



Tamil Yeoman

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Tamil Nadu has declared the Tamil Yeoman butterfly species (endemic to western ghats) as the **state butterfly**.

- Tamil Yeoman (**Cirrochroa thais**) is uniformly orange in colour with a dark brown

outer ring.



- Also known as **tamil maravan** which means warrior.
- Tamil Yeoman butterfly species moves in groups in **large numbers**, but at few places and are found mainly in hilly areas.
- Butterflies are significant for environment as they play the main role in **pollination** and **food chain**.

For many other species like birds and reptiles, butterflies become a prey.

- Tamil Nadu is the **fifth state** in the country to announce its state butterfly and **Maharashtra** was the first in the country to announce its state butterfly (**Blue Mormon**) followed by Uttarakhand (**Common Peacock**), Karnataka (**the Southern Birdwing**) and Kerala (**Malabar banded peacock** or **buddha butterfly**).