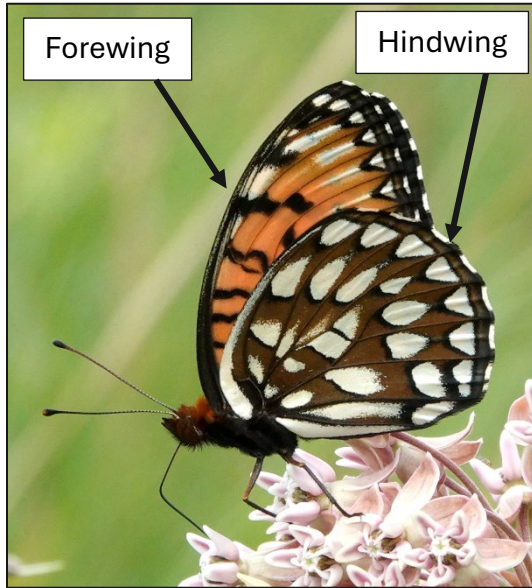


## Regal Fritillary Identification



### Regal fritillary (*Argynnis idalia*)

**Size:** Large (2.5-4 inch wingspan)

**Habitat:** prairie-dependent

**Wing coloration:**

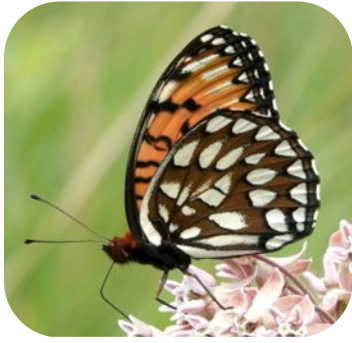
- **Upside:** mostly bright rust-orange forewing with a few black markings, and hindwing is black, sometimes with a blue sheen, with two rows of spots along the outer edge.
- **Underside:** bright, large silver spots against a mostly black or dark brown hindwing. In flight, look for rounded, dark wings with flashes of silver.

### Male vs Female Regal Fritillaries:



- **Males:** outer row of spots is orange colored on upperside of the hind wing. Tend to fly somewhat erratic and fast.
- **Females:** outer row of spots is cream colored on upperside of the hind wing. Tend to fly a bit closer to the ground.

**Both sexes:** Sip nectar from flowers (often purple, orange or pink flowers).



### **Regal Fritillary**

- Rounded forewing
- Large silver spots on underside
- Black upperside hindwing
- 2.5 - 4 inch wingspan



### **Monarch**

- Pointed forewing
- Thick black wing veins
- Two rows of small white spots along the wing edges
- 3 - 4 inch wingspan



### **Great Spangled Fritillary**

- Orange upperside
- Silver spots less pronounced
- Thick light orange border between silver spots on hindwing
- 2.5 - 4 inch wingspan



### **Aphrodite Fritillary**

- Orange upperside
- Silver spots less pronounced
- Narrow/diffused light orange border between silver spots on hindwing
- 2.5 - 3.25 inch wingspan



### **Variegated Fritillary**

- Tiffany lamp patterns
- Pale orange and no silver spots
- Wings often faded or worn
- 1.75 - 3 inch wingspan