



Tufted Skipper

Carcharodus flocciferus (Zeller, 1847)

DESCRIPTION

Wingspan: From 3.2 to 3.5 cm. **Open wings:** There is a bright spot under the apex, and a series of striking bright spots on hind wings. **Closed wings:** They have the same spot as on the open frontwings, and the similar one on the hindwings. There are some big white spots as well.

KEY FOR VISUAL IDENTIFICATION



SIMILAR SPECIES

Mallow Skipper: With open wings, they have no white spots on the hindwings, while their closed wings are coloured chestnut. **Marbled Skipper:** When they open wings, there are two series of white striking spots on hindwings. **Carcharodus baeticus:** Smaller white spots and clearly marked veins can be observed when their wings are closed.



Piquitos castaña



Piquitos clara



Marbled Skipper

BIOLOGY & HABITAT

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DISTRIBUTION

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