This year was the year of the southern immigrants throughout the eastern United States and Canada with many butterflies reporting highly unusual numbers and more species than in a typical year. Dainty Sulphurs and Little Yellows were seen farther north and in larger numbers than in most years. Examples include a July 4 sighting of a Dainty Sulphur by Todd Eiben in North Chagrin Reservation, Lake Co., OH, only the second county record of this species, a July 13 sighting of four Dainty Sulphurs by Ronnie Macko at Berlin Reservoir, Stark County, OH, a September 15 submission of one Dainty Sulphur at the Grand Travers Regional Land, Manistee Co., MI by Carl Freeman, and 434 Dainty Sulphurs seen on private property, Long Point area, Ontario by Bob & Karen Yukich. Todd Eiben reported a phenomenal 2500+ Little Yellows in Springfield Bog Metropark, Summit Co., OH.

White M Hairstreaks also strayed farther north than in other years. Thomas Jantscher saw a White M Hairstreak on August 11 at Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center, Linn Co., IA, and another one October 3 at Noelridge Park flower gardens, Linn Co., IA. Marianne Woods reported one on August 26 at Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary, Barnstable Co., MA and Mike Reese saw only the 8th White M Hairstreak seen in Wisconsin on Russell Hill, Grant Co., WI on September 30.

Painted Ladies were abundant in August in much of the northeast with numerous reports of large numbers of this species including a submission by Vincent Corsello of 500+ Painted Ladies on August 23 in a backyard butterfly garden in Brooklyn, NY.

Other southern immigrants that were reported frequently this summer and fall included Long-tailed Skipper, Ocola Skipper, and Brazilian Skipper. On July 7 Judith Huf

Top: Florida Purplewings used to be found over much of the Florida Keys. More recently, they have been consistently seen only on Lignum Vitae Key.

November 1, 2012.
Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological State Park, Islamorada,
Monroe Co., FL.

Bottom: White M Hairstreaks appear to be moving northward. This species was seen both in Iowa (right) and in Wisconsin (left), states where it is a rare stray.