



BUTTERFLY BEAUTY

THE Jahangirnagar University campus, with its woodlands, rolling tiny hills, shrubs and herbs, is a natural habitat for countless butterflies. In the last 16 years, the university has documented 110 species of butterflies on the campus out of an estimated 500 in the country. Clearing bushes, cutting down trees, film shooting and picnics on campus have been some of the factors in the decline of the insects, which are very sensitive to climate changes. In India, for example, climate changes cause butterflies like tigers, crows, painted ladies and oakleaves to migrate. The zoology department of the university arranged three butterfly exhibitions in 2010, 2011 and this year on December 3 to create awareness about butterfly conservation.

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