

Yehl Skipper

Yehl Skippers are widespread in Alabama, but are uncommon and found in localized colonies. They have two flights: May-June and September-October. Wetland habitats that include cane comprise Yehl habitat. They typically choose partially shaded areas, but may wander widely in search of nectar. Males perch to search for mates.



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- A fairly large grass skipper
- Sexes are dimorphic. Females are slightly larger. Ventrally, markings are similar, but males are brighter and spots tend to be more yellow than white; females are darker—some may be very dark. Dorsally, males lack spots but have a long dark stigma on forewings. Females are predominately brown and have a variable series of spots including a wrist bracelet.
- May be confused with Broad-winged Skippers. Yehls have three spots on ventral hindwing; Broad-wingeds typically have more than three. Yehl females lack the narrow dorsal hindwing ray (located near the trailing margin) that is present on Broad-winged females.





Yehl Skipper

Dorsal Male

Bright Orange forewings

Long narrow stigma

Wide dark border

Yehl Skipper *Poanes yehl*

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* *Reliable diagnostic marker*

Wingspan: 1¼ - 1½ inches (2.8 - 3.8 cm)



Yehl Skipper

Dorsal Female

Brown ground color

Variable series of spots including
wrist bracelet and spot band
(outer spots may be white)

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Yehl Skipper

Ventral Male

Orange/yellow wings

Three pale yellow spots that form crescent (often bisected by pale ray)

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Yehl Skipper

Ventral Female

Orange/brown hindwing (typically darker than male)

Three pale whitish spots that form crescent (often bisected by pale ray)

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Similar Species

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Broad-Winged Skipper



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