

Silver-Bordered Fritillary, *Bolaria selene myrina*

Status:

State: Threatened

Federal: Not listed

Identification

Like all lesser fritillaries within its range, the wings of the silver-bordered fritillary are orange with black markings. This species reaches sizes of 1.6 in.-2.75 in. (39-45 mm) and can be distinguished from other closely related species by the presence of silver spots on the underside of the hindwing. The black margin, which encloses several small orange spots, on the upper surface of the forewing is another very useful diagnostic characteristic.



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Habitat

Most frequently observed in moist open areas such as sedge meadows, wet grasslands, and other wet areas with herbaceous growth.

Status and Conservation

The silver-bordered fritillary is widespread and abundant across much of its range. Because New Jersey is located along the southeastern limit of this species range, silver-bordered fritillaries are less common in New Jersey than in many northern states and Canadian provinces.