



## A checklist of Erebininae (Lepidoptera, Erebidae) from India

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**ABSTRACT:** Species under the subfamily Erebininae in India has been compiled and updated. A total of 250 species under 65 genera is enumerated. Current systematic status of the species based on the molecular phylogenetic studies by Zahiri *et al.* (2011) is given along with their type species and generic synonyms. © 2022 Association for Advancement of Entomology

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Family Erebidae, one of the diverse families of moths of superfamily Noctuoidea comprises about 25000 described species all over the world (Van Nieukerken *et al.*, 2011). Erebininae, a major subfamily of the family Erebidae of the superfamily Noctuoidea, consists of more than 10,000 described species (Singh and Ranjan, 2016; Zahiri *et al.*, 2011). Erebininae has a very complex taxonomic history. Fibiger and Lafontain (2005) divided Noctuoidea into nine families including Erebidae, and redefined Noctuoidea including five families namely Oenosandridae, Doidae, Notodontidae, Micronoctuidae and Noctuidae under it. All quadrifid groups including Erebininae were shifted to the family Noctuidae. The current taxonomic status of Erebininae is based on the molecular phylogenetic studies by Zahiri *et al.* (2011).

Data regarding species of the subfamily Erebininae from India is remain scattered in literature. Many genera of the Erebininae subfamily are placed under outdated classification (Homziak *et al.*, 2016). In 1894 Hampson recorded many Erebininae species in his book 'Fauna of British India: Moths' (volume 2 and 3) under the subfamilies Quadrifinae and

Focillinae of Noctuidae. In a study on the moth fauna of Orissa, Mandal and Maulik (1991) reported several species of Erebininae belonging to the genera *Lagoptera* Guenée, *Speiredonia* Hubner, *Anua* Walker, *Parallelia* Hubner and *Chalciope* Hubner. However, many of these genera are not valid now. Genus *Lagoptera* is considered as a synonym of *Thyas* Hübner (Poole, 1989). Similarly, species of the genus *Anua* were shifted to the genus *Ophiusa* Ochseneheimer (Poole, 1989). Smetacek (2008) recorded 887 species at different elevations of Nainital district (Utharkhand, India) mainly from Kummon (Himalaya). *Bastilla maturescens* Walker, *B. praetermissa* William Warren and *B. analis* (Guenee) reported by Smetacek (2008) are now considered as synonyms of species of *Dysgonia* Hubner (Poole, 1989). Gadhikar *et al.* (2015), Paul *et al.* (2017), Gurule (2013) and Sondhi and Sondhi (2016) also reported *Bastilla* Swinhoe moths from India. Some of the moth species of *Bastilla* are now shifted to the genus *Dysgonia* while some are retained in the *Bastilla* genus itself. Genus *Caranilla* Moore and *Pindara* Fabricius are also synonymized to *Dysgonia* by Poole 1989. *Caranilla* and *Pindara* species reported by Rose

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(2002) and Sivasankaran *et al.* (2017) is now treated under the genus *Dysgoina*.

In this context, a list of moths of subfamily Erebinae reported so far from India is compiled and enumerated. The current systematic status of the species based on the molecular phylogenetic studies by Zahiri *et al.* (2011) is given along with their type species and generic synonyms.

### Checklist of Erebinae (Lepidoptera, Erebidae) from India

Genus ***Ischyja*** Hübner

Type species *Ischyja manlia* Cramer

1. *I. inferna* Swinhoe
2. *I. manlia* Cramer
3. *I. ferrifracta* Walker
4. *I. marapok* Holloway
5. *I. schlegelii* Snellen
6. *I. hagenii* Snellen
7. *I. hemiphaea* Cramer

Genus ***Ophisma*** Guenée

Type species *Ophisma gravata* Guenée

8. *O. pallescens* Walker
9. *O. gravata* Guenée

Genus ***Serrodus*** Guenée

Type species *Serrodus inara* Cramer

10. *S. campana* Guenée
11. *S. mediopallens* Prout
12. *S. inara* Cramer
13. *S. caesia* Warren

Genus ***Grammodes*** Guenée

Type species *Grammodes geometrica* Fabricius

Synonym: *Prodotis* John

14. *G. stolidus* Fabricius
15. *G. geometrica* Fabricius

Genus ***Mocis*** Hübner

Type species *Phalaena virbia* Cramer

Synonyms: *Remigia* Guenée, *Pelomi* Warren, *Baratha* Walker

16. *M. frugalis* Fabricius

## Systematic List

### Order Lepidoptera

#### Superfamily Noctuoidea

#### Family Erebidae

#### Subfamily Erebinae

17. *M. undata* Fabricius

18. *M. discios* Kollar

19. *M. laxa* Walker

Genus ***Ophiusa*** Ochseneheimer

Type species *Phalaena tirhaca* Cramer

Synonyms: *Anua* Walker, *Hemachra* Sodoffsky, *Meropis* Hübner, *Peranua* Berio, *Perophiusa* Berio, *Trichanua* Berio.

