

Genus *Plebejidea* Koçak, 1983 Jewel Blues

Priamus (1): 29.

Type-species: *Lycaena loewii* Zeller, 1847, by original designation.

The genus *Plebejidea* Koçak, 1983 belongs to the Family Lycaenidae Leach, 1815; Subfamily Polyommatae Swainson, 1827; Tribe Polyommataini Swainson, 1827; Subtribe Polyommatina Swainson, 1827.

Plebejidea (Jewel Blues) is a largely Palearctic genus of four species, one of which reaches the Afrotropical Region.

**Plebejidea loewii* (Zeller, 1847) Large Jewel Blue

Lycaena loewii Zeller, 1847. *Isis von Oken* **1847** (1): 9

Polyommatus loewii (Zeller, 1847). Lewis, 1974: 206.

Albulina loewii (Zeller, 1847). Bálint & Johnson, 1997: 18.

Plebejidea loewii (Zeller, 1847). Tuzov *et al.*, 2000: 181.

Plebejidea (Plebejidea) loewii (Zeller, 1847). Korb & Bolshakov, 2011: 88.

Type locality: [Turkey]: “Macri”

Distribution: Oman, United Arab Emirates.

Primarily extralimital. Aegean Islands, Anatolia, Caucasus, Middle East, Central Asia.

Plebejidea loewii kerkhofi Tshikolevets, 2024 Omani Large Jewel Blue

Plebejus (Plebejidea) loewii kerkhofi Tshikolevets, 2024. *Phegea* **52** (3): 139 (133-139).



Plebejidea loewii kerkhofi. Male (HT). Left – upperside; right – underside.
Aqabat OSO, Musandam, Oman. 13 April 1996. A. Legrain.
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Aqabat OSO, Musandam, Oman. 13 April 1996. A. Legrain.
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Type locality: Oman: “Oman, Musandam, Aqabat OSO, 1100 m, 13.04.1996, A. Legrain – Ph. Fastré (RBINS)”.

Etymology: “Named after Mr. Stefan Kerkhof, Curator of the Lepidopterological Collection of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS)” (Tshikolovets, 2024).

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Specific Localities:

Oman – Aqabat (TL)