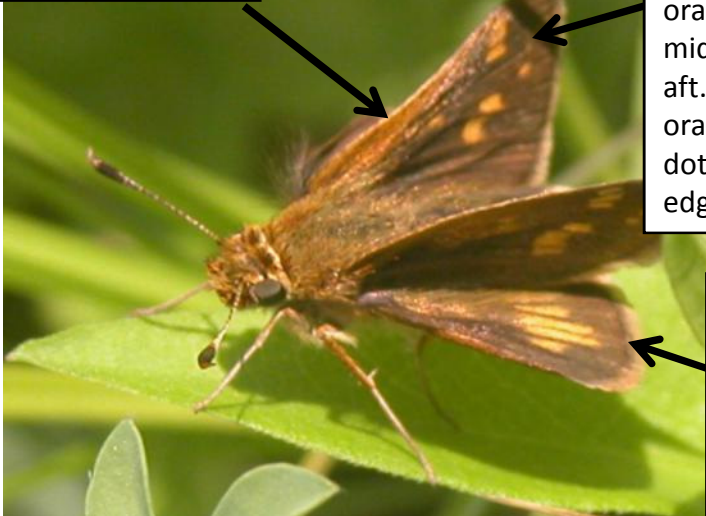


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Peck's Skipper *Polites peckius*

Very common skipper of our fields, flies most of the summer. Most easily confused with the Hobomok Skipper.

Orange leading edge of forewing



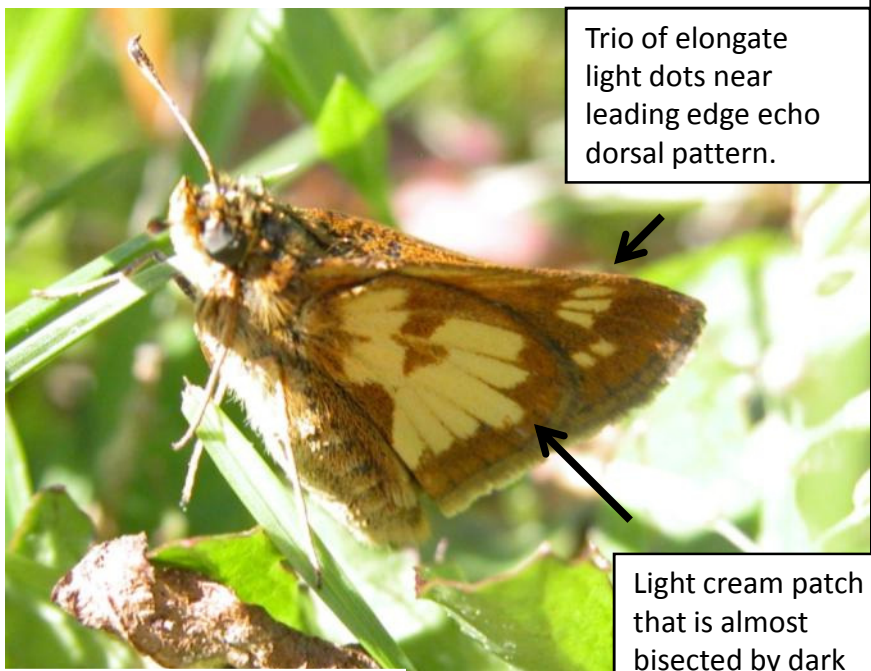
Broken string of orange dots with middle dots shifted aft. Three parallel orange elongate dots nearest leading edge.

Hindwing with orange center composed of jagged collection of individual orange rectangles.

Female, dorsal

Male, dorsal

Trio of elongate light dots near leading edge echo dorsal pattern.

