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A regal fritillary (*Speyeria idalia*) alights on a leaf of grass at a restored prairie within the confines of the Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge near Des Moines, Iowa. Stephanie Shepherd and Diane Debinski (page 243) report on their efforts to reintroduce the rare butterfly species and the various difficulties they encountered along the way. Despite these problems, their experience is that restored croplands can provide habitat for these habitat-restricted butterflies, especially if the restorations include the butterfly's host plants—prairie violet (*Viola pedatifida*) and bird's-foot violet (*V. pedata*). Photo courtesy of Ron Van Nimwegen

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