

# Brown Elfin

*Incisalia augustinus*

-Elfins are nondescript, drab-brown, little butterflies that are easily overlooked, but worth noticing because they appear early in spring. The Brown Elfin is the most common and widely distributed of all the elfins. The Brown Elfin's range covers most of the United States, except for the South. It's a warmer color than many of its kin, varying from rusty orange to mid-brown to grayish brown.



Wingspan:  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch

Caterpillar hosts: The caterpillar of the Brown Elfin has an unusual list of food plants, which are mostly comprised to native woodland shrubs, including Blueberries and Bog Laurel, Bearberry, Labrador Tea, Bog Rosemary, and Leather leaf.

Adult Food: The adult Brown Elfin prefers Wintergreen, Blueberries, and Bearberry.