



# Miami Blue Chapter, NABA July 2015 E-news

Above: Miami Blue.

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## Shark Valley NABA Butterfly Count

Saturday, July 18, 8:30 am - 3: pm  
\$3

Join the Miami Blue Chapter for our annual summer Shark Valley NABA butterfly count. We will meet at the Shark Valley Visitors Center parking lot at 8:30 AM. We will start in the parking lot, walk the peaceful road, seeing not only butterflies not usually seen elsewhere, but magnificent birds as well. Then we will head back east along the Trail, stopping at intervals to add to our lists.

Bring water, sun screen, a bag lunch and bug spray in case it is needed. There is a \$3. fee per person.

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Shark Valley  
Courtesy of J. Roark



Queen at Shark Valley  
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring

## Loop Road NABA Butterfly Count

Saturday, July 25, 9 am - 4 pm  
\$3

The Miami Blue Chapter of NABA will be having its 13th year Pinecrest (Tri-County) count.

Meet at the artesian well at the east entrance to Loop Road where it meets the Tamiami Trail at 9 am.

We will caravan west on the scenic Loop Road for several hours, then return to the Trail; then drive west to the Oasis Visitors Center. After a quick survey of their site we will, on our trip back east, stop at the Jetport on the Trail. We usually finish about 4 PM.

Bring water, sun screen, bug spray and a bag lunch. There is a \$3. NABA fee per person to participate. We sure hope you can join us.

Contact us at [miamiblue@bellsouth.net](mailto:miamiblue@bellsouth.net) for any questions.

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## Moth Day and Night

Saturday, July 25, 2 - 8 pm  
Free

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

Celebrate the fourth annual National Moth Week!

2 pm - Opening Remarks, by Keli Whitney, Parks Naturalist, Long Key Nature Center

2:30 pm - Identifying the Sphinx Moths of South Florida, by Ingrid Asencio, Parks naturalist, Long Key Nature Center

3:30 pm - Door prize raffle, pollinator plant sale, educational and informational booths

4 pm - Sphinxes, Hawks, and Horn Worms: a Tale of Sphingidae, by Dr. Michelle DaCosta, Entomologist, U.W.



Red-banded Hairstreak  
at Pinecrest (Loop Road)  
Courtesy of Hank Poor



Viceroy along Loop Road  
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring



Malachite  
Occasionally seen at Long Key  
Courtesy of Mickie Wheeler



Gaudy Sphinx Moth

Department of Agriculture

5 pm - Door prize raffle, pollinator plant sale, educational and informational booths, with refreshments provided by Whole Foods Market, Davie

7 pm - Workshop: Attracting Moths for a Closer Look, by Kelli Whitney

8 pm - Moth Night activities (fee required)

Moth Night

\$5 per person

Long Key naturalists will set up equipment to attract moths and introduce us to what they find. 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.

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## Miami Blue Chapter Meeting

Sunday, August 2, 1 - 3 pm

Castellow Hammock Nature Center  
22301 SW 162 Avenue

Our speaker, Angel Abreau, will talk about photography and nature. He and his wife, Mariel, operate their guiding business, Nature Is Awesome, treating guests with trips searching for birds and butterflies. Angel, a Leica rep., will discuss photographing birds and butterflies. For a sneak peek at some of Angel's photographs, visit his blog at <http://www.natureisawesometours.com/blog.html>

Light refreshments will be served.

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## Field Trip to Navy Wells

Florida Native Plant Society and the Miami Blue Chapter,  
NABA

Saturday, August 8, 2015, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Faithful Beauty, a day-flying moth  
Courtesy of Susan Kolterman



Spinx Moth  
Courtesy of Ana Maria Agrosa



Dina Yellow at Castellow  
Hammock



Ruddy Daggerwing at Castellow  
Hammock  
Courtesy of Hank Poor

Steve Woodmansee will lead this late afternoon walk in a county preserve, one of the largest tracts of pine rockland remaining outside of Everglades National Park. We'll see summer wildflowers and hopefully the rare Bartram's Scrub Hairstreak, the Florida Duskywing, and other butterflies and birds. Bring close-focus binoculars if you have them for spotting butterflies.

Meet at 5 p.m. at the entrance to Navy Wells on SW 192 Ave., just south of "Robert Is Here" fruit stand. (Robert Is Here is at SW 344 Street and 192 Ave. on the way to Everglades National Park). This is about 30 minutes south from Cutler Ridge.

Bring/wear: Water, long pants.

Difficulty: Moderate (some rocky terrain; not long distances).

Afterward: Join the group at a local restaurant for dinner if you choose to. (Place to be decided).

Thanks to Patty Phares for organizing this joint field trip.

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## New, Improved Miami Blue Web Site

Miami Blue's web site has been redesigned. Check the calendar often for the most recent news about field trips and events. Take a look at everything and tell us what you think: [miamiblue.org](http://miamiblue.org)



Bartram's Hairstreak



Florida Duskywing  
Courtesy of Becky Smith

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

Check the chapter website for the latest news at: [www.miamiblue.org](http://www.miamiblue.org).

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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