

LOAMMI SKIPPER

Atrytonopsis loammi

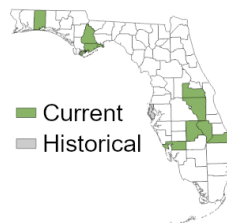
Order: Lepidoptera

Family: HesperIIDae

FNAI Ranks: G2/S2?

U.S. Status: none

FL Status: none



Description: This is a medium sized dark skipper with a curved band of light spots on the undersides of the wings.

Similar Species: Adults should not be easily confused with other species in Florida, but the larvae are similar to *Oligoria maculata*, the twin-spot skipper (Schweitzer et al. 2011).

Habitat: dry prairie, mesic flatwoods, and suitable roadside habitat

Seasonal Occurrence: Most common in March - April and September timeframe

Florida Distribution: This species has a spotty distribution; mostly in the peninsula, but with at least three occurrences in the Panhandle.

Range-wide Distribution: It may only occur at present in Florida and Mississippi and one island off of North Carolina, although it used to occur in Georgia, mainland North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Conservation Status: Although it has a spotty distribution, it has a large total range, there are 13 extant occurrences, and there is no evidence of recent decline.

Protection and Management: Fire is necessary to maintain habitat quality, but an entire area should not be burned all at once without some nearby refugia (Schweitzer et al. 2011).

References: Deyrup and Franz 1994, Schweitzer et al. 2011

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