

Family Tetrigidae*Hedotettix attenuatus* Hancock*Hedotettix gracilis* (De Hann)*Ergatettix dorsiferus* (Walker)**Family Gryllotalpidae***Gryllotalpa africana* Beauvois**Family Gryllidae***Teleogryllus testaceus* (Walker)*Teleogryllus occipitalis* (Serville)*Plebeogryllus guttiventris* (Walker)*Loxoblemmus detectus* (Serville)*Pteronemobius fascipes* (Walker)*Gryllus bimaculatus* De Geer*Modicogryllus confirmatus* (Walker)**Family Phalangopsidae***Homoeogryllus cincticornis* (Walker)**Family Trigonidiidae***Trigonidium cicindeloides* Rambur**Family Tettigoniidae***Mecapoda elongata* (Linn.)*Ducetia japonica* (Thunberg)*Holochlora indica* Kirby*Letana megastridula* Ingrisch**Acknowledgement**

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CASSIA FISTULA LINNAEUS: A NEW LARVAL FOOD PLANT OF THE COMMON SAILER BUTTERFLY, NEPTIS HYLAS (MOORE) (LEPIDOPTERA: NYMPHALIDAE)

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During May 2002, while collecting some Common Emigrant (*Catopsilia pomona* (Fabricius)) larvae from *Cassia fistula* near the Government College Campus, Madappally, Kozhikode District, Kerala, I saw two Nymphalid eggs on the leaf tips of that plant, one of which I collected and kept for hatching while the other I left on the leaf. Later a brown coloured larva emerged from these eggs, both in the field and in the laboratory. Upon maturity, it emerged as the Common Sailer *Neptis hylas* (Moore) (Lepidoptera: Nymphalidae).

Common Sailer larva reportedly feeds on *Cylista* sp., *Lathyrus* sp., *Mucuna purpurea*, *Xylia xylocarpa*, *Canavalia gladiata*, *Vigna cylindrica*, *Vigna unguiculata*, *Paracalyx scariosa* (Fabaceae), *Ceiba pentandra*, *Bombax ceiba* (Bombacaceae), *Triumfetta rhomboidea*, *Corchorus capsularis*, *Corchorus olitorius*, *Grewia tiliaefolia* (Tiliaceae), *Nothapodytes nimmoniana* (Icacinaeae), *Helicteres isora* (Sterculiaceae) and *Flemingia macrophylla* (Acanthaceae) (Wynter-Blyth, 1957; Kunte, 2000).

Cassia fistula (Caesalpiniaceae) was not recorded so far as a food plant of the Common Sailer larva. The occurrence and successful rearing of Common Sailer on *Cassia fistula* confirms it as a new larval food plant.

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