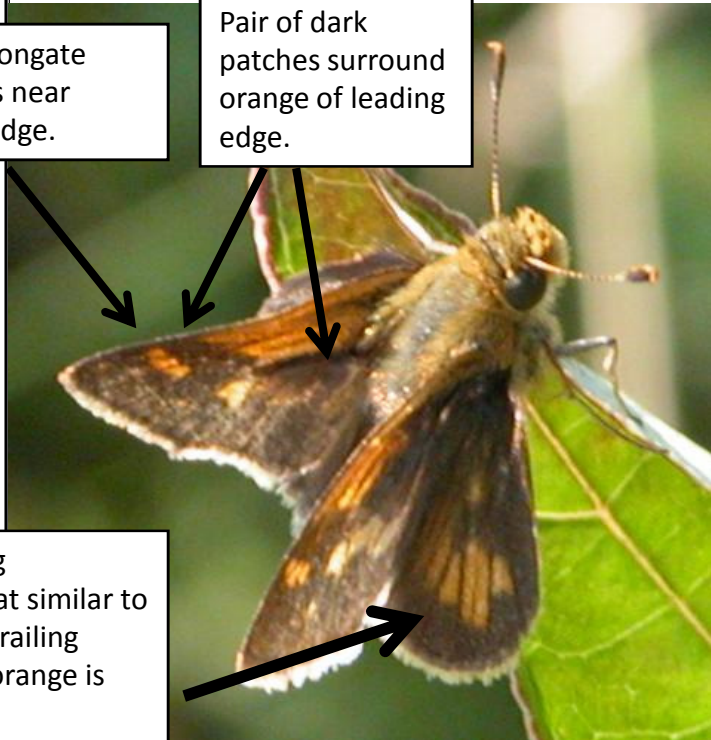


Light cream patch that is almost bisected by dark brown is distinctive.

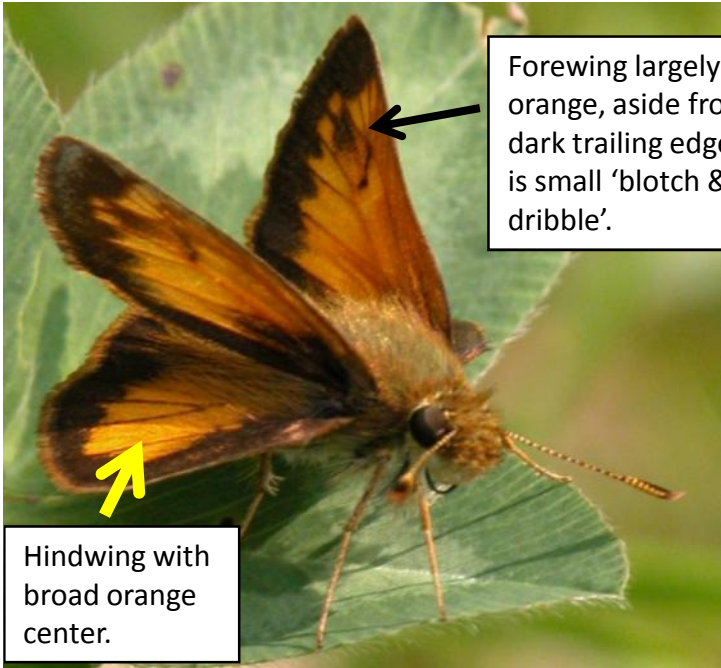
Ventral, both sexes similar.

Trio of elongate light dots near leading edge.

Pair of dark patches surround orange of leading edge.



