



MIAMI BLUE CHAPTER, NABA JULY 2018 E-NEWS

Above: Miami Blue on Blackbead. Courtesy of Jaeson Clayborn.

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SHARK VALLEY BUTTERFLY COUNT

Saturday, July 14
8:30 am - 2 pm
\$3 fee for NABA

Citizen scientists--join us for the annual counts. Every June/July NABA chapters throughout the U.S. census the butterflies in specific locations. The data is submitted to NABA, where it provides a cumulative record of butterfly abundance and scarcity.

Meet at the Everglades National Park Shark Valley entrance parking lot, on the south side of Tamiami Trail, opposite the Miccosukee Restaurant.

Upcoming Events

7/14
Shark Valley Butterfly Count

7/21
Pinecrest (Loop Road)
Butterfly Count

7/28
Moth Day

8/5
Chapter meeting

9/16-19
NABA members meeting



Bring lots of water, lunch, mosquito repellent, a hat, close-focusing binoculars, and observant eyes.

Anyone interested in joining us, email [Linda Evens](#).

PINECREST (LOOP ROAD) BUTTERFLY COUNT

Saturday, July 21, 8:30 am - 5 pm
 \$3 fee for NABA

This is a delightful, slow drive in air conditioned cars along the enchanting Loop Road through the Everglades. We will stop periodically and count butterfly species not found elsewhere in South Florida.

We will meet at the eastern end of Loop Road where it intersects US 47 (Tamiami Trail or 8th Street) at the small water well.



Large Orange
 Loop Road, 2016
 Courtesy of Jaeson Clayborn



Florida Trees Snails (Liguus)
 Loop Road
 Courtesy of Jaeson Clayborn



Malachites can reliably be seen at Long Key, where Moth Day takes place.
 Courtesy of Jaeson Clayborn



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MOTH WEEK

Moth Night

Saturday, July 21, 8 - 10:30 pm

\$5

Moth Day

Saturday, July 28, 2 - 5 pm

\$1

Both events at Long Key Natural Area and Nature Center, Davie

Hear presentations by butterfly and moth experts, Dr. William Kern from the University of Florida/IFAS (2 p.m.) and Dr. Charlie Covell of the McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and author of the Peterson Guide to Moths of Eastern North America (4 p.m.).

There will also be guided walks, educational booths, children's activities, a pollinator plant sale and door prizes. All activities are open to the public!



Rattlebox Moth, one of our day-flying moths



Some of the photos in the butterfly exhibit at Long Key
 This view previously shot at the Coe Center.
 Courtesy of Ron Nuehring

While there, view the Butterflies of South Florida photography exhibit created by Miami Blue and featuring shots by chapter photographers.

To learn more, go to <http://www.broward.org/Parks/ThingsToDo/Pages/MothWeek.aspx>, www.browardbutterflies.org and/or <https://www.sunny.org/event/moth-day/24821/>.

CHAPTER MEETING

Sunday, August 5
1-3 pm

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

Speaker and Program
Jennifer Possley
"Butterflies and beyond – a botanist's view of butterflies, moths, and their host plants in Miami-Dade County preserves"

Fairchild Tropical Garden field biologist Jennifer Possley will be our speaker. To read about her, go to <https://www.fairchildgarden.org/about-fairchild/staff/jennifer-possley>

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.

NABA MEMBER'S MEETING

Tallahassee, Florida
September 16-19



Jennifer Possley, speaker at the next chapter meeting
Courtesy of Twitter



Luna Moth, found in Tallahassee and environs
Print detail by John James Audubon

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

NABA has posted [meeting, field trips, and registration information](#) on their web site.

The 13th biennial national meeting of the North American Butterfly Association will take place within a long day's drive of southeast Florida. Come September, consider making a trek to the other end of the state.

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. 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 miamiblu.org.

To join (or renew), go to <http://miamiblu.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, such as endangered species.