

Peron



10 mm

A male Dingy Grass-skipper, showing the distinctive black patch on the fore-wing.

Dingy Grass-skipper

Toxidia peron

The dingy Grass-skipper flies in Eucalypt forest, where males perch on grass stalks or low twigs in sunny patches, while females flutter around clumpy grasses looking for places to lay eggs. Males are also quite common on hill-tops, vying with others for vantage spots in the quest for females. The male is distinguished by the black triangular patch on the fore-wing; otherwise the female is like the male except she has a much shorter yellow streak on the fore-wing. The caterpillars eat various grasses, including Buffalo grass, as well as some sedges. The butterfly is around throughout the summer.



A male Dingy Grass-skipper showing the underside pattern of indistinct spots on the hind-wing.



A male Dingy Grass-skipper showing the fore-wing spot pattern.