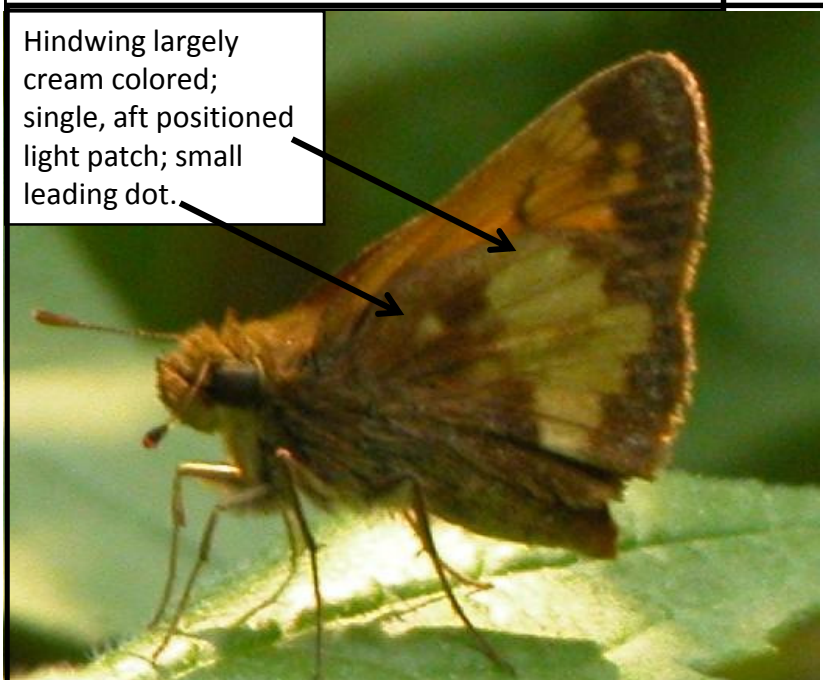
Hindwing somewhat similar to female; trailing edge of orange is jagged.



Forewing largely orange, aside from dark trailing edge, there is small 'blotch & dribble'.

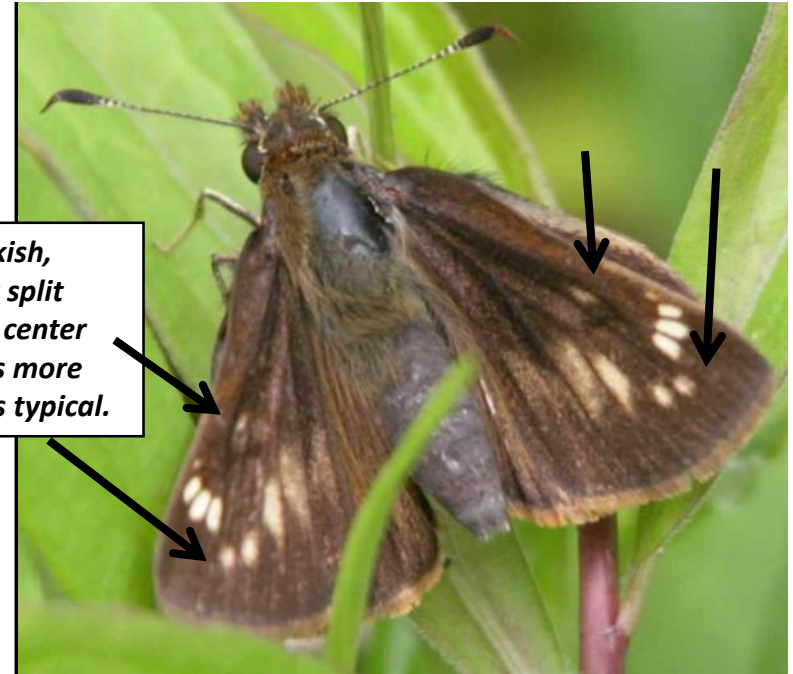
Hindwing with broad orange center.

Male, dorsal



Hindwing largely cream colored; single, aft positioned light patch; small leading dot.

Ventral, both sexes similar.