20. *O. olista* Swinhoe

21. *O. triphaenoides* Walker

22. *O. trapezium* Guenée

23. *O. discriminans* Walker

24. *O. disjungens* Walker

25. *O. indistincta* Moore

26. *O. tirhaca* Cramer

27. *O. mcjanesi* Guenée

28. *O. cramerii* Moore

29. *O. pseudotirhaca* Singh & Ranjan

Genus ***Erebus*** Latreille

Type species *Phalaena crepuscularis* Linnaeus

Synonyms: *Argiva* Hübner, *Bocana* Walker, *Byas* Billberg, *Cariona* Swinhoe, *Eupatula* Ragonot, *Patula* Guenée

30. *E. macrops* Linnaeus

31. *E. ephesperis* Hübner

32. *E. caprimulgus* Fabricius

33. *E. hieroglyphica* Drury

34. *E. crepuscularis* Linnaeus

35. *E. albicinctus* Kollar

36. *E. strigipennis* Moore

37. *E. gemmans* Guenée

38. *E. glaucopis* Walker

39. *E. jaintiana* Swinhoe

Genus **Lygniodes** Guenée

Type species *Agonista hypoleuca* Guen

Synonyms: *Agonista* Rogenhofer

40. *L. schoenbergi* Pagenstcher

41. *L. hypoleuca* Guenée

42. *L. ciliata* Moore

43. *L. vampyrus* Fabricius

Genus **Ulotrichopus** Wallengren

Type species *Ulotrichopus tortuosus* Wallengren

Synonyms: *Alura* Möschler

44. *U. macula* Hampson

Genus **Avatha** Walker

Type species *Avatha includens* Walker

Synonyms: *Pseudathyrma* Butler, *Pterochaeta* Holland

45. *A. noctuoides* Guenée

46. *A. bubo* Geyer

47. *A. chinensis* Warren

48. *A. discolor* Fabricius

49. *A. bipartite* Wileman

Genus **Trigonodes** Guenée

Type species *Phalaena hyppasia* Cramer

50. *T. hyppasia* Cramer

51. *T. disjuncta* Moore

Genus **Ercheia** Walker

Type species *Ercheia diversipennis* Walker

52. *E. cyllaria* Cramer

53. *E. diversipennis* Walker

54. *E. niveostrigata* Warren

55. *E. umbrosa* Butler

Genus **Pandesma** Guenée

Type species *Pandesma quenavadi* Guenée

Synonyms: *Cerbia* Walker, *Michera* Walker, *Subpandesma* Berio, *Thria* Walker, *Vapara* Moore

