



MIAMI BLUE CHAPTER, NABA MARCH 2016 E-NEWS

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Native Plant Day

Saturday, March 19
9 am - 4 pm

Bill Sadowski Park
17555 SW 79 Avenue

Come for a great day of programs, nature walks, plant sales, hands on activities, and SO much more! All FREE!

The Miami Blue Chapter is joining the Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society for Native Plant Day at Bill Sadowski Park. There will be Activities for all ages, programs and nature walks, hands-on activities, plant sales and raffles. Learn about native plants, landscaping, water conservation, "bad insects," butterflies, seeds, wildflowers, wood-turning and lots more.

Miami Blue Chapter will host a table with information on butterflies, caterpillars and their special plants. **If you can**



Ruddy Daggerwing
at Sadowski Park
Courtesy of Becky Smith

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

Check the chapter website for the

help cover our table, email Linda Evans at lmemia@aol.com.

Drinks and food will be available for purchase, cash only.

8 - 9 am.

Ellen Snow will lead an early birding walk Bring binoculars for butterfly and bird watching throughout the day.

9:45 - 10:10

The Zen of Proper Pruning, talk by arborist Robin Luker
Learn how and when to cut before you cut--for less tree trouble!

10:20 - 10:45

Attract Migratory Birds to your Yard, talk by Joy Klein
The native plants that will lure birds to vacation in your yard,

10:20 - 11

The Trails and Plants of Sadowski, walk led by Sadowski
Park staff.
Enjoy the trails and learn plant ID throughout the park.

10:55 - 11:20

Think Beyond the Hedge, talk by Howard Tonkin, owner of
Urban Habitat.
How to create a forest corridor in your yard.

10:30 - 12

Rain Barrel Workshop, led by Barbara McAdam
Learn about water conservation and make a rain barrel. Pre-
registration: 305-248-3311, ext. 242. Walk-ups accepted only
if space is available. Rain barrel cost \$40, workshop is free.

11:30 - 11:55

What is a Flower?, talk by FIU professor Dr. Suzanne
Koptur.
Beauty, function, and biology of native flowers.

12:15

Raffle # 1. You must be present to win.

1:10 - 1:35

Butterfly Obsession, talk by our own Linda Evans.
Our love affair with butterflies; South Florida species and
their associated plants.

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1:10 - 1:50

The Trails and Plants of Sadowski, walk led by Sadowski Park staff.

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1:45 - 2:10

Bringing Nature Back!, talk by DERM biologist Gwn Burzycki.

Choose some of the most honorable South Florida natives for easy care, color, and wildlife.

2:00 - 2:40

The Ferns of Sadowski, talk by Fairchild biologist Jennifer Possley.

Learn about the rare and less rare native ferns in the Sadowski grotto.

2:20 - 2:45

Natives for Your Neighborhood, talk by IRC Outreach Coordinator Cara Abbott.

Use this important and thorough database for urban conservation in your landscape.

2:55 - 3:30

Endangered Species in Your Garden, talk by Howark Tonkin.

Examples of native gardens using imperiled species.

3:30

Raffle #2. You must be present to win.

Schaus' Swallowtail Butterfly Monitoring Training

Thursday, March 24, 7-9 pm

John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park

Schaus' Swallowtail surveys in Key Largo are presently being scheduled. If you would like to join us, you will need to attend a pre-season training meeting.

We are looking for volunteers to commit at least 1 day per week between early April and late June to help Search for the endangered Schaus' Swallowtail Butterfly in North Key

Largo. It is lots of fun walking in the beautiful hardwood hammock with many very interesting fellow participants.

Contact Scott Tedford at scott.tedford@dep.state.fl.us

Shark Valley NABA Butterfly Count

Saturday, March 26, 9 am - 2 pm

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Join the Miami Blue Chapter for one of our annual NABA Counts at Shark Valley. This is a magnificent time of year to visit the wilderness of Shark Valley. We usually find butterflies not seen elsewhere in South Florida.

Meet in the Shark Valley Visitors Center parking lot at 9 am. We will walk the western side searching for the rare Berry's Skipper, which has been seen there in the past.

We will then drive to L67 to search for Palmetto and Palatka Skippers. Come walk with experts to learn new butterflies.

Bring long sleeved shirts and pants and hat for sun protection and possibly mosquitoes; water, a bag lunch and binoculars.

Contact Linda Evans with any questions: Imemia@aol.com

Miami Blue Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, May 1, 1-3 pm.

Castellow Hammock

Celebrate May Day with a butterfly talk and a stroll around the butterfly garden. Details coming soon.
