

Salt Marsh Skipper

Salt Marsh Skippers inhabit Alabama's coastal brackish and salt water marshes. They occur very locally in colonies. Salt Marsh Skippers have been documented April-October. They often cluster at nectar sources along marsh edges, but may also wander to find flowers. Males perch on marsh grasses to search for females. Flight is low and darting.



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- Sexes are similar
- Ventral wing color varies from dull brown to golden brown. Dorsal wing color varies from dark brown to yellowish brown.
- Fringe color varies. May be buffy, tan, gray, or a combination.
- May be confused with Brazilian Skippers and Ocola Skippers. The pale veining and distinct white dash on ventral hindwings is present only on Salt Marsh Skippers.



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Dorsal View



Brown wing color

White dash from ventral hindwing
often faintly visible

Forewing scattering of white spots
includes wrist bracelet and spot
band

Long pointed forewing

Salt Marsh Skipper (*Panoquina panoquin*)

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* Reliable diagnostic marker

Wingspan: 1¼ - 1½ inches (3.5-3.9 cm)

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Ventral View



Distinctive white dash*

Long pointed forewing

Yellowish veins on brown or golden-brown wing color

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