

Silvery Blue

Silvery Blues are rare in Alabama. They have only been documented in the northeast portion of the state. There is one flight in early spring. Silvery Blues are found in deciduous woodlands. They seldom travel far from their host plant, Carolina Vetch. Both sexes nectar from small flowers.



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- Sexes are similar ventrally. Male dorsal wings have thin, dark borders. Female dorsal wings have wider borders and may not be as intensely blue. Females are slightly larger.
- Bright flashes of intense blue are visible in flight.
- May be confused with Eastern Tailed-Blues, Spring Azures, Summer Azures, and Appalachian Azures. Silver Blues have a diagnostic row of prominent black spots, outlined in white, on ventral wings.





Silvery Blue

Dorsal Male

Iridescent silvery blue

Very narrow dark borders

Silvery Blue *Glaucopsyche lygdamus*

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** Reliable diagnostic markers*

Wing Span: ¾ - 1¼ inches (2.2 - 3.2 cm)



Silvery Blue

Dorsal Female

Iridescent silvery blue

Wide dark borders

Silvery Blue *Glaucopsyche lygdamus*

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* *Reliable diagnostic markers*

Wing Span: $\frac{3}{4}$ - $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches (2.2 - 3.2 cm)



Silvery Blue

Ventral View

Light gray

Single row of prominent black spots, outlined in white*

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Wing Span: $\frac{3}{4}$ - $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches (2.2 - 3.2 cm)

Similar Species Male Dorsals

Silvery Blue



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Spring Azure



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Eastern Tailed-Blue



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Summer Azure



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Appalachian Azure



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Similar Species Female Dorsals

Silvery Blue



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Spring Azure



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Eastern Tailed-Blue Spring Form



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Summer Azure



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Appalachian Azure



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Similar Species Ventral

Silvery Blue



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Summer Azure



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Appalachian Azure



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