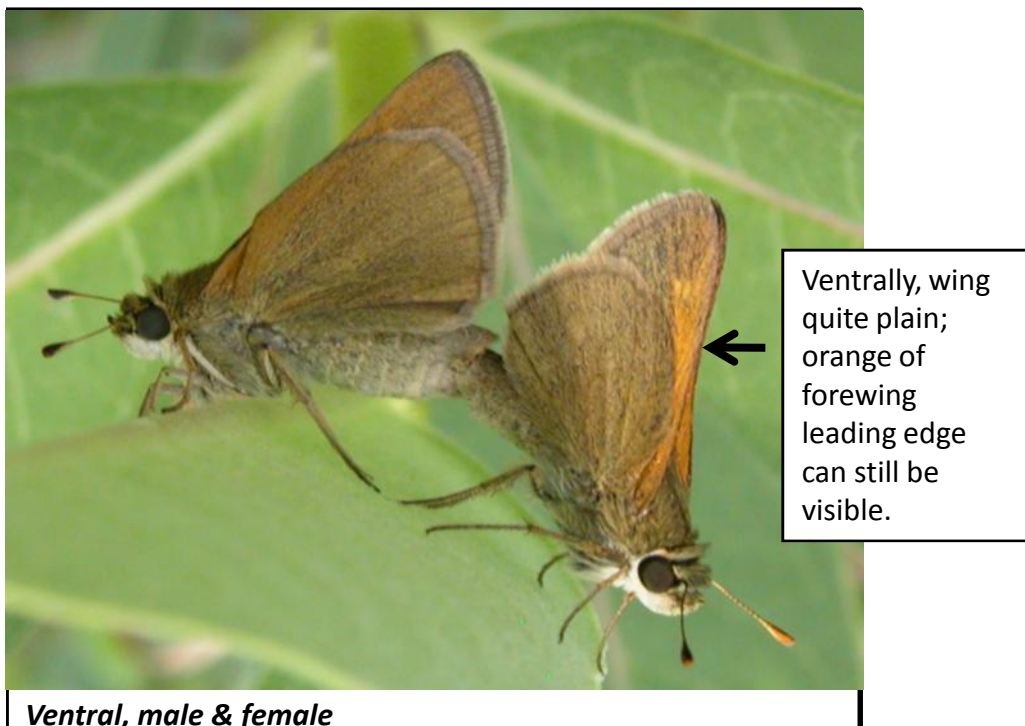
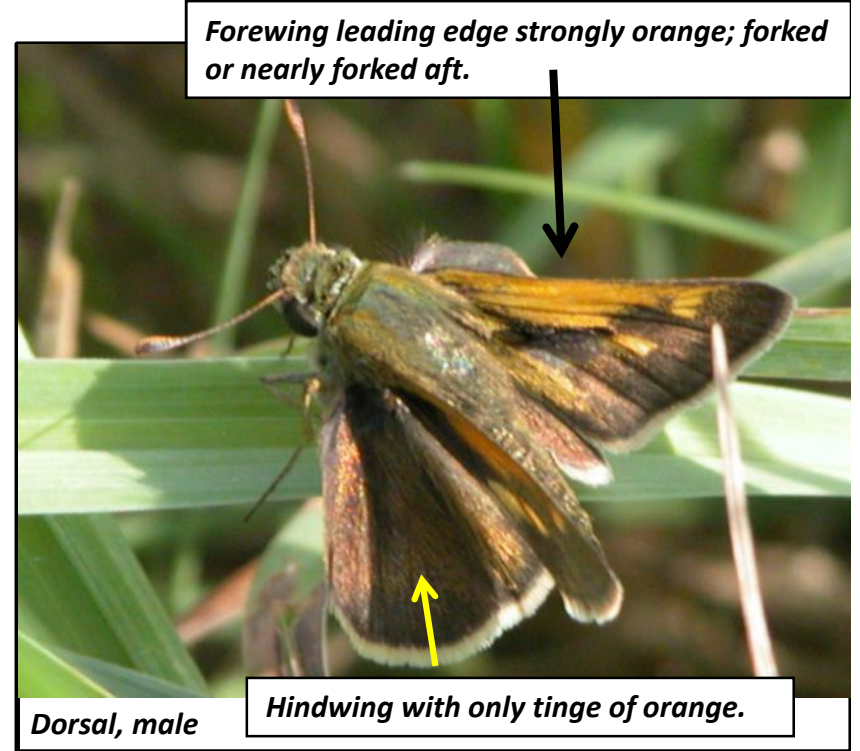
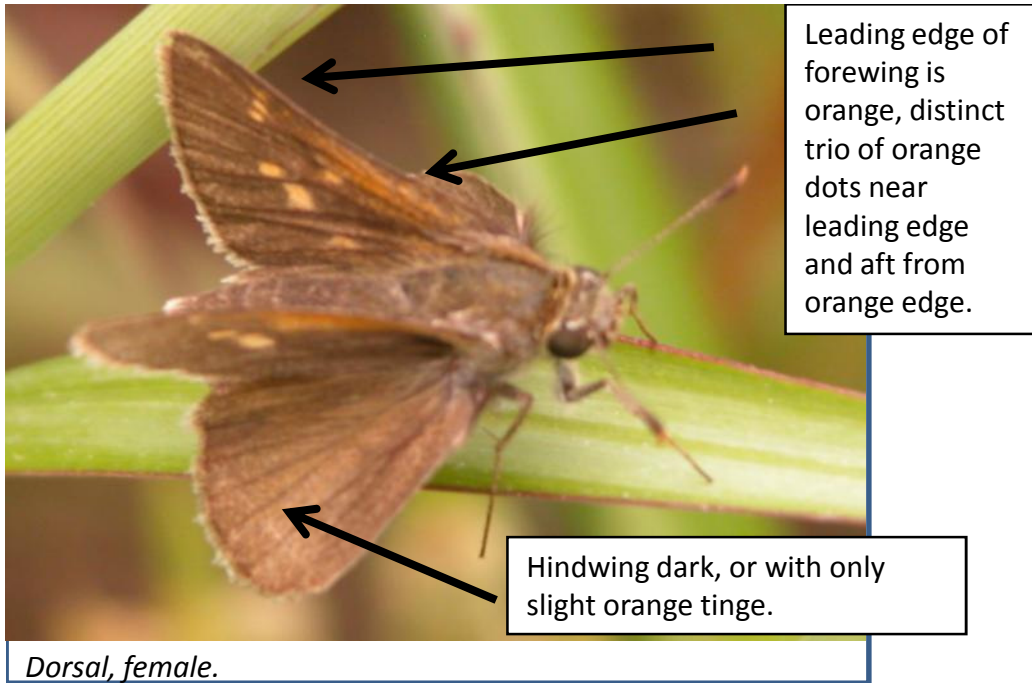


