

Genus *Procampta* Holland, 1892 Dark Elves

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Type-species: *Procampta rara* Holland, by original designation.

The genus *Procampta* belongs to the Family HesperIIDae Latreille, 1809; Subfamily Tagiadinae Mabille, 1878; Tribe Tagiadini Mabille, 1878.

Note that Huang et al., 2024 place the tribe Tagiadini Mabille, 1878 within subfamily Pyrginae Burmeister, 1878. However, this change was not formalized.

Procampta (**Dark Elves**) is an Afrotropical genus containing two species.

**Procampta rara* Holland, 1892 Scalloped Dark Elf

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Procampta rara. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Sagamese, Kibi, Ghana. December 2000. SCC. ABRI-2019-2203.
Images M.C. Williams ex ABRI Collection.



Procampta rara. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Kyabobo, eastern Ghana. December 2008. R. Vorgas. ABRI-2019-2204.
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Type locality: Gabon: “Ogové Valley”.

Distribution: Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, Benin (south), Nigeria,

Cameroon, Gabon, Congo, Central African Republic, Uganda.

Specific localities:

Guinea – Ziama (Safian *et al.*, 2020).

Sierra Leone – Loma Mountains (Larsen, 2005a).

Ghana – Kyabobo (Larsen, 2005a); Kakum (Larsen, 2005a); Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary (Larsen *et al.*, 2007).

Benin – see Coache *et al.*, 2017.

Gabon – Ogove Valley (TL).

Habitat: Drier types of forest, including disturbed habitat (Larsen, 2005a).

Habits: Not particularly rare and specimens are regularly found mud-puddling (Larsen, 2005a). Males are very partial to bird-droppings and on one occasion a male was seen to drink the juices from an over-ripe orange (Larsen, 2005a).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

****Procampta admiratio* Larsen & Rawlins, 2014**
Pointed Dark Elf

Procampta admiratio Larsen & Rawlins, 2014. *Annals of the Carnegie Museum* **82** (4): ? (331-335).



Procampta admiratio. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Kilau, Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo. June 2003. ABRI Coll. ABRI-2019-2205.
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Type locality: Democratic Republic of Congo: “?”.

Distribution: Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda.

Specific localities:

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

Uganda – Mpanga Forest (Safian & Pyrcz, 2020).