

Florida White

(Glutophrissa drusilla neumoenii)

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The **Florida White** (*Glutophrissa drusilla neumoenigii*) is a large, predominately white butterfly limited to coastal areas of the extreme South Florida mainland and the Florida Keys. Males are uniformly white on both wing surfaces while females have dark forewing borders above and some yellow scaling on the hindwing. The butterfly is primarily restricted to the shadier confines of hardwood hammocks, but may occasionally venture into adjacent open areas in search of available floral nectar. The greenish larvae feed on Guiana Plum (*Drypetes lateriflora*) and Bayleaf Capertree (*Cynophalla flexuosa*).

While historically much more common and widespread, the Florida White has continued to dwindle and is now only regularly found in a few isolated locations. The specific reasons for its alarming decline are not fully understood. Efforts are ongoing to monitor known populations and identify strategies to help reverse this downward trend.

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