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The Tawny Coster is one of the most unhurried butterfly species you will ever encounter in the wild—it is a common sight in open spaces, sailing lazily through the summer air, fluttering its uniquely shaped tawny wings in dance-like moves while it takes a leisurely sip from one of its beloved flowers. Its self-assuredness comes from the efficiency of its defence mechanism—if attacked, it plays dead and exudes a noxious substance from its legs in an act of chemical warfare; it even has a tough exoskeleton that can help it survive a few pecks or bites from predators! Shot at Coimbatore by B. Ravichandran, ZOO; posted on 09 Aug 2019.



The Common House Mouse *Mus domesticus* is indeed very common in Coorg, especially in coffee estates close to human habitations. This extremely cute and agile rodent has very soft fur over its entire body and white gloves and sox and a pinkish tail. Though initially aggressive and skittish, the small mammal calms down when handled gently and nuzzles in the palm nibbling softly. Shot at Coorg by S. Molur, ZOO; posted on 05 Aug 2019.



The Plain Tiger caterpillar is anything but plain—not only does it stand out with its bright and brilliant stripes but also spend laborious days equipping itself with plant poison to defend itself against its hapless predators. Talk about a fierce and fearless spirit! Shot at Coimbatore by B. Ravichandran, ZOO; posted on 30 Jul 2019.



Jungle Babblers are commonly seen foraging in groups, constantly babbling among themselves in harsh, nasal tones. Described in 1823, these well-adapted birds can be easily identified by their brownish-grey plumage, yellow bill, pale eyes, and short rounded wings. Shot at Coimbatore by B. Ravichandran, ZOO; posted on 26 Jul 2019.

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