Dear Mr. Jackson,

I have just been reading your letter about resemblances among edible nymphalines observable in African collections. I expect that you have considered that from the point of view of each predator there are grades of attractiveness or edibility such as we ourselves may find in various foods. Perhaps also, according to the fluctuations of supply, it may be that predators tend to be less than otherwise attracted by kinds of food available in great abundance. I have certainly felt this myself about potatoes in wartime. After all, cooks do seek after novelty in preparation, even if they cannot obtain it in substance.

You do not very clearly particularise the type of phenomena you have in view, but I wonder whether it may not be that, as you suggest in your letter, it is really an advantage for a rarer edible species to be readily mistaken for a more common, and perhaps equally edible, one.

Yours sincerely,