

Leonard's Skipper (*Hesperia leonardus*)

Hindwing underside rich orange with crescent of white spots



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Description: A medium sized skipper, Leonard's Skipper is orange above with darkened margins. The underside is orangish-brown; the forewing has several white spots near its apex, the hindwing has a crescent of well defined white dots centrally and one white marking toward the base (the latter spot is sometimes missing). Females are much more darkly marked above than males. Leonard's Skipper is most similar to Common Branded Skipper. See the description of that species for distinguishing characters. Wingspan: 28 to 34 mm.

Maritime Distribution: Accidental.

Atlas records to date: None.

Provincial Ranks: NB: -. NS: S1. PEI: -.

Flight Period: Late July to early September.

Host Plant: Perennial grasses including panic grasses (*Panicum* spp.).

Notes: This species probably does not occur as a breeding species in or near the Maritimes. Like the Laurentian Skipper it flies in late summer.