



MIAMI BLUE CHAPTER, NABA OCTOBER 2018 E-NEWS

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

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CHAPTER MEETING

Sunday, November 4
1-3 pm, **Eastern Standard Time**

John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park
Mile marker 102.5, Key Largo

Speaker and Program

David Fine
Moths of the Florida Keys: a Biological Frontier in
Urban South Florida

David Fine has been studying South Florida butterflies and moths for more than 30 years. As a former lab manager at Butterfly World in Coconut Creek, he has bred and documented life cycles of more than 100 species. For the past 15 years, he has been conducting a survey to document the moth fauna of the Florida Keys. So far, he has identified 593 moth species from the Keys during this, the first Florida Keys moth survey. His web site,

Upcoming Events

11/4 Chapter meeting

11/9 - 11/11
The Ramble

12/1
Butterfly and Bird Day



David Fine setting up for a mothing night on Big Pine Key.

www.keysmoths.com, is outstanding.

We will not have refreshments at this meeting.

Entrance to Pennekamp Park will be free for current Miami Blue Chapter NABA members. The ranger at the entrance booth will have a membership list to confirm your membership. If not a NABA member, please support our wonderful state parks with the entrance fee. Please contact Patty Phares (305-255-6404, pharespl@gmail.com) by November 3 to verify that you are a member if you have any question about it, or if you are a member of some other NABA chapter and would like to attend.

Come early or stay late to enjoy the park. After the meeting there will probably be an opportunity to stroll through the hammock to butterfly in the grove, so bring your binocs!

THE RAMBLE

(Officially called The Fall Garden Festival, featuring the 78th Annual Ramble)

Friday-Sunday, November 9 - 11
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Once again, we shall have a table at the Ramble, Fairchild's biggest festival and a Miami tradition for decades. We will share a tent with the Native Plant Society next to the butterfly garden, one of the best tent locations at the Ramble.

Volunteer a morning or afternoon, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, to help staff the tent. We chat with Ramble goers of all ages, showing them caterpillars and host plants, answering questions, and handing out literature. It's easy and fun. Help is needed with breaking down the exhibit at 4:30 on Sunday, carrying and supplies to the gate.

To volunteer, email Jaeson Clayborn. A limited number of volunteers will be admitted free to Fairchild, so please tell Jaeson if you are/are not a FTBG member. Please reply promptly to volunteer if

Courtesy of David Fine.



Faithful Beauty, one of our spectacular day-flying moths. Courtesy of Susan Kolterman.



Bella Moth



Jaeson Clayborn and Linda Evans at the Ramble.



Kitty Suarez volunteering at the first Butterfly and Bird Day.

you would like free admission for your volunteer time.

BUTTERFLY AND BIRD DAY

Saturday, December 1
7:30 am bird walk
9:00 am to 2 pm the main event
FREE

Castellow Hammock
22301 SW 162 Avenue

Co-sponsored by
Miami EcoAdventures
Miami Blue Chapter, North American Butterfly
Association

Our second Butterfly and Bird Day will be for everyone interested in butterflies and birds, including families with instars of all ages. Enjoy walks, talks, informational tables, kids' crafts, live butterflies and birds.

See the most recent details at miamiblue.org.

We have been waiting a long time for this event. It was to have taken place last year, but Hurricane Irma blew it away.

We will need many volunteers to help with all activities in addition to staffing our own Miami Blue table, so please plan to attend AND volunteer for a while. We couldn't do this without you! Email [Jaeson Clayborn](mailto:Jaeson.Clayborn) or sign up at November's chapter meeting.

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 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, such as endangered species.