

Genus *Hovala* Evans, 1937 Malagasy Yellow Sylphs

A catalogue of the African HesperIIDae indicating the classification and nomenclature adopted in the British Museum: 4, 64 (212 pp.).

Type-species: *Cyclopides pardalina* Butler, by original designation.

The genus *Hovala* belongs to the Family HesperIIDae Latreille, 1809; Subfamily Heteropterinae Aurivillius, 1925, Tribe Heteropterini Aurivillius, 1925. The other genera in the Tribe Heteropterini in the Afrotropical Region are *Willema* and *Metisella*.

Hovala (**Malagasy Yellow Sylphs**) is an Afrotropical genus of five species, confined to Madagascar. The early stages and larval foods of the species in this genus are unknown (Cock & Congdon, 2017).

**Hovala amena* (Grose-Smith, 1891) Northwest Malagasy Yellow Sylph

Cyclopides amena Grose-Smith, 1891. *Annals and Magazine of Natural History* (6) 7: 127 (122-128).

Type locality: Madagascar: "North-west coast of Madagascar".

Distribution: Madagascar (north-west).

Habitat: Unknown (Lees *et al.*, 2003).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

**Hovala arota* Evans, 1937 Forest Malagasy Yellow Sylph

Hovala arota Evans, 1937. *A catalogue of the African HesperIIDae indicating the classification and nomenclature adopted in the British Museum*: 65 (212 pp.).

Type locality: Madagascar.

Distribution: Madagascar.

Habitat: Forest (Lees *et al.*, 2003).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

**Hovala dispar* (Mabille, 1877) Common Malagasy Yellow Sylph

Cyclopides dispar Mabille, 1877. *Bulletin de la Société Entomologique de France* (5) 7: 73 (71-73).



Hovala dispar. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Anzerojobe, Madagascar. April 2005. SCC. ABRI-2019-2286.
Images M.C.Williams ex ABRI Collection.



Hovala dispar. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Ranamofana, Madagascar. April 2018. ABRI Group. ABRI-2019-2287.
Images M.C.Williams ex ABRI Collection.

Type locality: Madagascar.

Distribution: Madagascar (central and east).

Specific localities:

Madagascar – Alahakato (Oberthür, 1916); Tamatave (Oberthür, 1916); Fianarantsoa (Oberthür, 1916); Antsianaka (Oberthür, 1916).

Habitat: Forest (Lees *et al.*, 2003).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

disparilis Oberthür, 1916 (as sp. of *Heteropterus*). *Études de Lépidoptérologie Comparée* **11**: 235 (177-244). Madagascar: “forêts d’Alahakato, des environs de Tamatave, de Fianarantsoa, d’Antsianaka”.

****Hovala pardalina* (Butler, 1879)**
Streaked Malagasy Yellow Sylph

Cycloides pardalina Butler, 1879. *Annals and Magazine of Natural History* (5) **4**: 233 (227-246).



Hovala pardalina. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Ranamofana, Madagascar. 23 March 2016.
Images M.C.Williams ex Dobson Collection.



Hovala pardalina. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Anjozorobe, Madagascar. April 2003. SCC. ABRI-2019-2288.
Images M.C.Williams ex ABRI Collection.

Type locality: Madagascar: “Antananarivo”.

Distribution: Madagascar (central, north, north-east).

Specific localities:

Madagascar – Antananarivo (Butler, 1879); Fianarantsoa (Oberthür, 1916).

Habitat: Forest (Lees *et al.*, 2003).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

labordei Oberthür, 1916 (as sp. of *Heteropterus*). *Études de Lépidoptérologie Comparée* **11**: 236 (177-244). Madagascar: “Fianarantsoa”.

****Hovala saclavus* (Mabille, 1891)**
Pale Malagasy Yellow Sylph

Cyclopides saclavus Mabille, 1891. *Bulletin de la Société Entomologique de Belgique* **35**: 107 (59-88, 106-121, 168-187).



Hovala saclavus. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Andasibe, Madagascar. 27 March 2016. J. Dobson.
Images M.C.Williams ex Dobson Collection.



Hovala saclavus. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Anjozorobe, Madagascar. April 2003. SCC. ABRI-2019-2288.
Images M.C.Williams ex ABRI Collection.

Type locality: Madagascar.

Distribution: Madagascar (east).

Specific localities:

Madagascar – Antsianaka (Oberthür, 1916).

Habitat: Forest (Lees *et al.*, 2003).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

gallienii Oberthür, 1916 (as sp. of *Heteropterus*). *Études de Lépidoptérologie Comparée* **11**: 235 (177-244). Madagascar: “Antsianaka et près du lac Alaotra”.