



MIAMI BLUE CHAPTER, NABA SEPTEMBER 2016 E-NEWS

Above: Dainty Sulphur on Bidens. Courtesy of Ron Nuehring.

Butterfly & Bird Day at Castellow Hammock

Saturday, September 17, 2016, 9 am - 4:30 pm.
Castellow Hammock
22301 SW 162 Avenue, Miami, FL 3317
305-242-7688

**Learn about South Florida's butterflies and birds
in the wild and in your garden.
Programs, nature walks, children's activities,
plant & book sales.**



Ruddy Daggerwing
at Castellow Hammock
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring



Castellow Hammock entrance



Prairie Warbler. Courtesy of Mickey Wheeler

The Miami Blue Chapter of NABA, Tropical Audubon Society, and Miami-Dade County Parks have banded together to present a special day devoted to birds and butterflies. Program speakers include celebrity experts [Rick Cech](#), [Roger Hammer](#), Brian Raposa, and Elsa Alvear. Plant sales, information tables, children's activities, and nature walks will add to the day's experiences.

We will need volunteers for various activities: spending a shift at Miami Blue's information table, leading mini-butterfly walks, and so on. (If you have already volunteered, thank you; we can't do it without you.) Contact Linda Evans at lmemia@aol.com to volunteer and to find out where we need your talents.

General information and driving directions to Castellow Hammock:
<http://miamiblue.org/event/butterflybird-day-at-castellow-hammock/>

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Walks

* 7:30 a.m. – **Bird walk** led by Tropical Audubon. **Bring binoculars!**



Cloudless Sulphur
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring



Black-throated Blue Warbler
Courtesy of Mickey Wheeler



Zebra Heliconian
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring



Cape May Warbler
Courtesy of Mickey Wheeler

* 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – **Walk in the hammock** (1/2 hour) with Miami-Dade Parks staff.

Ongoing activities (9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

* **Children’s activities** by Miami-Dade Parks staff

* **Information tables** by a variety of organizations – learn about natural areas, endangered habitats and species, native flora and fauna, Everglades restoration, environmental issues, bird rescue, planting for butterflies and birds - and more!

* **Plant vendors** - bring **cash or check**. A plant holding area is available; shop, then stay to enjoy the day.

* Look for butterflies or adopt a plant to put in the **butterfly/bird garden**

* Enjoy a **food truck** lunch or bring your own for a picnic in the shelter.

* Bring your copies of books by Rick Cech and Roger Hammer to be autographed!

Programs

9:30 a.m. “**Miami’s Backyard Birds**” - **Brian Raposa**, Tropical Audubon Society

11:00 a.m. “**Attracting Hummingbirds and Butterflies in Tropical Florida**” - **Roger Hammer**, naturalist, author, botanist, and photographer

12:30 p.m. “**How Butterflies Work – and How They Survive**” - **Rick Cech**, natural history author and photographer

2:00 p.m. “**Birding and Endangered Butterflies of Biscayne National Park**” - **Elsa Alvear**, Chief of Resource Management, Biscayne National Park

3:00 p.m. “**The History of Natural History: A Participants Perspective**” - **Rick Cech**, natural history author and



Cassius Blue
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring



Parula Warbler
Courtesy of Mickey Wheeler



Monk Skipper
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring

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

photographer. **Presented in memory of Elane Nuehring.**

More about the schedule and the speakers:

<http://miamiblue.org/butterfly-bird-day-schedule/>

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www.miamiblue.org.

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