

# Byssus Skipper

Byssus Skippers are widespread in Alabama, but are typically found in localized, scattered colonies. They have been recorded in May-June and again in August-September. Byssus Skippers inhabit wetland areas, although they may wander extensively to find nectar sources. Both sexes are avid nectarers.



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- A medium-large grass skipper
- Sexes are dimorphic. Females are larger. Dorsally, males show more orange and have a V-shaped black marking on the forewing. Females show less orange; they have a semicircle of orange markings on the forewing. Dorsally, males typically have a small black marking on the forewing. In its place, a portion of a dark basal patch often shows on the female's forewing.
- May be confused with Delaware Skippers. Ventrally, Byssus Skippers display pale spot bands that Delaware Skippers lack. They are larger and have white/buffy wing fringe while Delaware wing fringe is orange.





## Byssus Skipper

Dorsal Male

Black V-shaped bar

Bright yellow-orange

Wide dark margins

Black bar located at end cell

White/buffy wing fringe

Byssus Skipper *Problemata byssus*

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\* *Reliable diagnostic markers*

Wingspan: 1½ to 1¾ inches (3.6 - 4.6 cm)

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# Byssus Skipper

Dorsal Female

- Broad dark borders
- Semi-circle of wide orange spots
- Less orange scaling than male
- White/buffy wing fringe

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# Byssus Skipper

Ventral Male

- Pale spots on forewing
- Dark cell end bar
- Golden orange to yellow brown wings
- Postmedian band of paler spots
- White/buffy wing fringe
- Pale veins in hindwing

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## Byssus Skipper

Ventral Female

Golden orange to yellow brown wings

Portion of large dark forewing patch  
often visible

Pale spots on forewing

Postmedian band of paler spots

Pale veins in hindwing

White/buffy wing fringe

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Delaware Skipper



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