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## SEPTEMBER - AMERICAN SNOOT (BUTTERFLY)



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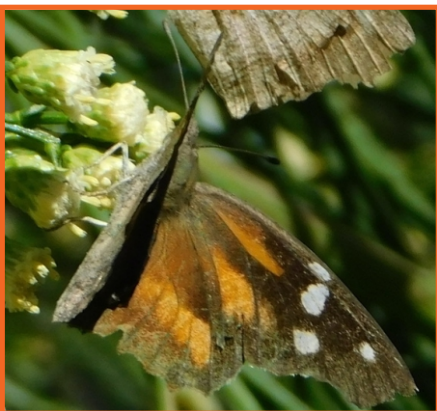


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# AMERICAN SNOOT BUTTERFLY



This month we are learning all about the American snout butterfly. Here are some key facts:

- Migrating American snouts can number in the millions in the southern U.S. when conditions are right.
- To hide from predators, American snouts mimic a dead leaf with closed wings. The “snout” (modified sensory organs) appearing like the stalk of a leaf. When open, the bright colors of the wings' top side are used in a mating display.
- Its larval host plant is the desert hackberry (*Celtis pallida*), Pollination of hackberry bushes by snouts and other insects results in the production of juicy orange berries, which are heavily fed upon by both birds and small mammals in the fall.

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