Some females blackish, some orangish, but split string of light dots, center portion having dots more fore and more aft is typical.

Female, dorsal, dark form.

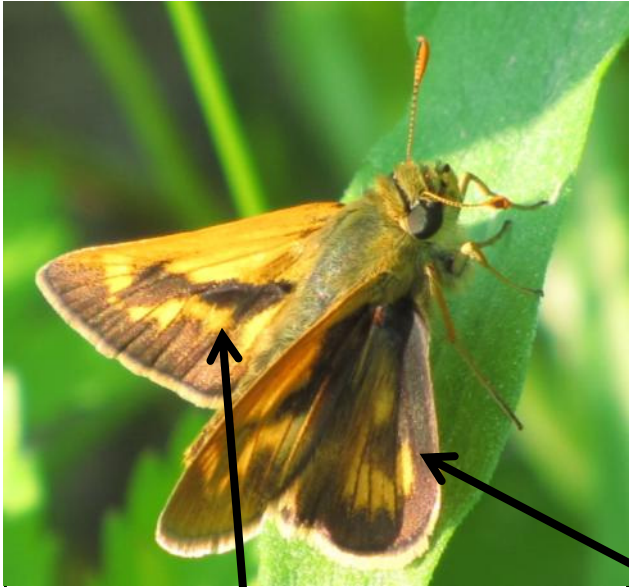
Hobomok Skipper *Poanes hobomok*

Fairly common skipper of our fields, flies mostly in July. Most easily confused ventrally with the Peck's Skipper.



Tawny-edged Skipper *Polites themistocles*

Common June – August in our fields.



Dorsal, male

Dorsally, both male and female have a long, connected black dash that cuts across forewing; forewing leading edge is orange; more so in male.

Perhaps the most distinctive characteristic, both above and below, is the light "comet" on the hind wing.



Ventral, both sexes similar; this photo from Mass. Butterfly Atlas.



Dorsal, female

Long Dash Skipper *Polites mystic*

Flies mainly during June; often, although not always, in wetter fields.