



MIAMI BLUE CHAPTER, NABA MAY 2018 E-NEWS

In this issue: a field trip and chapter meeting during the first weekend in May

KEY LARGO FIELD TRIP

Saturday, May 5
8:30 am - 4 pm
\$2.50 park admission

Spend the day looking for the Schaus' Swallowtail in North Key Largo with noted Lepidopterist Marc Minno.

Meet at Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock State Park entrance (at the stone arch/entrance) on county road 905 (the road to Card Sound Road).

We will be walking quite a bit, so bring lots of water, bug spray, and a bag lunch. Wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and a hat.

After meeting in the morning, we will car pool into normally closed parts of the park.

If you plan to attend, please email Linda Evans at lmemia@aol.com so that we can list you on the permit. **The cut off date for signing up is**

Upcoming Events

5/5
Key Largo field trip

5/6
Chapter meeting

9/16-19
NABA members meeting



Dagny Johnson park entrance
Courtesy of Dagny Johnson
Key Largo Hammock Botanical
State Park

Tuesday, May 1, for all who attend must be listed on our permit!!

Directions: From southbound US 1 at Florida City, turn left onto Card Sound road. At the intersection at county road 905, turn right. Drive south until you see the arches at Dagny Johnson. We will meet in the parking lot.

[The park web site](#) contains a map, directions, photos, and other information.

CHAPTER MEETING

Sunday, May 6
1-3 pm

Castellow Hammock
22301 SW 162 Avenue
In the Redland
Scroll down here for [map to Castellow Hammock](#)

Program

Primary talk and speaker:
Conservation, Faunal Changes, and the Exchange of Butterflies Between Cuba and Florida
Marc Minno

Gainesville zoologist Marc Minno specializes in the study of South Florida and Florida Keys butterflies, and has written a number of books many of us have in our personal leps libraries, such as *Florida Butterfly Caterpillars and their Host Plants*. His PowerPoint talk will conclude with a Q&A session. His occasional presentations to Miami Blue are always informative and enjoyable--not to be missed.

Bonus talk and speaker:
Butterflies of Cuba
Douglas Fernandez

Cuba is one of the world's hot spots for biodiversity. A significant percentage of the island's plants and



Schaus' Swallowtail,
Key Largo
Courtesy of Linda Cooper



Don't miss the meeting at
Castellow Hammock



Speaker Marc Minno



Speaker Douglas Fernandez

animals are unique to Cuba, including Leps.

Douglas Fernandez is one of the top naturalists in Cuba. Douglas has published a number of articles on Cuban butterflies and contributed a chapter on their biology to the book, *Lepidópteros de Cuba*. He is currently working on field guides to Cuban butterflies and wildflowers.

Refreshments, etc.

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

Come early and stay late to butterfly and bird.

MIAMI BLUE MEMBER IN THE NEWS

Look in your latest issue of *American Butterflies*; the article about the first Cuban Swallowtail sighting in the U.S. is written by our own Susan Kolterman.

Susan has also been named Volunteer of the Year at Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park.

Double congratulations!

NABA MEMBER'S MEETING

Tallahassee, Florida
September 16-19

The 13th biennial national meeting of the North American Butterfly Association will take place within a long day's drive of southeast Florida. The meeting will consist of field trips to various locations around Tallahassee, evening meals and programs, and opportunities to meet and mingle with butterflyers from all over.

North Florida has national and state forests, wildlife



Lime Swallowtail, Cuba
Courtesy of Douglas Fernandez
[See more](#)



Cuban Swallowtail
Key Largo, 2017
Courtesy of Susan Kolterman

About NABA and the Miami Blue Chapter

Are YOU a NABA member? We are happy to send you this e-news and hope you will attend upcoming Miami Blue activities. 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

refuges, and parks; and butterflies unlike those of South Florida. Come September, consider making a trek to the other end of the state.

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

To learn more about Miami Blue, go to our web site at miamiblue.org.

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

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

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