

Lace-winged Roadside-Skipper

Lace-winged Roadside-Skippers occur throughout Alabama. They have been documented spring-fall. These skippers occur in wetland habitats that support cane species and seldom stray far from it. They are avid nectarers.



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- Not as tiny as other roadside-skippers.
- Sexes similar. Males have a two-part stigma that is extremely difficult to see in the field. Females are slightly larger.
- May be confused with Cobweb Skippers. Lace-winged R-S have checkered wing fringes; Cobweb Skipper wing fringes are plain. Lace-winged ventral hindwings have a more extensive, “lacy” pattern than Cobweb Skipper. Lace-wingeds are found in wetland habitats; Cobweb Skippers prefer dry, open grassy areas.



Lace-winged Roadside-Skipper

Dorsal View



Dark brown wing color

Curved band of white spots

Checkered wing fringe

Light center on hindwing;
sometimes faint spot band

Lace-winged Roadside-Skipper *Amblyscirtes aesculapius*

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* *Reliable diagnostic marker*

Wingspan: 1 - 1¼ inches (2.5 - 3.2 cm)

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Ventral View



Dark brown wing color

Forewing band of white spots

Checkered wing fringes

White bands, rays, and veins giving "lacy" appearance*

Striped body

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Similar Species

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