

Genus *Noctulana* Larsen, 2012
Brown Forest Swift

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Type-species: *Parnara noctula* Druce, 1909, by original designation.

The genus *Noctulana* belongs to the Family HesperIIDae Latreille, 1809; Subfamily HesperIIDae Latreille, 1809; Tribe Astictopterini Swinhoe, 1912; Subtribe Cupithina Grishin, 2023.

Noctulana (**Brown Forest Swift**) is a monobasic Afrotropical genus.

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Melphina noctula (Druce, 1909). Evans, 1937 **comb. nov.**

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Noctulana noctula. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Central African Republic. Images courtesy T.B. Larsen.



Noctulana noctula. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Ibadan, Nigeria. Ex ABRI Collection. Images courtesy T.B. Larsen.

Type locality: Cameroon: “Bitje, Ja River, Cameroons, 2000 feet”. Holotype (male) in the NHM, London.

Distribution: Guinea, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, Central African Republic,

Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda.

Mistakenly recorded for southern Africa by Vári & Kroon (1986).

Specific localities:

Guinea – Nimba Mountains (Larsen, 2005a); Ziama (Safian *et al.*, 2020).

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

Ivory Coast – Lamto (Larsen, 2005a); Abidjan area (Larsen, 2005a); Bossematie (Larsen, 2005a); Tai (Larsen, 2005a).

Ghana – Kakum (Larsen, 2005a); Likpe (Larsen, 2005a); Anfoega (Larsen, 2005a).

Nigeria – Ibadan (Larsen, 2005a); Oban Hills (Larsen, 2005a); Ikom (Larsen, 2005a).

Cameroon – Bitje (TL).

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

Habitat: Undisturbed forest (Larsen, 2005a).

Habits: A very rare skipper that is most often encountered as singles in dark forest undergrowth (Larsen, 2005a).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

palocampta Druce, 1909 (as sp. of *Parnara*). *Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London* **1909**: 411 (406-413). Cameroon: “Bitje, Ja River, Cameroons, 3000 feet”. Holotype (female) in NHM, London.