

Genus *Euryphurana* Hecq, 1992

Noble Commander

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Type-species: *Euryphura nobilis* Staudinger, by original designation.

The genus *Euryphurana* belongs to the Family Nymphalidae Rafinesque, 1815; Subfamily Limenitidinae Behr, 1864; Tribe Adoliadini Doubleday, 1845; Subtribe Bebeariina Hemming, 1960. The other genera in the Subtribe Bebeariina in the Afrotropical Region are *Aterica*, *Pseudargynnis*, *Cynandra*, *Harmilla*, *Euryphura*, *Euryphaedra*, *Euphaedra*, *Euriphene*, *Bebearia* and *Euptera*.

Euryphurana (**Noble Commander**) is an Afrotropical genus containing a single species. Hancock (2002: 32) includes this taxon in the genus *Euryphura* but Larsen (2005a) treats it as a valid genus.

**Euryphurana nobilis* (Staudinger, 1891)

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Euriphene (*Euryphura*) *nobilis* (Staudinger, 1891). Ackery, *et al.*, 1995: 398.

Euryphura nobilis Staudinger, 1891. Hancock, 2002: 32.

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Type locality: Sierra Leone.

Distribution: Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Cameroon, Gabon, Congo, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia.

Habitat: Wetter forest (Larsen, 2005a).

Habits: A scarce butterfly that flies high up (Larsen, 2005a). Adults have been observed attending arboreal *Crematogaster* ant nests (Heath *et al.*, 2002).

Early stages: Nothing published.

Larval food: Nothing published.

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Distribution: Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast (east), Nigeria, Cameroon, Gabon, Congo, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Specific localities:

Liberia – Wologizi (Safian *et al.*, 2020).

Ivory Coast – Tai Forest (A. Plowes, *vide* Larsen, 2005a); Bereby (H. Warren-Gash, *vide* Larsen, 2005a).

Gabon – Tchimbele (Vande weghe, 2010); Kitomba (Vande weghe, 2010).

Central African Republic – Dzanga (Noss, 1998).

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

Euryphurana nobilis viridis (Hancock, 1990)

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Euryphura nobilis viridis Hancock, 1990. *Arnoldia. Zimbabwe* 9: 464 (463-467).

Euryphurana nobilis viridis (Hancock, 1990). Hecq, 1992.

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Euryphurana nobilis viridis. Male. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Wingspan: 69mm. Zambesi nr Hillwood, NW Zambia. 29.IV.2000. P. Walwanda.
(African Butterfly Research Institute, Nairobi).



Euryphurana nobilis viridis. Female. Left – upperside; right – underside.
Wingspan: 77mm. Hillwood, NW Zambia. 9.V.2000. MB Roberts.
(African Butterfly Research Institute, Nairobi).

Type locality: Democratic Republic of Congo: “Sandoa”.

Specific localities:

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Democratic Republic of Congo – Sandoa (TL).

Zambia – Hillwood Farm, Ikelenge (male and female illustrated above).