

Baltimore Checkerspot

Baltimore Checkerspots are very rare in Alabama. They have only been documented a few times; all sightings have been in the northern third of the state. There is one flight per year that occurs in April/May. Habitat is either wetland meadows where White Turtlehead grows or dry, upland woodlands that support Yellow False Foxglove. Typically found in small colonies. Flight is low and slow. Males may gather in puddle clubs. Both sexes nectar from short-tubed flowers.

- Sexes are similar. Females are slightly larger.
- Typically not confused with any butterfly species in Alabama.



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Dorsal View



Orange antennal clubs

Black wings

Rows of creamy white patches*

Single row of red-orange patches at both wing margins*

Black with white spots*

Baltimore Checkerspot *Euphydryas phaeton*

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* *Reliable diagnostic marker*

Wingspan: 1¾ - 2¾ inches (4.5 - 7 cm)

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Ventral View



Orange antennal clubs

Orange face

Red-orange patches medial wings

Black wings with rows of creamy white patches*

Single row submarginal creamy white crescents*

Single row of red- orange patches at both wing margins *

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