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## CHRYSALIS

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Here's another issue of CHRYSALIS, an irregular e-mail newsletter about the Vermont Butterfly Survey. You're getting this because you have signed on as a VBS volunteer. If you'd rather not receive this newsletter, please reply to this e-mail and asked to be removed from the mailing list. Thanks for joining the survey.

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### \*1. July: The Height of Vermont Butterfly Diversity!\*

We hope your summer field season is going well. Being mid-July, we are in the thick of Vermont butterfly diversity right now. There are plenty of blocks that need some help. So here's your chance to provide some critical data to VBS. We've added a new Google Earth coverage to the web site that shows the number of species reported from each block through 2005. They numbers are not exact, but they will give you an idea of what blocks need some serious help. Not a Google Earth user? You can still see the same data on our web page as a map or a list in a table. See all the links below and happy field trip planning!

Here's the quickest way to locate a block that needs more field work:

<http://www.vinsweb.org/vbs/blockneed.htm>

Google Earth Files:

Priority Blocks: <http://www.vinsweb.org/vbs/kml/VBSpriorityBlocks.kml>

Number of Species on Priority Blocks:

<http://www.vinsweb.org/vbs/kml/SpeciesPerBlock.kml>

PDF Map of Number of Species on Priority Blocks:

[http://www.vinsweb.org/vbs/pdf/nospeciespriorityblocks\\_voucher\\_visual.pdf](http://www.vinsweb.org/vbs/pdf/nospeciespriorityblocks_voucher_visual.pdf)

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\*2. \*\*Is Your Block Finished? Can You Help In Another Block?\*

We sent a note to many of year in May about block assignments asking you which blocks you would be working this summer and which you would be dropping. If you have any blocks that you think are assigned to you and you will not be visiting them, please let us know so we can get someone onto them. You can view a complete list of the block assignments that we have at

<http://www.vinsweb.org/vbs/blockassignbyblock.htm>. Visit <http://www.vinsweb.org/vbs/effort.htm> to learn how you are doing on your block.

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\*3. Have you left VBS?

\*If you don't think you'll be able to do any more survey work (we hope not) PLEASE take a few minutes to gather and return any of your unused voucher cards and glassine envelopes. Drop us a quick email so we don't send you materials for this season. We need them back. You can mail them to:

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Thanks.

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\*4. Use VTLEPS email to join forces

\*Want a partner to block bust? Need some advice? Wonder what others are seeing? Join the VBS email list to get answers to all your butterfly problems. A great place to advertise a last minute field trip to block bust and get others to come and help. Visit <http://list.uvm.edu/archives/vtleps.html> and join now.

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\*5. WEB PAGE PICK

\*The NEW Butterflies of North America web page

The Butterflies and the Moths of North America page that shows records by county and other information has been completely redone and the address changed. Visit it at <http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/>. All of the VBS records will be shared with this site at the end of VBS. \*

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