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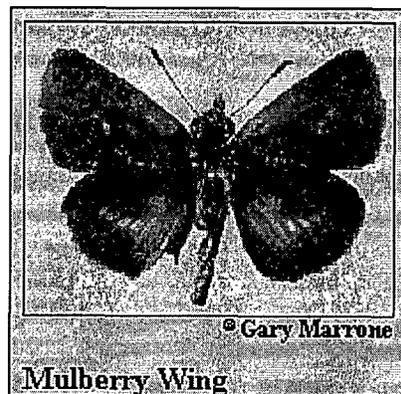
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Species Detail

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.

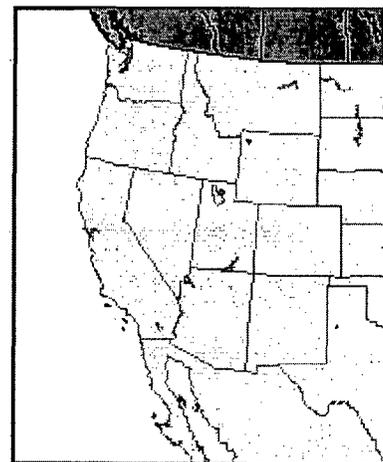
Flight: One brood from late June to mid-August.

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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