



# Miami Blue Chapter, NABA September 2015 E-news

Above: Miami Blue.

In this issue: Loop Road butterfly counts, a field trip to Larry and Penny Thompson Park, the November Miami Blue Chapter meeting, a call for volunteers, and a bench dedication honoring Elane Nuehring

## Loop Road NABA Butterfly Count

Saturday, September 26, 9 am - 4 pm

Join us for our 13th annual Pinecrest (Tri-County) count. Originally scheduled for July 25, we were rained out. Now is your second chance for this ride-and-butterfly field trip.

We meet at the artesian well at the east entrance to Loop Road where it meets the Tamiami Trail at 9 AM. It is on the left, just past Shark Valley and the Miccosukee Village and just before 40-Mile Bend.

We caravan west on the scenic Loop Road for several hours, then return to the Trail, and drive west to the Oasis Visitors Center. After a quick survey of their site we will, on



Loop Road  
Courtesy of Gustave Pellerin

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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## Larry and Penny Thompson Park Field Trip

Saturday, October 17, 10 am - 2 pm  
12451 SW 184 Street, Miami, FL 33177

Miami Blue is joining the Dade Chapter Florida Native Plant Society for a joint field trip to Larry and Penny Thompson Park.

Expect to see many windflowers after the extensive fires in May and June and the rain in September. This should be a great location to see Atala's, skippers, hairstreaks, and other Pineland species.

Details to be announced. Times probably will be changed.

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## Miami Blue Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, November 1, 1 - 3 pm

John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park  
102601 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo (Mile Marker 102.5)

Free

Please hold the date for our November meeting. Important details, such as the speaker, will be posted on [miamiblue.org](http://miamiblue.org) in the near future. Miami Blue members will need a pass to gain free admission to the park..

<http://pennekampark.com/>



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



Elane Nuehring

Courtesy of Becky Smith

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## The Ramble

Friday-Sunday, November 13-15, 8 am - 5 pm  
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Once again this year, the Miami Blue Chapter, NABA will host an information table at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden's biggest weekend; naturally, next to the butterfly garden.

Volunteer to cover a shift at the Miami Blue table. It is a great weekend to meet with members of our chapter and other nature lovers. All volunteers will be given free entrance to the Garden. We will need volunteers on all three days, so please contact Linda Evans at [lmemia@aol.com](mailto:lmemia@aol.com) if you are able to help.

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## Bench Dedication and Reception Honoring Elane Nuehring

Sunday, November 15, 2 - 5 pm

Long Key Nature Center  
Davie, Florida

Please join the Broward County Butterfly Chapter, which is hosting a bench dedication and reception for the late Dr. Elane Nuehring, past president of the Miami Blue Chapter, NABA.

RSVP by October 15 by emailing Pat Rossi at [sweetgnotes@gmail.com](mailto:sweetgnotes@gmail.com).

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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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