

Miami Blue Chapter

North American Butterfly Association

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VIA EMAIL

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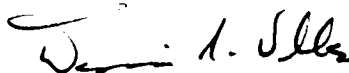
Dear Mr. Hallac:

On Saturday, September 8, we were participating in a butterfly survey in Everglades National Park. I am happy to report that four Silver-banded Hairstreaks (*Chlorostrymon simaethis*) were found on the North side of Eco pond and one individual was located on the South side of the Campground, Loop C. As expected, this butterfly was found in close association with its host plant, balloonvine (*Cardiospermum corundum*). (Please see attached photographs).

Given the rarity of this butterfly in the United States, we would strongly encourage you to take such preventative measures as are necessary to protect this butterfly species by protecting its host plant, *i.e.*, no burning, herbiciding or mowing in the subject areas. With the demand to get these areas "cleaned-up" for winter (human) visitors, it is important to implement protocols now.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dennis J. Olle
President

cc: Keith Whisenant
Deputy Superintendent.