

Atlantis Fritillary

Speyeria atlantis

-One of the medium-sized fritillaries, this beautiful species ranges from sea to shining sea, although it's absent from most of the Midwest and South. It varies in color depending on where it lives, with the silver spots on the undersides of its wings sometimes absent, sometimes just partly shining, and sometimes full-fledged silver.

-The intricate patterns on its topside are beautiful to look at through close-ranged binoculars. The butterfly often feeds with wings closed and erect, so you'll have a better view of the pretty silver spots on the undersides of the wings, if the butterflies in your locale display the spots. Many species of fritillaries are similarly colored, with only subtle differences to distinguish them.



Wingspan: 1 ³/₄ to 2 ³/₄ inches

Caterpillar hosts: There is an easy pattern with host plants of the fritillaries:
Violets are the bill of fare.

Adult food: Adult Atlantis Fritillary will dine on the nectar of Swamp
Milkweed, Boneset, Ox-eyed Daisy, Steeplebush, and
Virgin's Bower Clematis.