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MIAMI BLUE CHAPTER, NABA MAY 2017 E-NEWS

FIELD TRIP

Saturday, May 6, 6:30 am - 3:30 pm, \$5

Key Largo Hammocks State Botanical Site Birds, Butterflies and Native Plants

Tropical Audubon Society President Joe Barros and Miami Blue President Linda Evans will lead this trip to the largest remaining tract of tropical coastal hardwood hammock in the Florida Keys. Joe is bilingual, and Spanish speakers are welcome.

Meet at 6:30 am at the Cracker Barrel restaurant, located at US 1 and Palm Drive in Florida City, adjacent to where the Turnpike Extension ends.

Bring water, insect repellant, \$5 for the park entrance fee, and money for lunch at a nearby Key Largo restaurant.



Upcoming Events

5/6 Key Largo Field Trip

5/7 Chapter meeting

Above: Miami Blue Butterflies



Bartram's Scrub-Hairstreak

CHAPTER MEETING

Courtesy of Mickey Wheeler

Sunday, May 7, 1 pm Castellow Hammock Park 22301 SW 162 Avenue

Two scholars will share information about two rare Florida Keys butterflies of special interest to Miami Blue members:

"Monitoring and restoration of the Miami Blue Butterfly in the Lower Florida Keys" Sarah R. Steele Cabrera Research Technician, McGuire Center for Lepidoptera & Biodiversity Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida

"Effects of Disturbance on Bartram's Scrub-Hairstreaks and their Host Plants on Big Pine Key and in Everglades National Park" Erica Henry PhD student, North Carolina State University

Come, to learn, to socialize, to snack, and to see what's fluttering in the butterfly garden.

You are invited to add to the refreshment table! Finger foods preferred. Ice, cups, toothpicks, and napkins are provided. Refreshments start about 12:45.

ABOUT NABA

Are YOU a NABA member? We are happy to send you this bi-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 (<u>American Butterflies</u> and <u>The Butterfly</u> <u>Gardener</u>), regional and national meetings, and the news and activities of the Miami Blue Chapter (or your local chapter).



Florida Purplewing on Key Largo

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. You helped us petition the State of Florida and the USFWS to declare Miami Blues an endangered species.

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

Not sure if you are a member (or current member) or need help? Contact NABA at <u>naba@naba.org</u> or the Miami Blue membership chair, Patty Phares, at <u>pharespl@gmail.com</u>, <u>305-</u>255-6404).

Memberships start at \$35 (see <u>NABA.org</u>). Such a small amount to support big things!endangered species.