

KLOTS' SKIPPER

Euphyes pilatka klotsi

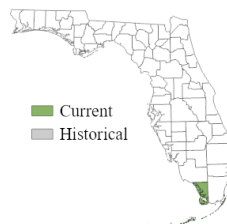
Order: Lepidoptera

Family: Hesperiidae

FNAI Ranks: G3T2/S2

U.S. Status: none

FL Status: none



Description: A large skipper, 3.6-4.4 cm (1.4-1.75 in.) wingspan. Ventral surface of wings uniform rusty brown. Dorsal surface of wings with a thin brown border, blackish stripe following the edge of the wing margin, and tawny orange center.

Similar Species: This subspecies is very similar to *Euphyes pilatka pilatka*. They differ in minor wing pattern details and this subspecies can only be positively identified by experts.

Habitat: Sawgrass marshes and sawgrass patches within a network of pine rockland and coastal communities.

Seasonal Occurrence: Peak flight seasons in March and October.

Florida Distribution: This subspecies is endemic to the Florida Keys. Currently only known from Big Pine, Big Torch, Ramrod, Cudjoe, and Sugarloaf Keys. Possibly extirpated from Stock Island.

Range-wide Distribution: This subspecies is endemic to the Florida Keys. Currently only known from Big Pine, Big Torch, Ramrod, Cudjoe, and Sugarloaf Keys.

Conservation Status: Klots's skipper occurs within the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges Complex spreading across five islands of the lower Keys where active habitat management is underway to protect freshwater wetlands.

Protection and Management: Apply prescribed fire to sawgrass wetlands where fire suppression has allowed woody encroachment. Discontinue any use of mosquito sprays in, or near, the occupied sites.

References: Anderson and Henry 2014, Miller et al. 1985.



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