

Funereal Duskywing

Funereal Duskywings stray into Alabama from western states. Although most sightings have been in coastal counties, these vagrants can occur anywhere. There are multiple flights, but most sightings in Alabama have been later in the year. Both sexes nectar from a variety of flowers.

- A large duskywing
- Sexes are somewhat dimorphic. Males have a costal fold. They are somewhat darker and less mottled than females.
- The blackest duskywing
- Variable
- Contrast between hindwing fringe and ground color is striking.
- Diagnostic hindwing white fringe may be lost with wear.
- May be confused with Zarucco Duskywing. Funereal Duskywing hindwing fringe is very white; Zarucco's hindwing fringe is buffy. (Care should be taken to take lighting into consideration both in the field and in photos.) Funereal's dorsal hindwing is plainer than Zarucco's. Funereal Duskywing's ventral hindwing markings are short, straight lines rather than Zarucco's rounded spots. Whenever possible, look at both dorsal and ventral wings.





Funereal Duskywing

Dorsal Male

Pale area on very dark ground color

Plain dark hindwings

*White fringe

Funereal Duskywing *Erynnis funeralis*

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* *Reliable diagnostic marker*

Wingspan: 1¼ - 1¾ inches (3.3 - 4.5 cm).



Funereal Duskywing

Dorsal Female

Pale area on very dark ground color

Faint patterning on very dark hindwings

*White fringe

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Ventral View

*Thin pale marks on very dark background

*White fringe

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Funereal Duskywing dorsal



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Zarucco Duskywing ventral



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