**Peck’s Skipper *Polites peckius***

Very common skipper of our fields, flies most of the summer. Most easily confused with the Hobomok Skipper.
Male, dorsal

Forewing largely orange, aside from dark trailing edge, there is small ‘blotch & dribble’.

Hindwing with broad orange center.

Female, dorsal, dark form.

Some females blackish, some orangish, but split string of light dots, center portion having dots more fore and more aft is typical.

Female, dorsal, dark form.

Hindwing largely cream colored; single, aft positioned light patch; small leading dot.

Hindwing with broad orange center.

Ventral, both sexes similar.

Hobomok Skipper *Poanes hobomok*

Fairly common skipper of our fields, flies mostly in July. Most easily confused ventrally with the Peck’s Skipper.
Dorsal, female.

Leading edge of forewing is orange, distinct trio of orange dots near leading edge and aft from orange edge.

Hindwing dark, or with only slight orange tinge.

Dorsal, male

Hindwing with only tinge of orange.

Ventral, male & female

Ventrally, wing quite plain; orange of forewing leading edge can still be visible.

**Tawny-edged Skipper Polites themistocles**

Common June – August in our fields.
Perhaps the most distinctive characteristic, both above and below, is the light “comet” on the hind wing.

Dorsally, both male and female have a long, connected black dash that cuts across forewing; forewing leading edge is orange; more so in male.

Dorsal, male

Ventral, both sexes similar; this photo from Mass. Butterfly Atlas.

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Long Dash Skipper *Polites mystic*

Flies mainly during June; often, although not always, in wetter fields.