

Trip Segment	Date	# Seen	Location Detail	Sighting Comment
Identified Species				
Cabbage White <i>Pieris rapae</i>				
Dennisville RR Tracks	4/28/2018	1		
Lizard Tail	4/28/2018	2		
Chatsworth	4/28/2018	1		
Falcate Orangetip <i>Anthocharis midea</i>				
Tuckahoe	4/28/2018	3	Second road fields	Patrolling, both sexes
Dennisville RR Tracks	4/28/2018	1		In flight
Brown Elfin <i>Callophrys augustinus</i>				
Warren Grove	4/28/2018	5		
Chatsworth	4/28/2018	2		
Hoary Elfin <i>Callophrys polios</i>				
Warren Grove	4/28/2018	6		
Frosted Elfin <i>Callophrys irus</i>				
Lizard Tail	4/28/2018	4		Ken & Mike only
Henry's Elfin <i>Callophrys henrici</i>				
Tuckahoe	4/28/2018	5	Tuckahoe trail	One mated pair, still fresh
Dennisville RR Tracks	4/28/2018	2		
Eastern Pine Elfin <i>Callophrys niphon</i>				
Warren Grove	4/28/2018	3		
Chatsworth	4/28/2018	3		
Juniper Hairstreak <i>Callophrys gryneus</i>				
Dennisville RR Tracks	4/28/2018	2		
Lizard Tail	4/28/2018	1		
Eastern Tailed-Blue <i>Cupido comyntas</i>				
Lizard Tail	4/28/2018	2		
Atlantic (/Holly) Azure <i>Celastrina idella</i>				
Tuckahoe	4/28/2018	35	Tuckahoe trail	Could be an undercount
Dennisville RR Tracks	4/28/2018	2		
Lizard Tail	4/28/2018	3		
Northern (/Blueberry) Azure <i>Celastrina lucia</i>				
Warren Grove	4/28/2018	1		
Chatsworth	4/28/2018	3		
Pearl Crescent <i>Phyciodes tharos</i>				
Lizard Tail	4/28/2018	1		
American Lady <i>Vanessa virginiensis</i>				
Tuckahoe	4/28/2018	1	Tuckahoe trail	
Lizard Tail	4/28/2018	4		

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Sleepy Duskywing				
<i>Erynnis brizo</i>				
Warren Grove	4/28/2018	1		Mike Freeman only
Juvenal's Duskywing				
<i>Erynnis juvenalis</i>				
Tuckahoe	4/28/2018	1	Second road	
Dennisville RR Tracks	4/28/2018	4		
Lizard Tail	4/28/2018	4		
Chatsworth	4/28/2018	2		
Wild Indigo Duskywing				
<i>Erynnis baptisiae</i>				
Tuckahoe	4/28/2018	1	Second road	

TOTAL SPECIES: 16

Trip Notes:

After postponing the trip due to exceptionally cold spring weather (4 so NJ species w/latest ever first flight dates), we had a strong outing. Foliage advancing rapidly, though still behind an ordinary year. After early fog, pretty much sunny and mid-60s to lower 70s all day, somewhat breezy from NW.

Met c. 9:00 at Lucille's, 12 participants. Drove straight to Tuckahoe, where PB Azures finally flying - in numbers! A couple of Henry's left, including a quite-fresh mated pair. Unusual coloring may have reflected late cold temperatures during pre-eclosion period. Along with Blue Corporals, Fragile Forktails now in flight. A pair of loud Prothonatory Warblers were a group highlight, long with multiple singing Pine Warblers. EP had Worm-eating.

Several Falcate Orangetips patrolling in plowed-up fields on 2nd Tuckahoe road. Also a Wild Indigo Duskywing.

At Dennisville Railroad tracks, no fence lizards still, but a couple of nice Juniper Hairstreaks and another odd-toned Henry's, looked Frosted-like (ambiguous individuals seen at this site before). Also first Juvenal's DWs.

At Lizard Tail, more active. Ran into Jack Miller, who noted that the site had been badly disrupted by power line crews last year (no LIN trip in 2017). Lots of cricket frogs in new puddles, Eastern Tailed-Blues, one Pearl Crescent, 3-4 Frosted Elfins (seen mainly by others; I saw a probable dart-by amid newly-sprouted *Baptisia*). Also American Ladies, a couple of azures, another Juniper Hairstreak, and an odd, very worn Monarch-like fly-by we could not identify. Before leaving, we came across a Black Racer eating another, smaller member of its species.

Next drove up to Warren Grove, arrived c. 2:50. At the patch where Emily and I were lucky a week earlier, we quickly added Hoary, Brown and Eastern Pine Elfins. Mike Freeman photographed a Sleepy Duskywing nearby. Some duplicates turned up as we walked around, but as to new species we only added a lone Northern Azure when driving off. Hessel's lowland dead.

Chatsworth still a week or so away from full Sand Myrtle bloom (emerged elfins were nectaring in the meantime on low-growing Pixie). Had Eastern Pine and Brown Elfins, 2 Northern Azures, and a Festive Tiger Beetle. But getting late, and Hessels were not in the cards. Still, in this cold year, 6 out of 5 was NOT BAD.

Photo montage by trip members: <https://rbc-pix.smugmug.com/Nature/Nature-Trip/So-NJ-Spring>

Trip Attendees:

Rick Cech, Emily Peyton, Steve Finn, Grace Finn, Lenore Swenson, Sandra Maury, Mike Freeman, Ken Chaya, Ann & Phil Ribolow, Seth Ausabel, Ann DeGroff, Kathleen Howley