

A COLONY OF THE EUROPEAN SKIPPER *THYMELICUS*  
*LINEOLA* (HESPERIIDAE) AT EDMUNDSTON,  
NEW BRUNSWICK

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In 1957 I collected for the first time here in Edmundston, N. B. About mid July that year, I noticed some golden brown skippers flying slowly in the grass. Some specimens were collected and checked at home in Klots' Field Guide (1951) as to the species. Much to my surprise, they turned out to be *Thymelicus lineola* (Ochsenheimer).

According to Dr. Klots, the species has been introduced into Ontario, and later reports indicate that the weakly flying skipper has since spread rather widely in northeastern North America (e.g., Thomas, 1952; Muller, 1958).

Here in the city of Edmundston it is extremely abundant, in fact, the most common skipper. In the evenings, when the butterflies become inactive, they roost together by the hundreds in tall vegetations in the "heart" of the colony at the bottom of a hillside, facing the south. We have, however, not noticed it anywhere else in the surrounding area. Adults have a fairly long flight season, being on the wing in early July through August. Judging by the large numbers I have seen year after year, it seems well established here, which to me is something of a surprise, for the winters here in northwestern New Brunswick are extremely cold indeed!

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