

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)

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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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Leonard's Skipper

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

Conspicuous white spot band

Pointed forewing

Light fringe

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