

Peck's skipper *Polites coras*

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Arthropoda

Class: Insecta

Order: Lepidoptera

Family: Hesperiidae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

The wingspan of Peck's skipper is seven-eighths to one inch. The upperside of the wings is brown with orange patches. The orange areas are smaller in females than in males. The underside of the wings has the same type of pattern as seen on the upperside, but the colors are lighter.

BEHAVIORS

Peck's skipper is found statewide in open areas. Adults are present from May through October. Adults feed on nectar. Larvae eat grasses. Two broods are produced annually.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

edge

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