

Neptis Philyra

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A rare butterfly species, **Neptis philyra**, was recently discovered in **Tale Valley Wildlife Sanctuary**.



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About Neptis Philyra:

- **Neptis philyra**, also known as the **long-streak sailor**, is a rare butterfly species.
- The butterfly's wings are serrated with colours rich brownish-black on the upper side and yellow-brown on the underside.
- It features distinctive white cell streak markings forming a “hockey stick” pattern on the forewing.
- The **Neptis philyra** is a part of the **Nymphalidae** family.
- It is native to various regions of East Asia, including **eastern Siberia, Korea, Japan, central and southwest China**.
- Preferred habitats include **evergreen forests, riverine vegetation, and rocky streams**.

About Tale Wildlife Sanctuary:

- Also known as **Talley Valley Wildlife Sanctuary**, this protected area was established in **1995**.
- It is located in **Arunachal Pradesh, India**, encompassing part of the **Ziro Valley**.
- The sanctuary lies within the **Boreal Zone** and features **subtropical and temperate broadleaved and conifer forests**.
- It is a major drainage area for the **Subansiri River**, a tributary of the [Brahmaputra River](#).
- Fauna includes diverse species such as the [clouded leopard](#), Malayan giant squirrel, Indian muntjac, barking deer, and [Asian palm civet](#).
- Avifauna in the sanctuary includes the black eagle, collared owlet, golden-breasted fulvetta, scarlet minivet, verditer flycatcher, and Mrs. Gould's sunbird.