

## Genus *Mashuna* van Son, 1955

### Marsh Ringlets

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= *Ypthimorpha* Overlaet, 1955. *Exploration du Parc National de l'Upemba* 27: 23 (1-106).

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The genus *Mashuna* belongs to the Family Nymphalidae Rafinesque, 1815; Subfamily Satyrinae Boisduval, 1833; Tribe Satyrini Boisduval, 1833; Subtribe Ypthimina, Reuter, 1896. The other genera in the Subtribe Ypthimina in the Afrotropical Region are *Ypthima*, *Ypthimomorpha*, *Mashunoides*, *Strabena*, *Neocoenyra*, *Coenyropsis*, *Coenyra*, *Neita*, *Melampias*, *Cassionympha*, *Pseudonympha*, *Paternympha* and *Stygionympha*.

*Mashuna* (Marsh Ringlets) is an Afrotropical genus containing two species.

## *Mashuna mashuna* (Trimen, 1895)

### Mashuna Ringlet

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**Type locality:** [Zimbabwe]: "Mashunaland; Fort Charter, Salisbury, and Hanyani River".

**Diagnosis:** Characterized by the very short antennae; the dull yellow ring of the forewing ocellus is not clearly edged against its background (Pringle *et al.*, 1994).

**Distribution:** Zimbabwe.

**Specific localities:**

Zimbabwe – Fort Charter, Salisbury (now Harare) (TL); Hunyani River (Trimen, 1895); Rusape (Pringle *et al.*, 1994); Victoria Falls (Pringle *et al.*, 1994); Nyanga (Pringle *et al.*, 1994); Marondera (Pringle *et al.*, 1994); Masvingo (Pringle *et al.*, 1994); Matobo Hills (Pinhey).

**Habitat:** Marshy areas in savanna and grassland (Pringle *et al.*, 1994).

**Habits:** Specimens fly low down, settle often, and seldom wander far from their marshy habitat (Pringle *et al.*, 1994).

**Early stages:** Nothing published.

**Larval food:**

*Cynodon* species (Poaceae) [Pinhey, *vide* Dickson & Kroon, 1978: 49; in captivity].

## *Mashuna upemba* (Overlaet, 1955)

*Ypthimorpha upemba* Overlaet, 1955. *Exploration du Parc National de l'Upemba* 27: 23 (1-106).

*Mashuna upemba* (Overlaet, 1955). Van Son 1955: 159.

**Type locality:** [Democratic Republic of Congo]: “Mukana”.

**Distribution:** Angola (north-east), Democratic Republic of Congo (Shaba), Tanzania (south-west).

**Specific localities:**

Democratic Republic of Congo – Mukana (TL).

Tanzania – In the vicinity of the Bisi Forest in Ufipa (Kielland, 1990d).

**Habitat:** Marshy areas and open, grassy glades at high altitudes (Kielland, 1990d). In Tanzania it is found at altitudes from 2 000 to 2 200 m (Kielland, 1990d).

**Habits:** Occurs in very localized colonies (Kielland, 1990d).

**Early stages:** Nothing published.

**Larval food:** Nothing published.