



# Miami Blue Chapter, NABA November 2014 E-news

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## The Ramble

Friday-Sunday, November 7-9

[Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden](#)



Miami Blue and the Native Plant Society share an informational table at the Ramble, conveniently located next to the butterfly garden. Share your love of butterflies with Ramblers by volunteering for a shift or two at the



Red Admiral, Pinecrest.  
Courtesy of Hank Poor



Viceroy, Loop Road

table. To sign up, please email [lmemia@aol.com](mailto:lmemia@aol.com).

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## Loop Road / Pinecrest Butterfly Survey

Saturday, November 29, 9 am-4 pm

Meet the Miami Blue Chapter for one of our nicest NABA surveys of the year. We will meet at the East end of Loop Road at 9 am to cover some of our South Florida's most beautiful Everglades habitats. We have found between 27 and 30 species on this count in previous years.

Bring a hat, sunscreen, bug spray, your bag lunch and lots of water, as there are no facilities on our route.

[Read about Loop Road](#)

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## Tenth Annual Holiday Picnic

Sunday, December 7

12:30-3:30 pm

Steinberg Nature Center  
(behind the Doc Thomas House)  
5530 Sunset Drive  
South Miami



A gathering of

- Dade Chapter Florida Native Plant Society
- Miami Blue Chapter, North American Butterfly Association
- TREEmendous Miami
- and the hosts, Tropical Audubon Society

Bring family, nature-loving friends, your favorite dish, and **your own plate, utensils and napkin!** You may bring beer and wine. Water will be supplied. Cash donations are also possible.

Courtesy of Ron Nuehring



Loop Road  
Courtesy of National Park Service.  
[Enlarge image and read history](#)



Red Banded Hairstreak, Pinecrest  
Courtesy of Hank Poor

## The Nominating Committee Needs Your Suggestions

Send us your recommendations for 2015 Miami Blue officers. If you would like to participate steering our organization, sign up!!!



White Peacock, Bill Baggs State

Please let us know the number attending, your potluck item (main dish, side/salad, drinks or dessert) email and phone number.

Respond to Amy Creekmur, 305-667-7337, [events@tropicalaudubon.org](mailto:events@tropicalaudubon.org). RSVPs by November 30 are greatly appreciated, but late/no-responders should come, too.

**Check Miami Blue's web site for any last minute changes before you come to the picnic.**

**Directions:** From US1, turn east on SW 72 Street/Sunset Drive, go past Red Road to SW 55 Ave, turn right and another immediate right into parking lot behind a chain link fence.

**Parking:** Limited free on-site parking via our 55th Avenue gate and along 56th Avenue; metered parking on Sunset Drive; various garage and valet parking options within one to three blocks; Metrorail service to South Miami Station, a short walk away.

After lunch take an easy nature walk through the pineland and hammock trails on site. Bring your binoculars for bird and butterfly spotting.

While here also be sure to take a look at the newly nationally designated historic Doc Thomas House, built in 1932, that is used as the Tropical Audubon Society headquarters.

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Park

Photo by Elane Nuehring

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Join NABA and the Miami Blue Chapter; membership information is at: [www.miamiblue.org](http://www.miamiblue.org).

Check the [full year calendar](#) for the chapter at: [www.miamiblue.org](http://www.miamiblue.org).

Check us out on Facebook and have your say: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/No-Amer-Butterfly-Assn-MIAMI-CHAPTER/325985851002>

Don't forget to save your unwanted copies of *American Butterflies* and the *Butterfly Gardener*; we have many uses for extra copies.

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