

Sleepy Duskywing

Sleepy Duskywings are most common in the upper two-thirds of Alabama and fly early in the year—generally March and April. They are usually found in woodlands with poor or dry soils, often those that support scrub-type oaks. Flight is low and fast. Males perch on low limbs and bare twigs to search for females. They seek minerals in damp soils along with other duskywings.



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- Medium-sized duskywing: larger than Dreamy but smaller than Juvenal's.
- Sexes are somewhat similar. Males have a costal fold on dorsal forewing. Males tend to be darker and less patterned than females.
- Variable
- May be confused with Dreamy Duskywing. Larger. Palps are shorter than Dreamy's. Gray frosting tends to be less silver; may be browner, especially in females. Chain-like ventral forewing bands are more defined and tend to be repeated near the body. Sleepies lack the small light dot that is present near the leading edge of dorsal forewing on Dreamies. Sleepy Duskywings tend to fly a little earlier and in somewhat drier habitats.





Sleepy Duskywing

Dorsal Male

Short palps

Costal fold

Gray spot at “wrist”

Well-defined chain-like bands
edged in black

Usually no gray rings on abdomen

Dark brown with rows of light
spots

Sleepy Duskywing *Erynnis brizo*

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* *Reliable diagnostic marker*

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Ventral View

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Similar Species

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