilocus data of representative taxa can generate reliable higher-level phylogenies. *Systematic Biology* ? (?): 12 (1-14).
Type-species: *Cupido elicola* Strand, 1911, by original designation.

The genus *Birabiro* belongs to the Family Lycaenidae Leach, 1815; Subfamily Polyommatae Swainson, 1827; Tribe Polyommata Swainson, 1827; Subtribe Polyommata Swainson, 1827. The other genera in the Subtribe Polyommata found in the Afrotropical Region are *Chilades*, *Freyeria*, *Luthrodes* and *Kipepeo*.

Birabiro (**Abyssinian Grass Jewel**) is a monobasic Afrotropical genus.

****Birabiro elicola* (Strand, 1911)**
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Cupido elicola Strand, 1911. *Entomologische Rundschau* **28**: 139 (137-141).
Freyeria elicola (Strand, 1911). Ackery *et al.*, 1995.
Chilades elicola (Strand, 1911). Hesselbarth *et al.*, 1995. **comb. n.**
Chilades elicola Strand, 1911. d'Abreu, 2009: 844.
Chilades elicola (Strand, 1911). Talavera *et al.*, 2013.
Birabiro elicola (Strand, 1911). Talavera *et al.*, 2021: 12.



Birabiro elicola. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Keasa River, Ghibe-Tolley, Ethiopia. 21 September 1997. A. Gardiner.
Images M.C. Williams ex Gardiner Collection.

Type locality: [Ethiopia]: “Eli”.

Distribution: Ethiopia.

Specific localities:

Ethiopia – Eli (TL).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

Note: Larsen (2005a: 269) avers that this taxon may be a subspecies of *Chilades eleusis*.