

Scally Winged Insect Pollinators Primes Biodiversity Data Accessibility in East Africa

So far in Kenya 7,297 occurrences data of swallowtail butterflies has been published through GBIF (<https://www.gbif.org/dataset/3008196f-5ffc-496d-b11d-57f2124ee06b>), 3,153 Hawkmoths occurrence data published: <https://www.gbif.org/dataset/302155f9-49a6-4ee2-a01b-293067ddee0d> and 2,015 Skipper butterflies occurrence data published: <https://www.gbif.org/dataset/507c5b51-1f83-4c7f-9111-94fb255adfd7>. This data provides baseline information on the distribution of the different butterflies and moths pollinator species and can be used for future ecology studies as well monitoring of population trends in various habitats.

Illustrations/ Figures to be added



Figure 1: NMK Project Research Team with DABICO Community Members at the Dawida Biodiversity Conservation Community Based Organization (DABICO) conservation resource Centre in Ngangao Forest, Taita Hills.



Figure 2: Desmond's Green-Banded Swallowtail (*Papilio desmondi teita*) a swallowtail butterfly that is only found in the Taita Hills



Figure 3: A collection of fulvous hawkmoths, one showing the extended mouthpart that is used for sucking nectar from flowers



Figure 4: Community members from ten villages surrounding Ngangao Forest, Taita Hills at a project outreach workshop in BABICO Conservation Centre on 5th December 2018