

Thorybes bathyllus (Southern Cloudywing)

Priority 3 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)

Class: *Insecta* (Insects)

Order: *Lepidoptera* (Butterflies, Skippers, And Moths)

Family: *Hesperiidae* (Skippers)

General comments:

Only 2 modern records; habitat vulnerable and declining; potential occasional colonist vs. resident

Species Conservation Range Maps for Southern Cloudywing:

Town Map: [Thorybes bathyllus_Towns.pdf](#)

Subwatershed Map: [Thorybes bathyllus_HUC12.pdf](#)

SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:

Risk of Extirpation: NA

State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern:

Thorybes bathyllus is listed as a species of Special Concern in Maine.

Recent Significant Declines: NA

Regional Endemic: NA

High Regional Conservation Priority: NA

High Climate Change Vulnerability: NA

Understudied rare taxa:

Recently documented or poorly surveyed rare species for which risk of extirpation is potentially high (e.g. few known occurrences) but insufficient data exist to conclusively assess distribution and status. *criteria only qualifies for Priority 3 level SGCN*

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Historical: NA

Culturally Significant: NA

Habitats Assigned to Southern Cloudywing:

Formation Name Grassland & Shrubland

Macrogroup Name Ruderal Shrubland & Grassland

Habitat System Name: Ruderal Upland - Old Field ****Primary Habitat**** Notes: xeric areas where host plants (*legume sp.*) present

Formation Name Northeastern Upland Forest

Macrogroup Name Central Oak-Pine

Habitat System Name: Northeastern Interior Pine Barrens ****Primary Habitat**** Notes: where host plants (*legume sp.*) present

Macrogroup Name Northern Hardwood & Conifer

Habitat System Name: Northeastern Coastal and Interior Pine-Oak Forest ****Primary Habitat**** Notes: where host plants (*legume sp.*) present

Stressors Assigned to Southern Cloudywing:

No Stressors Currently Assigned to Southern Cloudywing or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Southern Cloudywing:

No Species Specific Conservation Actions Currently Assigned to Southern Cloudywing or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Conservation Actions Associated with the Dry Barrens Lepidoptera Guild:

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Conservation Action	Category: Species Management	Biological Priority: critical	Type: new
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Prepare occurrence maps and pesticide spray consultation guidelines for rare Lepidoptera and distribute to strategic partners including Maine Bureau of Pesticides Control.

Stressor(s) Addressed By This Conservation Action

Agricultural and Forestry Effluents

Conservation Action	Category: Habitat Management	Biological Priority: critical	Type: new
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Conduct a statewide review of potential high quality barrens habitat that is threatened by succession and identify strategic habitat restoration actions for implementation by key conservation partners.

Stressor(s) Addressed By This Conservation Action

Fire and Fire Suppression

Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:

Additional relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

Habitat Based Conservation Actions:

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.