

## Hosted Species

### Northern Pearly-eye (*Lethe anthodon*)



### Bell's Roadside Skipper (*Amblyscirtes bell*)



Numerous skippers such as Pepper and Salt, Linda's Roadside, Bronze Roadside, and Bell's Roadside are hosted by this species.



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### River Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)

Host plant for Northern Pearly-Eye and numerous skippers.

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## Range of River Oats in the United States and Canada.



### Habitat

River Oats is generally found in wooded floodplains where it receives part sun to part shade.

## Description

River Oats is a perennial grass that grows from 2 to 5 feet tall. The alternate, simple, entire, lanceolate to linear leaves are up to 9 inches in length and about 1 inch in width. The green spikelets come out in the late summer and fall and have a oat-like appearance.



### Alternative Names

Indian Wood-Oats, Northern Sea Oats, Upland Oats, Inland Sea Oats and Wild Oats

**Hardy in Zones: 5-9**

## Taxonomy and Name

River Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*) was originally described and named by Andre' Michaux, a French botanist in 1803 as *Uniola latifolia*. In 1966, it was renamed to *Chasmanthium latifolium* by Harris Oliver Yates. It is a member of the Grass Family (Poaceae).



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