



Figure 14: Photograph (MN DNR) and distribution map (NatureServe) of Dakota skipper



Dakota skipper (*Hesperia dacotae*) is a threatened species in the state of Minnesota. Its life cycle has been documented by Dr. Robert Dana of DNR. The adults fly and breed in early summer (mid June to early July) and eggs are laid at the base of grasses and forbs. Once hatched the larvae construct a concealed shelter of silk just below the soil surface. They forage mainly at night, dragging blades of grass back into their shelter for consumption. During the larval and pupae stages, Dakota skippers are nearly impossible to locate (Dana, 1991). They depend on dry to dry-mesic prairie.

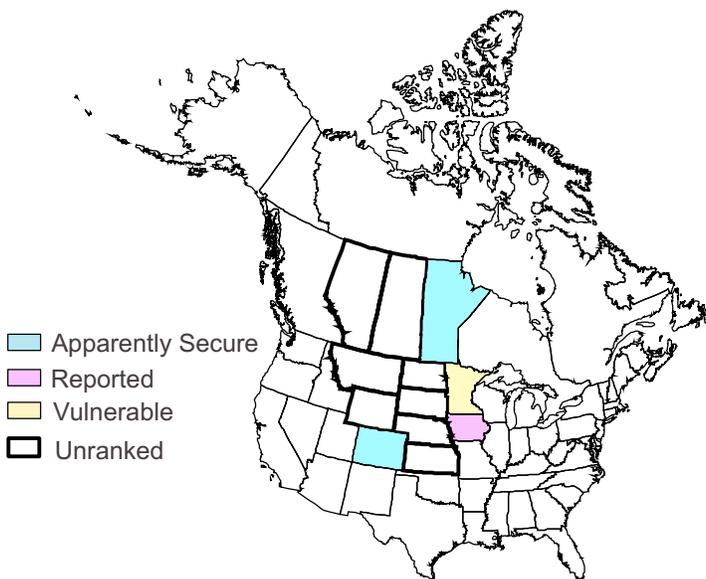


Figure 15: photograph (MN DNR) and distribution map (NatureServe) of Pawnee skipper.

Pawnee skipper (*Hesperia leonardus pawnee*) is state listed as a species of special concern. Minnesota appears to be the eastern edge of its range according to current taxonomy. It is adapted to dry and dry-mesic prairie (NatureServe, 2001).