



## MIAMI BLUE CHAPTER, NABA NOVEMBER 2016 E-NEWS

Above: Ceranus Blue at Castellow Hammock. Courtesy of Becky Smith

In this issue: chapter meeting, the Ramble, call for nominations, and more.

### Quarterly Chapter Meeting

John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park  
102601 Overseas Highway - mile marker 102.5  
Sunday, November 6, 1 - 3 pm

Program:

Schaus' Swallowtail Butterfly Conservation on Northern Key  
Largo

Speaker: Scott Tedford

Join us in Key Largo for our winter meeting in the Upper Keys. The spotlight will be on our Schaus' Swallowtail surveys conducted in April, May and June with Scott Tedford. This coordinated effort--with federal, state and county staff, the University of Florida and Miami Blue Chapter volunteers--helped prevent this rare butterfly from becoming extirpated. Plans are in the works to continue the surveys in 2017. Come learn how you can participate.

About Scott Tedford: " As the wildlife biologist for District 5



Schaus' Swallowtail  
Courtesy of Jared Daniels



Giant Swallowtail  
in Coconut Grove  
Courtesy of Lisa Blackwelder

Florida State Parks I work with imperiled species, including shorebirds, sea turtles and the Florida scrub jay, on state park property from Fort Pierce down to Key West. I coordinate volunteers and compile data for the annual Schaus' swallowtail butterfly surveys on northern Key Largo and am a member of the Interagency Butterfly Working Group steering committee."

We will take a short walk to the Grove after the meeting to look for Silver-banded Hairstreaks.

As **there will be no refreshments** allowed in the meeting room, have an early lunch before you come. When you enter the park, identify yourself as a Miami Blue Chapter member. There will be no entrance fee for this meeting.

The first day of Standard Daylight Time also occurs on November 6, so set your clock back an hour, to arrive on time.

## The Ramble

Friday-Sunday, November 11-13  
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

The Ramble, an annual, three-day festival, celebrates all things horticultural, including those garden visitors, butterflies. The Ramble is a Miami tradition; this will be its 76th year.

Volunteer for one or more two-hour shifts at Miami Blue's information table. It's easy and fun. Miami Blue shares a tent with the Native Plant Society, next to the butterfly garden, so we have one of the best locations at the festival; everyone strolls by, sooner or later. Contact Linda Williams at [lmemia@aol.com](mailto:lmemia@aol.com) to volunteer.



Female Schaus' ovipositing  
Courtesy of Jared Daniels



Silver-banded Hairstreak  
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring



Atala Butterfly at  
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden  
Courtesy of Mickie Wheeler

# Butterfly & Bird Day at Castellow Hammock

Saturday, September 17, 2016.  
Castellow Hammock

Thank you, volunteers and participants, for making the day a success..About 500 people attended, from little children to retirees and every age in between.

Thank you, also, to the people who bought a plant for the butterfly garden, and to Cyndi David for planting them. This was a terrific step towards restoring the garden and the pineland habitat.



Photos by Suzanne Kopter



Pink-spot at Fairchild  
Courtesy of Hank Poor



Cloudless Sulphur  
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring



Zebra Heliconian  
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring



Cassius Blue  
Courtesy of Ron Nuehring

## Board and Committee Chair Nominations

The next election of officers will take place during the February chapter meeting. Meanwhile, here is the proposed slate. If you would like to run for a position, or have a comment, contact Linda Evans.

President - Linda Evans  
Vice. Pres. for Miami-Dade County - Kitty Suarez  
Vice. Pres. for Monroe County - open  
Secretary - Patty Phares  
Treasurer - Ron Nuehring  
Conservation Chairman - Dennis Olle  
Web Master - Becky Smith

### Are YOU a NABA member?

We are happy to send you this monthly e-news and hope you will attend upcoming Miami Blue activities, learn and enjoy. *If you aren't a NABA member, we'd be delighted to have you join -- or rejoin, if your membership has lapsed.*

As a member, you will enjoy NABA's quarterly publications ([American Butterflies](#) and [The Butterfly Gardener](#)), regional and national meetings, and the news and activities of the Miami Blue Chapter (or your local chapter). **Better yet, you will help ensure that this national organization and its chapters will continue to work to increase public enjoyment and conservation of butterflies.**

To join (or renew), go to <http://miamiblue.org/> or <http://www.naba.org/>.

Not sure if you are a member (or current member)? Contact NABA at [naba@naba.org](mailto:naba@naba.org) or Miami Blue at [MiamiBlue@Bellsouth.net](mailto:MiamiBlue@Bellsouth.net).



Monk Skipper  
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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