

# Berry's Skipper

Berry's Skipper is extremely rare in Alabama and throughout its range. It typically resides in coastal wetlands and margins in localized colonies. There are two flights, spring and late summer. Described as reclusive, it is typically sighted while nectaring. Little is known about this skipper.

- Medium-sized. Smaller than Dion and Palatka Skippers; larger than Delaware Skipper.
- Sexes are similar ventrally. On dorsal wings, males are orange with a very wide dark border and a black two-part stigma. Females are primarily dark brown with a few yellow markings including one on the forewing. Females are slightly larger.
- White on ventral veins may fade with wear.
- May be confused with Palmetto Skipper (ventral), Delaware Skipper (ventral), Byssus Skipper (ventral) and Dion Skipper (dorsal). Berry's Skipper has a yellow head: Palmettos have a dark head. Berry's have whitened ventral hindwing veining that Palmettos lack (although in some light, Palmetto veins appear lighter than the ground color). Dorsally, Berry's females have a forewing cell spot and tawny hindwing that Palmettos lack. Berry's are larger than Delaware Skippers; they have buffy wing fringe while Delaware's is orange. Berry's Skipper lacks the post median patch that is present on Byssus ventral hindwings. Dorsally, Berry's males have a gap between the end of the stigma and the dark wing border; in Dions, the line is continuous. In Berry's females, the dorsal spot nearest the body almost touches the one next to it; in Dion females, there is a distinct gap. The spot band appears to have an extra spot in Berry's.



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## Dorsal Male



Orange field with wide dark borders

Prominent black two-part stigma

Black ray coming in from distal border. May be smudgy or thin

Off-white to buffy fringe

Tawny orange area in center of hindwing

Berry's Skipper *Euphyes berryi*

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\*Reliable diagnostic marker

Wingspan: 1¼ - 1¾ inch (3.5 - 4.5 cm)

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## Dorsal Female



Dark brown ground color

Yellow transverse markings that touch or almost touch near body in forewing cell

Off-white to buffy fringe

Tawny orange area on hindwing

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## Ventral View



Golden-yellow head

Tawny orange

Pale veins

Off-white to buffy fringe

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# Ventral Similar Species

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Palmetto Skipper



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Delaware Skipper



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Byssus Skipper



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# Dorsal Similar Species-male

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# Dorsal Similar Species-female

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