Chocolate Pansy

Junonia iphita



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Order: Lepidoptera
Family: Nymphalidae

Etymology: The origin the genus *Junonia* and the specie *iphita* is currently unknown.

Wing span: 2.25 - 2.5 inches (60 - 65 mm)

Habitat: The Chocolate Pansy is primarily found along forest edges but they often venture out into the open country side.

Host Plant: The larvae feed on *Strobilanthes*.

Adult Food Source: Adults can be found nectaring from a variety of flowers with *Lantana* being one of their favorites.

Life History: Males patrol the open country side looking for receptive females. After mating the female searches for host plant to lay her eggs on. The caterpillars feed on the host plant until they form their pupae.

Flights: There are multiple generations each year which makes it possible to find adults year round.

Fun Facts: The Chocolate Pansy exhibits seasonal variation, where they have wet and dry season forms which look slightly different from each other.

Range:

