

## BUTTERFLIES OF DEVALSARI

### Devalsari - The abode of deodars

Devalsari is tucked away in the Aglar Valley, in Tehri Garhwal District, in the hill state of Uttarakhand in India. More than a hundred and twenty species of butterflies have been recorded at Devalsari. The total checklist of butterflies may well be double this number. This brochure covers 90 of the commonly seen butterfly species.

#### Best season to visit for butterflies

- **Pre-monsoon:** mid-March to June
- **Post-monsoon:** August to October

#### Best times to find butterflies

- Between 800 am and 300 pm.
- Some species fly only during early mornings and late evenings.
- At moist spots and stream edges around mid-day.

#### Best locations to find butterflies

- Stream edges and moist spots.
- Forest edges and forest trails.
- Agricultural field edges.

#### BUTTERFLY HOTSPOTS AND TRAILS (to and fro)

- Devalsari to Lungsu Nala (8 km, 4 hrs).
- Devalsari to Chiana Khad (8 km, 3 hrs).
- Bangsil to Nag Tibba (24 km, 2 days)

#### How to get there:

 Nearest railhead and ariport: Dehradun.

The nearest village to Devalsari Reserved Forest is Bangsil which is 80 km from Dehradun (3 hrs drive), 55 km from Mussoorie (2 hrs) and 13 km from Thatyud (30 min). From Mussoorie, drive 15 km to Suwakholi, from where you take a left turn to Magra and Rautu ki beli, and then onwards to Thatyud. Shared taxis ply from Dehradun and Mussoorie to Thatyud. Shared taxis also ply from Thatyud to Bangsil.

#### Where to stay:

Deodar Ecotourism and Research Centre and tented accommodation at Devalsari.

#### NOTE

- Images not to scale.
- Sizes mentioned are butterfly wingspans in mm.
- The Schedule of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, under which a species/subspecies has been accorded legal protection, is mentioned in a red box.

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