

### **Theme 3: Biodiversity – Terrestrial, Aquatic**

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#### **BUTTERFLY DIVERSITY AT BANNERGHATTA NATIONAL PARK**

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In the present study, observation made in the Butterfly Park, Bannerghatta shows the presence of a great number of varieties of species of butterflies. Some rare species like Southern birdwing -was also observed. Many other species like the Baronet, Common castor, Crimson rose, common Emigrant, common Mormon, Mottled Emigrants etc., were also observed. The park displayed a rich floral surrounding for the proliferation of the butterflies along with many other insects. Though many species were identified and many unknown species were observed, the populations of different species were not very high. This may be due to change in the climatic condition or impact of human activities.