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ABERRANT *ERYNNIS TRITUS TATIUS* (HESPERIIDAE)

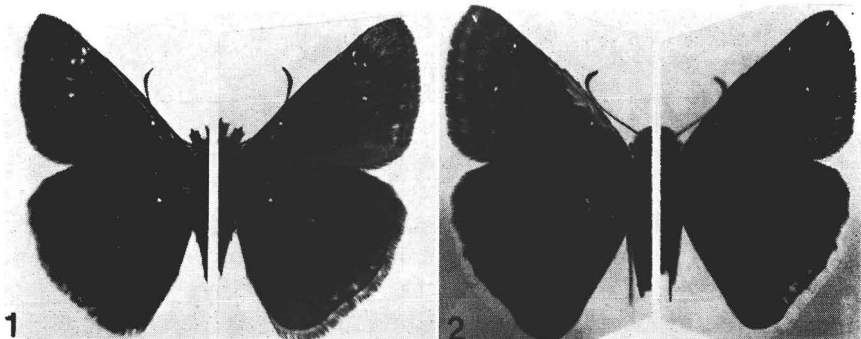
Although they occur with some frequency in many genera, aberrant specimens appear uncommon in the North American Pyrginae. Burns, in his monograph *Evolution in Skipper Butterflies of the Genus Erynnis* (Univ. of Calif. Publ. in Entomol., Vol. 37, Berkeley, 1964) made no mention of such in this genus.

In July 1976 while I was collecting in Grant Co., New Mexico, I took an unusual *Erynnis* specimen which I thought at first was a male *horatius* (Scudder & Burgess). Upon genitalic examination, it was determined to be an aberrant *E. tristus tatus* (Edwards), a fairly common species in this region. The specimen was collected along the Gila River at Riverside, 4250' (1295 m), Grant Co., New Mexico on 4 July 76.

Fig. 1 shows the dorsal and ventral views of the aberrant specimen while Fig. 2 illustrates a typical *tatus* taken on the H-Y Ranch, Mule Creek area, Grant Co., N.M., on 10 August 75. In the aberrant specimen, the ventral HW white spots are reduced in size and replaced by pale brown with a central light dot. The wing fringes are brown rather than white. The forewings resemble normal *tatus*. A similar aberrant female was taken S of Silver City, Grant Co., N.M. on 26 August 76.

While I have collected many hundreds of *Erynnis*, including some unusually small and large examples, this is the first aberration that I have encountered.

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Figs. 1-2. *Erynnis tristus tatus*. 1, aberrant, dorsal left, ventral right; 2, normal, dorsal left, ventral right.