



Hot Seens

Summer 2005

by Michael Reese

Two state records were included in the butterfly reports this summer. On August 7, a Marine Blue, the first for Idaho, was seen in North Heglar Canyon, Sublett Mts, Cassia Co., ID (M. Austin, K. Fothergill)(see pg. 45). On August 13, 50-100 Phaon Crescents were reported from Eagle Lake Wildlife Refuge, 7 miles north of Memphis, TN (B. Jones) for the first report of Phaon Crescents in Tennessee.

Although not a state record, on June 20, a Silvery Blue was seen in Goshen W.M.A., Litchfield Co., CT (T. Fiore, K. Wallstrom, S. Walter), and was only the second record of this species in Connecticut. On Sept. 18, a Monk Skipper was seen and photographed (see page 45) at Deep Cut Gardens, Monmouth Co., NJ (J. Springer)(This individual may have been transported by human agency, since it was far out of its natural Floridian range, although, who knows — even Monks have wings).

Other sightings of note include Common Ringlets on June 13 at Conyngham Borough, Luzerne Co., PA (A. Gregory)(this was the first county report for Common Ringlets south and east of Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania); 4 Meske's Skippers and a King's Hairstreak on June 18 at Pondberry Bay Preserve, Sampson Co., NC (H. LeGrand); 12 Dainty Sulphurs on August 28 at Quincy Bluff SNA, Adams Co., WI (M. Reese); a rare late season Leanira Checkerspot on Sept. 5 at Cold Creek, Clark Co., NV (S. Potter)(see page 45); and many reports of uncommon butterflies from south Texas including a Red-bordered Metalmark on June 11 at the AR Ranch, DeWitt Co., TX, well north of its normal range (D. Muschalek); a worn Veined White-Skipper on July 23 at Laguna Atascosa NWR, Cameron Co., TX (G. Quintanilla); a Pale-spotted Leafwing at the NABA International Butterfly Park, Mission, TX (G. Quintanilla) on August

28; a White Angled-Sulphur on Aug. 25 in Victoria Co., TX (R. Wauer); and a Marius Hairstreak at Mission West RV, Mission, TX (G., K., & A. Quintanilla) on Sept. 16.

Thousands of Painted Ladies were reported in Calgary, Alberta on June 17 (N. Bryan) and on June 15 nearly 1200 Painted Ladies were seen migrating through Weyburn, SK (M. Bailey). Other reports of abundant butterflies includes a June 15 report of 1000+ Regal Fritillaries at Sand Ridge State Forest; Mason Co., IL (P. Fuessle, R. Bell), hundreds of Pepper and Salt Skippers on June 12 in Buzzard Swamp, Forest and Elk Co., PA (C. Lehman, L. Mundell, S. Lehman, A. Lehman); 40 Two-spotted Skippers on July 3 on the Sandhill Count in Wood Co., WI (R. Arnold, M. Reese); 136 Milbert's Tortoiseshells on July 15 in Buffalo Co., WI (M. O'Connor, M. Reese), over 400 Common Buckeyes on August 14 in Polk Co., TN (C. Swafford, J. Basham), and over 500 Pearl Crescents on September 1 in Troy Meadows, Parsippany, NJ (V. Corsello). Other sightings included 500 Eastern Tailed-Blues on September 17 at Horseshoe Lake, Madison County, IL (Y. Homeyer, J Ziebol), and 775 Monarchs in an hour on October 2 at Parking Area # 6, Jones Beach, NY (M. Diederich).

Whether you see an unusual butterfly, an early or late sighting of a common species, or have a whole list of the species that you have seen, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please send your butterfly sightings to sightings@naba.org. With the advent of the Butterflies I've Seen Web Site, those who record your sightings to that site can also just click on "email trip" and send it to the address above. Your sightings will go into the larger database and will be available for others to see on the Recent Sightings web page.



Kent Fothergill

Above: Marine Blue. Aug. 7, 2005. Sublett Mtns., Cassia Co., ID.



Jim Springer

Right: Monk Skipper. Sept. 18, 2005. Deep Cut Gardens, Monmouth Co., NJ.

Below: Leanira Checkerspot. Sept. 5, 2005. Cold Creek, Clark Co., NV.



Steve Potter