

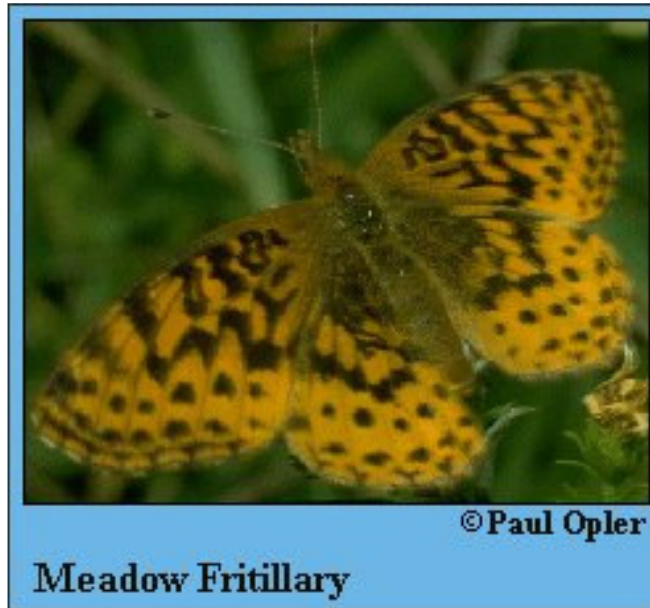
# Meadow Fritillary

*Boloria bellona*

-The upper-sides of the wings of Meadow Fritillaries are orange-red with heavy black markings, while the under-sides are patterned with orange and purple-brown.

-Male Meadow Fritillaries patrol meadows with a low flight during warm daytime hours. When females are ready to lay eggs they do so on the twigs and leaves of various plants.

-Due to its adaptability to disturbed habitats, the Meadow Fritillary is expanding its range into more southern areas. Traditionally it was only found as far south as Tennessee.



Wingspan: 1 ½ to 2 inches

Caterpillar hosts: The caterpillars of the Meadow Fritillary feed predominantly on the leaves of violets, including the Northern White Violet (*Viola pallens*) and the Woolly Blue Violet (*Viola sororia*).

Adult foods: Adults use Black-Eyed Susan, Dandelion, Ox-Eyed Daisy, Blue Vervain, and Cup-Plant as nectar sources.