56. *P. quenavadi* Guenée

57. *P. robusta* Walker

58. *P. anysa* Guenée

Genus **Lacera** Guenée

Type species *Phalaena alope* Cramer

59. *L. noctilio* Fabricius

60. *L. alope* Cramer

61. *L. procellosa* Butler

Genus **Ericeia** Walker

Type species *Ericeia sobria* Walker

Synonyms: *Girpa* Walker, *Villosa* Koch, *Erceia* Turner

62. *E. inangulata* Guenée

63. *E. eriophora* Guenée

64. *E. korintjiensis* Prout

65. *E. pertendens* Walker

Genus **Artena** Walker

Type species *Artena submira* Walker

66. *A. inversa* Walker

67. *A. dotata* Fabricius

68. *A. submira* Walker

Genus **Thyas** Hübner

Type species *Thyas honesta* Hübner

Synonyms: *Lagoptera* Guenée, *Dermaleipa* Saalmüller

69. *T. coronata* Fabricius

70. *T. junio* Dalman

71. *T. honesta* Hübner

Genus **Achaea** Hübner

Type species *Phalaena melicerta* Drury

Synonyms: *Geria* Walker, *Heliophisma* Hampson

72. *A. janata* Linnaeus

73. *A. serva* Fabricius

74. *A. mezentia* Stoll

75. *A. mercatoria* Fabricius

Genus **Spirama** Guenée

Type species *Phalaena retorta* Clerck

Synonyms: *Spiramia* Walker

76. *S. retorta* Clerck

77. *S. helicina* Hübner

78. *S. unistrigata* Guenee

79. *S. triloba* Guenée

80. *S. indenta* Hampson

81. *S. vespertilio* Fabricius

Genus ***Hypopyra*** Guenée

Type species *Noctua vespertilio* Fabricius

Synonyms: *Emmonodia* Walker, *Maxula* Walker, *Pyramarista* Kirby

82. *H. vespertilio* Fabricius

83. *H. ossigera* Guenée

84. *H. unistrigata* Guenée

Genus ***Pericyma*** Herrich-Schäffer

Type species *Acidalia albidentaria* Freyer,

Synonyms: *Alamis* Guenée, *Homoptera* Walker, *Dugaria* Walker, *Moepa* Walker, *Ozopteryx* Saalmüller

85. *P. albidens* Walker

86. *P. glaucinans* Guenée

87. *P. cruegeri* Butler

88. *P. umbrina* Guenée

Genus ***Anisoneura*** Guenée

Type species *Anisoneura salebrosa* Guenée

89. *A. aluco* Fabricius

90. *A. hypocyanea* Guenée

91. *A. salebrosa* Guenée

Genus ***Dysgonia*** Huebner

Type species *Phalaena algira* Linnaeus

Synonyms: *Caranilla* Moore, *Pindara* Moore

92. *D. rogenhoferi* Bohatsch,

93. *D. crameri* Moore

94. *D. rigidistria* Guenée

95. *D. torrida* Guenee

96. *D. stuposa* Fabricius

97. *D. latifascia* Warren

98. *D. properata* Walker

99. *D. algira* Linnaeus

100. *D. illibata* Fabricius

101. *D. conficiens* Walker

Genus ***Bastilla*** Swinhoe

Type species *Ophiura reduunca* Swinhoe

Synonyms: *Naxia* Guenée, *Xiana* Nye

102. *B. conficiens* Walker

103. *B. maturata* Walker

104. *B. arctotaenia* Guenée

105. *B. fulvotaenia* Guenée

106. *B. acuta* Moore

107. *B. maturescens* Walker

108. *B. joviana* Stoll

109. *B. amygdalis* Moore

110. *B. absentimacula* Guenée

111. *B. praetermissa* Warren

112. *B. analis* Guenée

113. *B. angularis* Boisduval

114. *B. arcuata* Moore

115. *B. simillima* Guenée

Genus ***Avitta*** Walker

Type species *Avitta subsignans* Walker

Synonyms: *Asta* Walker, *Oroba* Walker

116. *A. rufifrons* Moore

117. *A. fasciosa* Moore

118. *A. quadrilinea* Walker

119. *A. subsignans* Walker

Genus ***Ommatophora*** Guenee

Type species *Phalaena luminosa* Cramer

120. *Ommatophora luminosa* Cramer

Genus ***Ascalapha*** Hübner

Type species *Phalaena odorata* Linnaeus

Synonyms: *Idechthis* Hübner, *Otosema* Hübner

121. *Ascalapha odorata* (Linnaeus)

Genus ***Polydesma*** Boisduval

Type species *Polydesma umbricola* Boisduval

Synonyms: *Anodapha* Moore, *Anthemoessa* Agassiz, *Anthemoisia* Blanchard, *Trichopolydesma* Berio

