

Common Buckeye



Junonia coenia



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Biology

The **Common Buckeye** is a medium-sized butterfly, with a wingspan of about two inches, and is widely distributed in the United States. It can be found in a variety of habitats, from uplands, scrubs, and savannas to weedy urban sites. Females lay green eggs. Larvae usually hide near the base of the plant and are dark dorsally with white or orange sides and metallic blue/black spines. Adults migrate southward from their summer breeding sites and overwinter in southern Florida, where the species undergoes at least three reproductive cycles per year. Two other very similar species found in Florida are the Mangrove Buckeye (*Junonia evarete*) and the Tropical Buckeye (*Junonia genoveva*). There is evidence of interbreeding among these species in nature.



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Host Plants

Common name

- Oblongleaf Twin Flower
- Virginia Plantain
- Matchweed
- Canadian Toadflax

Scientific name

- *Dyschoriste oblongifolia*
- *Plantago virginica*
- *Phyla nodiflora*
- *Linaria canadensis*



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