

Carolina Satyr

Carolina Satyrs occur throughout Alabama, flying spring, summer, and fall. They are common and can be expected in virtually any deciduous woodland. Flight is low and bouncy. They rarely nectar from flowers, but this behavior does occur on occasion.



- Carolina and Intricate Satyrs are Alabama's smallest satyrs. Little Wood Satyr averages almost 25% larger.
- Color is variable, ranging from brown to gray/brown to gray.
- Male and female Carolina Satyrs are very similar in appearance. Females are slightly larger and lack dark androconia (scent scales) on the dorsal forewings.
- Ventral forewing and hindwing have a single brown bar in addition to two brown lines. (Compare to Little Wood Satyr)
- Often basks with open wings, showing the dorsal surface. (Compare to Little Wood Satyr)
- Intricate Satyr is very similar. Differences in appearance are subtle and may not always be distinguishable in the field. Male Carolinas have dark androconial scales on dorsal forewings that Intricate Satyrs lack.
- May be confused with Intricate Satyr, Little Wood Satyr, and Gemmed Satyr



Carolina Satyr

Dorsal Male

Dark androconia (scent scales) cover the inner two-thirds of the forewing causing a two-toned appearance.

No eyespots



Carolina Satyr *Hermeuptychia sosybius*

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* Highly reliable markers (when applicable)

Wingspan 1 ¼-1 ½ inches



Carolina Satyr

Dorsal Female

Forewing and hindwing are plain.
No eyespots. *

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Ventral View

Forewing has several small yellow-rimmed eyespots*

Forewing and hindwing each have brown bar

Forewing and hindwing have two wavy brown lines

Hindwing has several yellow-rimmed eyespots

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Head View



Face and “eyebrow” line are gray/brown (not white)

Eye has gray/blue stripes or markings (not solid black)

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Male/Female Ventral Comparison

Female slightly larger than male

Male slightly smaller than female

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Similar Species

Carolina Satyr



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Intricate Satyr



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Little Wood Satyr



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