122. *P. boarmoides* Guenée

123. *P. albicola* Walker

124. *P. turbata* Walker

125. *P. sublimis* Felder

126. *P. umbricola* Boisduval

127. *P. otiosa* Guenée

128. *P. praecedens* Walker

Genus **Hulodes** GuenéeType species *Phalaena caranea* CramerSynonyms: *Hylodes* Hampson129. *H. caranea* Cramer130. *H. monostriata* Guenée131. *H. drylla* GuenéeGenus **Fodina** GuenéeType species *Fodina oriolus* GuenéeSynonyms: *Anocala* Scott132. *F. cuneigera*133. *F. stola* Guenée134. *F. pallula* Guenée135. *F. oriolus* GuenéeGenus **Catocala** SchrankType species *Phalaena nupta* LinnaeusSynonyms: *Andreusia* Hampson, *Blepharidia* Hübner, *Divercala* Beck, *Hemigeometra* Haworth, *Koraia* Herz, *Promonia* Beck136. *C. armandi* Poujade137. *C. tapestrina* Moor138. *C. dotatoides* Poole139. *C. prolifica* Walker140. *C. macula* Hampson141. *C. patala* Felder & Rogenhofer142. *C. nymphaea* Esper143. *C. flavescens* Hampson144. *C. distorta* Butler145. *C. nupta* Linnaeus146. *C. concubia* Walker147. *C. nivea* Butler148. *C. afghana* Swinhoe149. *C. ammonfreidbergi* KravchenkoGenus **Macaldenia** MooreType species *Hulodes palumba* GuenéeSynonyms: *Parallelura* Berio150. *Macaldenia palumba* GuenéeGenus **Entomogramma** GuenéeType species *Entomogramma faulx* GuenéeSynonyms: *Taramina* Moore151. *E. torsa* Guenée152. *E. faulx* Guenée153. *E. mediocris* WalkerGenus **Attatha** MooreType species *Hypercompa regalis* MooreSynonyms: *Arattatha* Janse155. *A. ino* Drury156. *A. regalis* MooreGenus **Lyncestis** WalkerType species *Phalaena amphix* CramerSynonyms: *Jarasana* Moore157. *Lyncestis amphix* CramerGenus **Homaea** GuenéeType species *Homaea clathrum* Guenée158. *Homaea clathrum* GuenéeGenus **Sypnoides** HampsonType species *Sypna mandarina* LeechSynonyms: *Hyposypnoides* Berio, *Equatosypna* Berio, *Pysnoides* Berio, *Supersypnoides* Berio159. *S. rubrifascia* Moore160. *S. cyanivitta* Moore161. *S. mandarina* Leech162. *S. curvilinea* Moore163. *S. kirbyi* Butler164. *S. prunosa* Moore165. *S. rectilinea* MooreGenus **Hypersypnoides** BerioType species *Hypersypnoides congoensis* BerioSynonyms: *Othresypna* Berio166. *H. punctosa* Walker167. *H. submarginata* Walker168. *H. caliginosa* Walker169. *H. catocaloides* Moore170. *H. constellata* Moore171. *H. marginalis* Hampson172. *H. pulchra* ButlerGenus **Daddala** Walker

Type species *Daddala quadrisignata* Walker

Synonyms: *Elpia* Walker

173. *D. lucilla* Butler

174. *D. quadrisignata* Walker

175. *D. brevicauda* Wileman & South

Genus *Erygia* Guenée

Type species *Erygia apicalis* Guenée

Synonyms: *Calicula* Walker, *Erygansa* Bethune Baker, *Felinia* Guenée, *Ansa* Walker

176. *E. apicalis* Guenée

177. *E. spissa* Guenée

178. *E. reflectifascia* Hampson

Genus *Acantholipes* Lederer

Type species *Noctua regularis* Hübner

Synonyms: *Acantholipis* Hampson, *Docela* Walker, *Isatoolna* Nye, *Lasionota* Warren, *Nolaseniola* Strand

179. *A. pansalis* Walker

180. *A. trajecta* Walker

181. *A. lagusalis* Walker

182. *A. circumdata* Walker

183. *A. hypenoides* Moore

184. *A. similis* Moore

185. *A. miser* Butler

186. *A. fasciosus* Moore

187. *A. gemma* Swinhoe

Genus *Aedia* Hübner

Type species *Noctua funesta* Esper

Synonyms: *Acanthodelta* Wiltshire, *Melanephia* Hampson, *Renatia* Berio, *Syagrana* Wiltshire

188. *A. acronyctiodes* Guenée

189. *A. leucomelas* Linnaeus

190. *A. squamosa* Wallengren

191. *A. perdicipennis* Moore

Genus *Bamra* Moore

Type species *Agriopis discalis* Moore

Synonyms: *Ostacronycta* Bethune-Baker

192. *B. albicola* Walker

193. *B. mundata* Walker

194. *B. lepida* Moore

Genus *Chalciope* Hübner

Type species *Chalciope mygdon* Cramer

Synonyms: *Euclidisema* Hampson

195. *Chalciope mygdon* Cramer

Genus *Catephia* Ochsenheimer

Type species *Noctua alchymista* Denis & Schiffermüller

Synonyms: *Nagia* Walker, *Anoplia* Stephens, *Mageutica* Hampson

196. *C. linteola* Guenée

197. *C. dentifera* Moore

198. *C. inquieta* Walker

199. *C. dulcistriga* Walker

200. *C. squamosa* Wallengren

201. *C. flavescens* Butler

Genus *Buzara* Walker

Type species *Buzara chrysomela* Walker

202. *B. umbrosa* Walker

203. *B. onelia* Guenée

Genus *Agassiz* Guenée

Type species *Phalaena chlorea* Cramer

Synonyms: *Sphingimorpha* Hacker

204. *S. chlorea* Cramer

Genus *Anomis* Hübner

Type species *Anomis erosa* Hübner

Synonyms: *Amarna* Walker, *Anomus* Agassiz, *Capitaria* Walker, *Cosmophila* Boisduval, *Gonotis* Moore, *Gonitis* Guenée

