



# Hot Seens

Summer 2009

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As the season advances so do the butterflies that can be found flying. Part of the fun of being out in the field regularly is watching the seasonal progression and noting what species might be present today that were not seen yesterday. Other observers enjoy going to a great natural area in hopes of seeing a new lifer, or just reacquainting themselves with a familiar species. No matter what your reason for being in the field, we do appreciate you sharing your butterfly sightings.

Old favorites observed early in the season included 40+ Hoary Elfins seen on a May 9 Newark Entomological Society field trip (A. Loudell, S. Johnson, J. Cromartie & others) at Warren Grove Recreation Area, west of Beaver Dam Road, NJ and 13 Hessel Hairstreaks west of Route 72 near mile post 9, NJ, 4 fresh Cobweb Skippers were reported on May 9 at Ward Pound Ridge, NY (H. Zirlin), 20 Silvery Blues were seen on May 12 at Pisgah State Park, NH (A. Baytas), and 6 Frosted Elfins seen on May 18 in the Wazee Count Circle, Jackson Co., WI (K. & D. Legler, A. Thering, D. Hanson). Other favorites included 2 Schaus' Swallowtails on May 22 at Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park, FL (J. Snyder), 2 Miami Blues seen on June 14 at Bahia Honda State Park, FL (S. Heeter), and 25 Regal Fritillaries observed on July 4 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA (D. Amadio).

The number of species observed tends to increase throughout the spring and early summer. Representative reports included 33 species reported on May 1 at Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge, GA (F. M. Stiteler, R. & J. Payne), 23 species observed on May 20 near the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Dent Co., MO (D. Berry), and 34 species seen

*Opposite page left:*

*Top: Silvery Blues are old favorites! This one was at Pisgah SP, NH on May 12.*

*Middle: Boisduval's Yellow is a rare stray north of the Mexican border. This one was seen in Edinburg (farther north than usual), Hidalgo Co., TX on July 7.*

*Bottom: This Three-spotted Skipper was a little farther north than usual. June 24, 2009. Bull Creek WMA, Osceola Co., FL.*

*Opposite page right:*

*Top: Creamy Stripe-streaks are rare strays to the United States. May 8, 2009. Garden Canyon, Cochise Co., AZ.*

*Middle: Very few Broad-banded Swallowtails have strayed to Arizona. July 9, 2009. Hereford, Cochise Co., AZ.*

*Bottom: Long Dash is a common, widespread skipper. Even so, seeing 225 at one spot is noteworthy. June 26, 2009. Buena Vista Marsh, Portage Co., WI.*



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