



Neptis Philyra

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A rare butterfly species named ***Neptis philyra* (Nymphalidae family)**, also known as the **long-streak sailor**, has been discovered for the first time in India at the **Tale Valley Wildlife Sanctuary (TWS)**, Arunachal Pradesh by a team of butterfly enthusiasts.

- Previously known to be found across various regions of East Asia, including eastern Siberia, Korea, Japan, and central and southwest China.
 - It has serrated wings with rich brownish-black on the upper side and yellow-brown on the underside.
 - It has a white cell streak on the forewing that forms a “hockey stick” pattern.
- The TWS is named after the **Tale Valley**, where the **wild onion "Tale"** is abundant. located in the Lower Subansiri District. The sanctuary is home to a variety of wildlife including the **elusive clouded leopard, Indian elephant, and rare orchid species**.
- The area is popular for bird and butterfly watching, and there is potential for ecotourism, especially focusing on cultural and scientific planning.



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