

Leonard's Skipper

Leonard's Skipper is a rare stray in Alabama: there is only one historic sighting. This skipper only flies in late summer/ fall. It is a strong, rapid flier, reportedly difficult to approach. Leonard's Skippers are avid nectarers, possibly preferring tall, pink or purple flowers.



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- Medium-sized
- Sexes are fairly similar. Males have a stigma that is hard to see against the dark ground color. Females are somewhat darker.
- Not usually confused with other skippers in our area.





Leonard's Skipper

Dorsal Male

Stigma

Two isolated golden-orange spots

Golden-orange markings

Light fringe

Dorsal hindwing pattern often mirrors ventral pattern; spots are golden-orange

Leonard's Skipper *Hesperia leonardus*

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* *Reliable diagnostic marker*

1 - 1¼ inches (2.2 - 3.5 cm)



Leonard's Skipper

Dorsal Female

Blackish-brown ground color

Two isolated golden-orange spots

Striking golden-orange markings

Light fringe

Dorsal hindwing pattern often mirrors ventral pattern; spots are golden-orange

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Ventral Male

- Pointed forewing
- Rusty-orange ground color
- Conspicuous white spot band
- Light fringe
- Single white spot on central hindwing

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Leonard's Skipper

Ventral Female

Rusty or chestnut orange ground color

Single white spot on central hindwing

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Pointed forewing

Light fringe

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