



Miami Blue Chapter, NABA July 2014 E-news

Above: Miami Blue.

Butterflies and moths love our hot, humid summers. Let's go find them!

Loop Road Butterfly Count Saturday, July 12, 9 am - 4 pm

This is an opportunity to see butterflies we do not find in the city, with plenty of breaks to cool down in the cars between counting in the field.

Meet at the eastern end of Loop Road just off SW 8 Street (Tamiami Trail). We will drive west on Loop Road stopping frequently to survey. After finishing at the end of the paved road, we will turn around, return to the Trail, head west to the Oasis Visitors Center to survey the field behind the fence.

Let Linda Evans know if you plan to participate: lmemia@aol.com.

Scroll down for information about the other upcoming butterfly count, at Shark Valley.

Coral Gables Butterfly Count Results

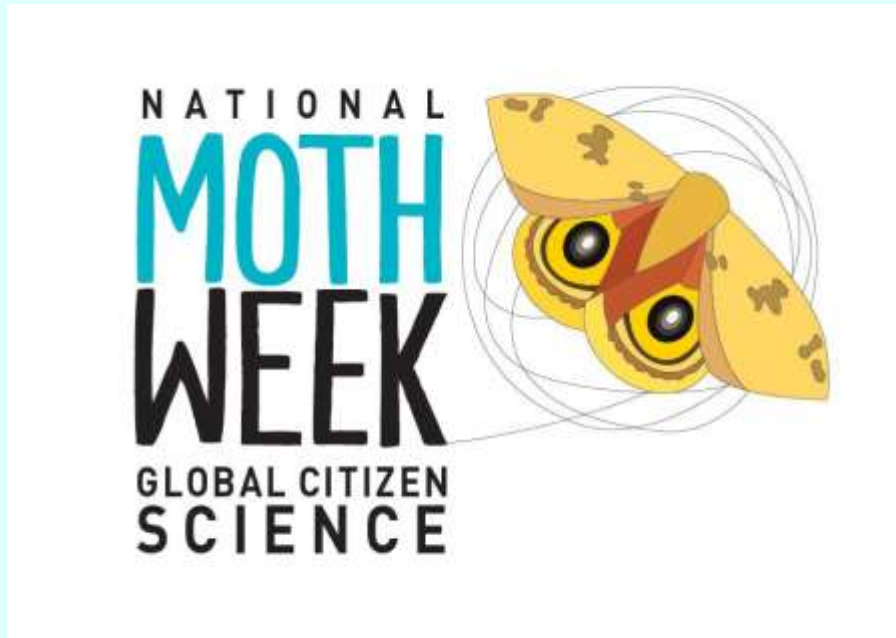
Thanks to all who participated in the June 28 count at Cape Florida, Deering Estate, Fairchild Garden, and the Kampong.

Among the usual butterflies, most in good numbers, were some standouts: 101 Dina Yellows at the Deering Estate; 16 Cuban Crescents at Cape Florida; 74

Moth Day

Sunday, July 20

Long Key Nature Center
3501 S.W. 130th Ave., Davie, FL 33330



The Broward and Miami Blue chapters of NABA and Broward County Parks and Recreation have put together a not-to-be-missed set of events to celebrate the 3rd annual Moth Week. This is the day to learn about moths without calling on your inner night-owl.

12:00 p.m. - Of Moon Moths and Silken Threads
by Dr. Michelle DaCosta, Division of Plant Industries, Florida
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

1:30 p.m. - Attracting Moths for a Closer Look
by Kelli Whitney, Parks Naturalist, Broward County Parks and
Recreation

3:00 p.m. - Moths of South Florida
by Alan Chin-Lee, Lepidopterist and Nature Photographer

Long Key Nature Center has a butterfly garden, nature trails, a comfy meeting hall, and the butterfly exhibit. About Long Key.

It takes less time to reach Long Key than one thinks. Driving directions:

Baracoa Skippers and 396 immature Atalpas (eggs, cats, and chrysalis) at Fairchild, and 4 Pink Spots.



Photo by Michelle DaCosta



Bella moth
Photo by Michelle DaCosta.

Schaus Survey Results

This spring's Schaus Swallowtail surveys in Biscayne National Park and on Key Largo encouraged all who fear for this endangered beauty. More than 200 Schaus were sighted, in addition to the 354 larvae and adults UF staff released as part of their captive rearing program.

Florida Purplewings, Cuban race Bahamian Swallowtails, and Amethyst Hairstreaks have also

From I-595: Exit at Flamingo Road and go south to S.W. 36th Court. Turn right (west) across from Flamingo Gardens and follow 36th Court until it curves to the right (north) to become S.W. 130th Avenue. The entrance to the natural area will be on your left (west).

From I-95: Exit at Griffin Road and go west to Flamingo Road. Turn right (north) on Flamingo and go to S.W. 36th Court. Turn left (west) across from Flamingo Gardens and follow 36th Court until it curves to the right (north) to become S.W. 130th Avenue. The entrance to the natural area will be on your left (west).

Moth Night

July 25, 8:00 pm. • All Ages • \$5/person

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Long Key naturalists will set up equipment to attract moths and introduce us to what they have found. This effort will contribute to our understanding of moth populations in protected areas such as Long Key -- and demonstrate how lepidopterists do their work with lights, sheets, and potions that moths find irresistible.

Shark Valley Butterfly Count

Saturday, July 26, 9 am - 4 pm

Meet at the parking lot inside Shark Valley. We will break into teams and cover the roads on the east and west side of the park. We will then proceed east toward Miami stopping along the Trail if there are unmoved areas. We will continue east to canal L67.

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been turning up in the Keys this spring and summer.

Go native in the Butterfly Garden

Between lectures, take a walk in the Lisa D. Anness Butterfly Garden. It attracts the natives -- Zebras with stripes and six legs, Polydamus Swallowtails without tails, and other lovely, winged creatures.

Join NABA and the Miami Blue Chapter; membership information is at: www.miamiblue.org.

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