Eastern Pygmy-Blue

Eastern Pygmy-Blues are rare in Alabama and are only expected in the coastal region. They are multi-brooded, but currently no flight data exists for the state. These tiny butterflies inhabit salt marshes. Flight is weak, fluttery, and low to the ground. Males perch to search for females. Both sexes sometimes nectar from tiny flowers.



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- Tiny!!
- Sexes are similar. Females are larger.
- Basks with open wings.
- No tails.
- May be confused with Eastern Tailed-Blues. Eastern Pygmy-Blues have a row of four distinct spots on the ventral hindwing; dorsal wings are brown; no tails.

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Ventral View



Numerous white streaks and bands

Brown fringe

Four bold spots with silver highlights*

No tails

Eastern Pygmy-Blue ***Brephidium pseudofea***

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** Reliable diagnostic markers*

Wingspan: ¾ - 1 inch (2 - 2.2 cm)

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Dorsal View



Brown or reddish-brown

Four dark spots

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Similar Species

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