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PAINTED LADY: lacks the tiny white spot found in the corresponding area of the Painted Lady. The two orange spots in that area are connected. Underside of the hindwing has 4-5 small eyespots. Host Plant: Thistles and many other species.



31 Painted Lady
Vanessa cardui



32 Painted Lady
Vanessa cardui

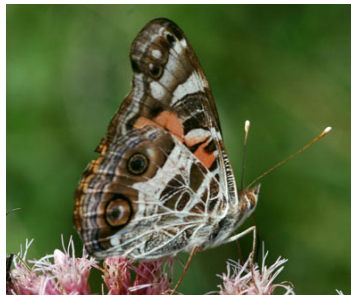


33 Painted Lady
Vanessa cardui

AMERICAN LADY: a tiny white spot located in the orange area of the forewing. The eyespots on the top hindwing are very similar to Painted Lady but the American Lady has white in the center of the large spot. The underside is very different than Painted Lady with two large eyespots. Host Plants: Asters (*Aster*).



34 American Lady
Vanessa virginiensis



35 American Lady
Vanessa virginiensis



36 American Lady
Vanessa virginiensis

RED ADMIRAL: upperside with large red or orange band. underside lacks eyespots. Host Plants: Nettles (*Urtica*).



37 Red Admiral
Vanessa atalanta



38 Red Admiral
Vanessa atalanta



39 Red Admiral
Vanessa atalanta

QUESTION MARK: underside with a silver punctuation mark that includes a dot. Note: shading of underside is variable among males and females and between winter and summer forms. "Eyebrow" over upper outer spot on forewing. Wings are very hooked. Blue edge on upperside on tails. Host Plants: various.



40 Question Mark
Polygonia interrogationis



41 Question Mark
Polygonia interrogationis



42 Question Mark
Polygonia interrogationis

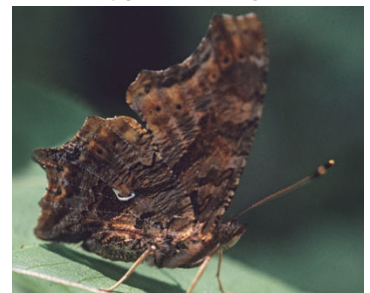
EASTERN COMMA: generally smaller than a Question Mark. Silver mark on underside does not have a dot. No "eyebrow" above upper outer spot on forewing. Wings not as hooked and tail more stubby than Question Mark. Host Plants: Elms (*Ulmus*) and Nettles (*Urtica*).



43 Eastern Comma
Polygonia comma



44 Eastern Comma
Polygonia comma



45 Eastern Comma
Polygonia comma