

Zarucco Duskywing

Zarucco Duskywings are widespread and common in Alabama. They can be found in a variety of habitats that include scrubby woods, woodland edges, roadsides, and even coastal environments. They fly spring through fall. Both sexes nectar at a variety of flowers. Males may be found in puddle clubs.

- A mid-sized duskywing.
- Sexes are similar. Males have a costal fold on the dorsal forewing. Females are typically lighter and more patterned.
- Variable
- Forewings are more pointed and narrower than other duskywings in our area.
- The dorsal forewing patch resembles an eraser mark.
- May be confused with Horace's Duskywing, Wild Indigo Duskywing, and Funereal Duskywing. Zarucco females often have a horizontal eye-like marking on the dorsal forewing that Horace's and Wild Indigos lack. Zaruccos have a dark band that crosses the dorsal forewing; Wild Indigos have a finger-like dark marking. Zarucco hindwing fringe is buffy; Funereal's is very white. (Care should be taken to take lighting into consideration both in the field and in photos.) Zarucco's dorsal hindwing is more patterned than Funereal's. Zarucco's ventral hindwing markings are rounded spots rather than the short, straight lines of Funereal DW.



Zarucco Duskywing

Dorsal Male



Very dark forewing base with costal fold

Pale to reddish forearm patch

Three or four small hyaline spots

Dark band

One–three small white spots and one reduced or absent white cell-end spot

Hindwing very dark with pale dots

Brown or buffy fringe

Zarucco Duskywing *Erynnis zarucco*

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* Reliable diagnostic marker

Wingspan: 1 - 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches (2.8 - 4.4 cm)

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Dorsal Female



Usually with horizontal 'eye' mark

Pale-to-reddish forearm patch

Three or four small hyaline spots

Dark band

One–three white spots and one reduced white cell end spot

Dark fringe on forewing; light fringe on hindwing

Hindwing with subtle, pale dots

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Ventral View



Narrow, pointed forewing

Ventral forewing spots mirror
dorsal forewing spots

Variable spot pattern on very dark
background

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Female Similar Species

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Horace's Duskywing



Wild Indigo Duskywing



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Funereal Duskywing



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Male Similar Species

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