205. *A. figlina* Butler

206. *A. revocans* Walker

207. *A. lineosa* Walker

208. *A. discisigna* Hampson

209. *A. flava* Fabricius

210. *A. planalis* Swinhoe

211. *A. fulvida* Guenée

212. *A. banzigeri* Srivastava and Rose

213. *A. lyona* Swinhoe

214. *A. albitibia* Walker

215. *A. combinans* Walker



216. *A. mesogona* Walker

217. *A. involuta* Walker

218. *A. flava* Fabricius

219. *A. erosa* Hübner

220. *A. nigratarsis* Walker

221. *A. sabulifera* Guenée

222. *A. trilineata* Moore

Genus ***Rusicada*** Walker

Type species *Rusicada nigratarsis* Walker

223. *R. pindraberensis* Singh & Ranjan

Genus ***Arsacia*** Walker

Type species *Arsacia saturatalis* Walker

Synonyms: *Amblyzancla* Turner, *Notocyma* Snellen

224. *Arsacia rectalis* Walker

Genus ***Gnamptonyx*** Hampson

Type species *Alamis innexa* Walker

225. *Gnamptonyx innexa* Walker

Genus ***Sympis*** Guenée

Type species *Sympis rufibasis* Guenée

226. *Sympis rufibasis* Guenée

Genus ***Platyja*** Hubner

Type species *Phalaena umminia* Cramer

Synonyms: *Cotuzia* Walker, *Ginaea* Walker, *Cremnodes* Felder, *Yerongponga* Lucas, *Mocrendes* Nye

227. *P. acerces* Prout

228. *P. ummina* Cramer

229. *P. exviola* Hampson

230. *P. torsilinea* Guenée

231. *P. ciacula* Swinhoe

Genus ***Amphigonia*** Guenée

Type species *Amphigonia hepatizans* Guenée

Synonyms: *Acygoniodes* Hampson

232. *Amphigonia hepatizans* Guenée

Genus ***Oxyodes*** Guenée

Type species *Noctua scrobiculata* Fabricius

233. *Oxyodes scrobiculata* Fabricius

Genus ***Hyperlopha*** Hampson

Type species *Ephyrodes cristifera* Walker

234. *H. cristifera* Walker

235. *H. crucifera* Walker

Genus ***Clytie*** Huebner

Type species *Noctua illunaris* Hübner

Synonyms: *Pseudophia* Guenée

236. *Clytie infrequens* Swinhoe

Genus ***Chrysopera*** Hampson

Type species *Achaea combinans* Walker

237. *Chrysopera combinans* Walker

Genus ***Pantylia*** Guenée

Type species *Pantylia sparsa* Guenée

Synonyms: *Rhiscipha* Walker, *Tantylia* Tillyard,

238. *Pantylia metaspila* Walker

Genus ***Rhabdophera*** Staudinger

Type species *Rhabdophera messrae* Staudinger

Synonyms: *Beriohansa* Nye

239. *Rhabdophera vetusta* Walker

Genus ***Drasteria*** Hubner

Type species *Drasteria graphica* Hübner

240. *Drasteria nephelostola* Hampson

Genus ***Anatatha*** Hampson

Type species *Catada nigrisigna* Hampson

241. *Anatatha nigrisigna* Hampson

Genus ***Sypna*** Boisduval & Guenée

Type species *Sypna omicronigera* Guenée

242. *S. dubitaria* Walker

243. *S. martina* Felder & Rogenhofer

244. *S. omicronigera* Guenée

Genus ***Ugia*** Walker

Type species *Ugia disjungens* Walker

245. *Ugia transversa* Moore

Genus ***Speiredonia*** Hübner

Type species *Phalaena feducia* Stoll

Synonyms: *Sericia* Guenée, *Spiredonia* Agassiz

246. *S. itynx* Fabricius

247. *S. mutabilis* Fabricius

248. *S. obscura* Cramer

249. *S. retorta* Clerck

250. *S. alix* Guené

The checklist of 250 species under 65 genera of Indian Erebinæ will provide a first level list and act as a baseline for more detailed and comprehensive studies of the Erebinæ.

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