

Broad-winged Skipper *Poanes viator*

Habitat Preference: Found most frequently in the tall grasses near wetlands.

Threats:

- Loss of wetland habitat
 - Many natural wetlands have been drained throughout Iowa for agricultural practices

Habitat Improvement Guidelines:

- Protect existing wetlands. Broad-winged skippers prefer undisturbed natural wetlands.
- Wetland restoration:
 - Caterpillars feed on hairy sedges. Adults feed on nectar from wetland flowering plants such as swamp milkweed and blue vervain. Emergent vegetation is very important to Broad-winged skippers.

