The butterflying in June started out with a bang on June 2 when Cathryn Hoyt saw and photographed a Spotless Comma in the Davis Mountains, Jeff Davis, Co., TX; a new U.S. record! (See article in the Summer 2013 issue of *American Butterflies*). On June 3 she also observed an Ursine Giant-Skipper at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center, Fort Davis, Jeff Davis Co., TX, the 4th straight year for this species at this location. Barb Sendelbach recorded 12 Jutta Arctics and a Harvester at Bloomingdale Bog, Essex Co., NY on June 1, while Jeanette Klodzen saw 5 Relict Fritillaries on the same day on the Mormon Pioneer Trail, Morgan Co., UT. Harry Zirlin saw a very early Common Checkered-Skipper at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Westchester Co., NY on June 3.

Unusual sightings included an Oak Hairstreak reported on June 18 at Lily Pond, Harriman State Park, Rockland Co., NY by John Lampkin; a Columbine Duskywing spotted by Dave Hanson and David Bratley on June 19 at a new site — the northernmost location in Wisconsin — near Grandview, Bayfield Co., WI; and a Striped Hairstreak reported on July 6 by Brad Ensing in Kent Co., MI — an uncommon butterfly in that area.

Bart Jones counted 8 Bronze Coppers at Lower Hatchie NWR, Lauderdale Co., TN on July 27, the highest one-day total in TN. Dave Hanson and David Bratley on August 30 saw a Sachem for the 12th consecutive year on the shore of Lake Superior, Bayfield Co., WI and finally, I got to see my first Cloudless Sulphur in Wisconsin on August 2 near Cassville, Grant Co., WI on private property. Karl and Dorothy Legler had found the small colony in late July and the Cloudless Sulphurs were

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**Summer 2013**

_by Michael Reese_

### Opposite page

**Top:**
_Due to their relatively restricted range, Western Sulphurs are infrequently seen by most butterfliers and even less frequently identified. Here, Dennis Holmes has captured an image of the topsides of both a male and a female._

*July 30, 2013. Highway 39 at Big Sheep Creek in the Eagle Cap Wilderness, Wallowa County, OR.*

**Bottom left:**
_A north straying male White Angled-Sulphur nectars at an Anacahuita (wild olive) at the San Antonio Botanical Garden._

*July 26, 2013. Bexar Co., TX.*

**Bottom right:**
_This Statira Sulphur was yet another northern stray to San Antonio._

*July 21, 2013. Mitchell Lake Audubon Center, Bexar Co., TX.*
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Top:
Martin Reid hits the trifecta! From left to right, a Band-celled Sister, an Empress Leilia and a Tailed Cecropian (only a handful of U.S. records) — wow!


Center:
With a driveway like this, there’s no need to travel. Baltimore Checkerspots (465 in total), Northern Crescents, a Silvery Checkerspot and a Great Spangled Fritillary throng Marcie O’Connor’s drive. Maybe she’ll sell the butterfly food she’s putting out?

June 30, 2013. Near Praag, Buffalo Co., WI.

Bottom:
Gone from Westchester Co., NY (see article on page 34 of this issue) Meadow Fritillaries are still going strong two counties northward — 300 were seen in a 40 minute count.


There are always some species that have very good years or at least appear to be much more abundant than normal. Baltimore Checkerspots were abundant at several locations including 1500 reported by Rich Kelly at Caumsett State Park, Suffolk Co., NY on June 22, and 465 counted by Marcie O’Connor on her driveway near Praag, Buffalo Co., WI on June 30. Other high counts included 12 Lustrous Coppers near Mt. Shasta, Siskiyou Co., CA seen by Rob Santry and Ray Bruun on June 2; 36 White M Hairstreaks reported by Linda Cooper during an NABA count on June 15 at Lake Louisa State Park, Lake Co., FL; 100 Banded Hairstreaks in Friendship Farm Park, Charles Co., MD in a 3-acre area, seen by Rick Borchelt and Tom Stock on June 9; and 300 Meadow Fritillaries reported by Conrad Vispo during a 40 minute count in Rhinebeck, Thompson-Mazarella Town Park, Dutchess Co., NY on June 28.


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