Bronze Copper

Only a few sightings of Bronze Coppers have been made in Alabama. If/when this species occurs here, it is most likely to be in the northern tier counties. Bronze Coppers typically inhabit weedy, sunny ditches or other wetlands, often on the edges of cultivated fields. The population moves as these ephemeral areas come and go. Bronze Coppers are usually found in small colonies. Flight is low and sometimes described as “floppy.” Adults nectar from a variety of small flowers, usually near their host plants.

• Bronze Coppers are sexually dimorphic. Males are smaller than females; the ground color of dorsal forewings is uniformly copper-brown (bronze) with only a few dark markings. Female dorsal forewings are yellow-orange, bordered with gray, and contain numerous small black dots.

• May be confused with American Coppers. Bronze Coppers are noticeably larger. Their ventral hindwings are bordered with a wide orange band that American Coppers lack. Male forewings appear solid in color rather than two-toned.
**Bronze Copper**

*Dorsal Male*

*Iridescent coppery-brown with a few small markings*

Prominent orange band

Bronze Copper  *Lycaena hyllus*

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1¼-2 inches (3.2 - 5.08 cm)

* Reliable diagnostic markers
**Bronze Copper**

*Dorsal Female*

- **Yellow-orange with black spots**
- **Gray border**
- **Gray base color**
- **Prominent orange band**

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Ventral View

- Slight gray border
- Orange with black spots
- Grayish-white with black spots
- *Broad orange outer band edged with small black spots

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Similar Species

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