

## Butterflies and Moths of North Amer

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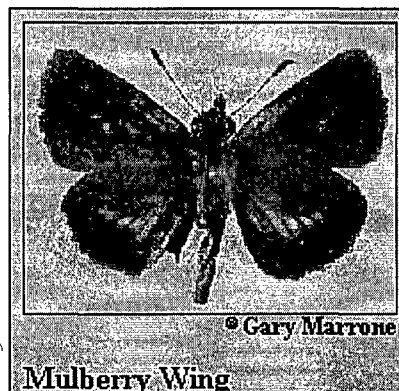
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## Species Detail

### Mulberry Wing

*Poanes massasoit* (Scudder, 1864)



#### Attributes of *Poanes massasoit*

**Family:** Skippers (*Hesperiidae*)

**Subfamily:** Grass Skippers (*Hesperiinae*)

**Identification:** Wings are dark brown to black, relatively short and rounded. Upperside has small (male) or larger (female) yellow spots. Underside of hindwing has a large irregular yellow patch; rare individuals are rust colored and have no patch.

**Life history:** Males patrol with a low, weak, meandering flight through marshes in search for receptive females.

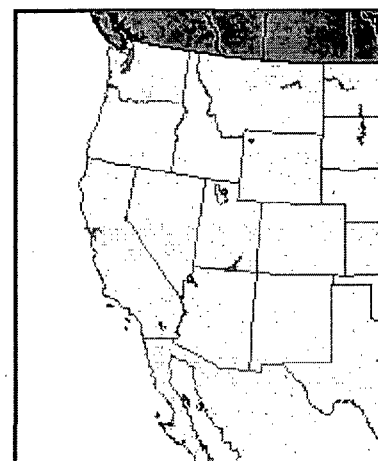
**Flight:** One brood from late June to mid-August.

**Wing span:** 1 1/8 - 1 7/16 inches (2.9 - 3.7 cm).

**Caterpillar hosts:** Upright sedge (*Carex stricta*), and possibly others.

**Adult food:** Flower nectar.

#### Documented Records for *Po*



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**Habitat:** Freshwater marshes or bogs.

**Range:** New York and Massachusetts west across the Great Lakes states to southern Minnesota and North Dakota. A coastal population ranges from southern New Hampshire south to Maryland.

**Conservation:** Not usually required.

**NatureServe Global Status:** G4 - Apparently secure globally, though it might be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at the periphery.

**Management needs:** None reported.



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