



## MIAMI BLUE CHAPTER, NABA

### August 2016 E-NEWS

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### Shark Valley Summer NABA Count

Saturday, July 16, 9 am - 2 pm  
\$3 fee

Join us for a special NABA count in the western Everglades, with butterflies not seen in the Miami area. Latest details are in the calendar at [miamiblue.org](http://miamiblue.org)

Meet at the Everglades National Park's north entrance, the [Shark Valley Visitor's Center](#), on Tamiami Trail almost opposite the Miccosukee Restaurant. Bring lots of water, sunscreen, bug spray, and snacks or a bag lunch.

Contact Linda Evans at [lmemia@aol.com](mailto:lmemia@aol.com) to sign up.



Shark Valley entrance  
Courtesy of J. Roark



Queen at Shark Valley  
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring

## Loop Road NABA Count

Saturday July 23, 9 am - 5 pm  
\$3 fee

One of the most remote, secluded and peaceful places we visit is [Loop Road](#), just west of Shark Valley, the [Oasis Visitor's Center](#) (for Big Cypress National Reserve), and the Jetport. This is one of the easiest counts, because we drive, stop, count unusual species, dive back into the air-conditioned car, cool down, and repeat the process.

Plan your visit: [Driving Guide](#), [butterfly checklist](#).

Meet at the eastern end of Loop Road at 9 am (if you pass 40-Mile Bend, you have gone too far).

Bring water, bug spray, snacks, and a bag lunch.

Contact Linda Evans at [lmemia@aol.com](mailto:lmemia@aol.com).

## Field Trip to North Key Largo with Marc Minno

Saturday, August 6  
9 am - 1 pm

Take a walk in [Key Largo's hammock](#) with book author and entomologist Marc Minno, PhD, and other Miami Blue members.

Meet at the intersection of Card Sound Road and state road 905 at 9 am. Bring a hat, lots of water, a bag lunch, binoculars, and mosquito netting if you have it. Don't let the mosquitoes keep you away; this is a lovely hammock at its best in the buggy summer (butterflies are insects, too).

**Important! Sign up for this field trip with [Linda Evans](#) no later than Friday, July 22).** We will be going on trails that require a permit from the state; so the authorities need a list of participants two weeks in advance.



Viceroy near Loop Road  
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring



Florida Purplewing on Key Largo



Marc Minno in the field



Castellow Hammock entrance



Dina Yellow  
at Castellow Hammock

## Miami Blue Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, August 7, 1-3 pm.  
Castellow Hammock  
22301 SW 162 Avenue, Miami, FL 3317

Program and speaker  
The Butterflies of Cuba  
Marc Minno

We are excited to report that our August meeting speaker at Castellow Hammock will be entomologist Marc Minno, PhD. Marc has been to Cuba many times, and will discuss Cuba's butterflies. Many of them are similar to our South Florida species, so come to learn more about this island's "leps."

The meeting will begin at 1 pm, but come early to scout out the butterflies in their butterfly garden and the hammock.

We are going pot luck! If so inclined, please bring finger food for the refreshments table.

## Butterfly & Bird Day at Castellow Hammock

Saturday, September 17, 9 am - 4:30 pm.  
Castellow Hammock  
22301 SW 162 Avenue, Miami, FL 3317

Miami Blue, Tropical Audubon Society, and Miami-Dade County Parks have banded together to present a special day devoted to birds and butterflies. Program speakers will include celebrity experts [Rick Cech](#) and [Roger Hammer](#), among others. Plant sales, information tables, children's activities, and nature walks will add to the day's experiences. More information and a schedule of events will be posted on the web site in the near future. Check back from time to time.

Meanwhile, we will need volunteers for various activities: spending a shift at Miami Blue's information table, leading mini-butterfly walks, and so on. Contact Linda Evans at [lmemia@aol.com](mailto:lmemia@aol.com) to volunteer and to find out where we need your talents.



Ruddy Daggerwing  
at Castellow Hammock  
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring



Dingy Purplewing  
at Castellow Hammock  
Courtesy of Ron 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 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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