

“THE BUTTERFLY FAUNA OF SRI LANKA” by DR. MICHAEL VAN DER POORTEN

39th lecture in the Monthly Lecture series of the National Trust of Sri Lanka will be held at the HNB Auditorium, 22nd Floor, HNB Towers, 479 T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday the 26th APRIL 2012.

At this lecture Dr. Michael Van der Poorten presents the biology of a few selected species of Butterflies to illustrate the importance of specific habitats within natural and man-made landscapes for the conservation of butterflies.

Dr. Van der Poorten has over 40 years of studying the butterflies both in Canada and Sri Lanka. In 2008 he discovered a new yellow and white butterfly in the Wariyapola area. This butterfly has been identified as the *Catopsilia Scylla* belonging to the family Peridae, genus *Catopsillia*. He has authored several publications on the butterflies of Sri Lanka and a comprehensive book is in the pipeline.

Dr. Van der Poorten studied at Trinity College Kandy and has a Msc on Crop Physiology and Ph.D in Plant Physiology from the University of Peradeniya. He left for Canada in 1980, switched fields and completed a degree in Mathematics and Computer Science. He worked for 20 years in Canada in the field of Information Technology specializing in IBM Data Bases. However, he kept his lifelong interest in butterflies and visited Sri Lanka as often as he could to pursue his studies on butterflies.

The National Trust – Sri Lanka conducts monthly lectures on the last Thursday of each month. The lectures are open to the members and the public.

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Common Birdwing



Blue Mormon