



MIAMI BLUE CHAPTER, NABA JANUARY 2019 E-NEWS

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

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ELEVENTH FOUR-ORGANIZATION POTLUCK PICNIC

Sunday, January 20, 12:30-3:30 PM
Rain or shine!

A.D. Barnes Park
3401 SW 72 Ave. (Bird Road/SW 40 St & SW 72 Ave.)
Miami, FL 33155
Shelter #3 (turn left at the first intersection)

You are invited to celebrate a new year of nature-hugging with like-minded friends and a delicious pot-luck lunch!

All members of Miami Blue NABA, TREEmendous Miami, Tropical Audubon Society, and the Dade Chapter Florida Native Plant Society are invited to attend with their friends and families.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided. No pets or glass beverage containers are permitted in the park.

Upcoming Events

- 1/20 Picnic
- 2/3 Chapter meeting
- 3/8 Butterfly workshop



Miami Blue
Mickey Wheeler, photographer

After lunch you may join in an easy, casual nature walk -- or just hang out and enjoy the company and the park. You are welcome to bring lawn games or other entertainment.

You may also join Tropical Audubon Society for a bird walk at the park that morning, 7:30-11am, led by Bill Boeringer. Turn left at the T intersection and park in spaces on either side of the road. There is no fee or pre-registration. Be there by 7:30 with your binoculars!

We appreciate (but do not require!) your RSVP to Patty (pharespl@gmail.com. 305-255-6404) by January 17 to have an idea of how many to prepare for.

Our somewhat annual event was first held in December 2005 as a holiday picnic, also at A.D. Barnes Park. This year DCFNPS is making the arrangements. See you there!

CHAPTER MEETING

Sunday, February 3
1-3 pm

Castellow Hammock
Preserve and Nature Center
22301 SW 162 Avenue

Program to be announced. Check the calendar at miamiblue.org and watch for the next e-news.

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.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD



Monarch Butterfly
Mickey Wheeler, photographer



Come to our next chapter meeting.



Baracoa Skipper
Hank Poor, photographer

Want to get more involved in Miami Blue? Know someone who would make an excellent board member or committee chair? Please send your nominations to chapter president [Jae Clayborn](#).

WINGS OVER FLORIDA BUTTERFLY WORKSHOP

Friday, March 8, 9 AM - 3 PM
Zoo Miami
12400 SW 152 Street

On behalf of the [Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission](#) (FWC) and the [Florida Museum of Natural History](#) (FLMNH), we would like to invite you to our Wings Over Florida-Butterfly workshop. **No costs are associated.**

[Wings Over Florida](#) (WOF) is a program of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission rewarding participants for their bird and butterfly listing achievements. Wings Over Florida is designed to encourage Floridians and visitors of all ages to engage in wildlife viewing and identify as conservationists, expanding their connection to nature.

This workshop is intended to provide educational materials and resources for partners to share with their own classes, programs and/or audience. The goals of this workshop are to:

- Introduce the Wings Over Florida program
- Provide an overview of butterflies and their ecological importance
- Provide lessons for butterfly basics, identification and field practices adaptable to your specific audience
- Include a field component using best practices for environmental conservation and stewardship
- Provide additional resources for connecting your audience to nature in new and innovative ways



Baracoa Skipper
Hank Poor, photographer



Soldier
Ron Nuehring, photographer



Cloudless Sulphur
Ron Nuehring, photographer



Silver-banded Hairstreak
Ron Nuehring, photographer

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

- Obtain constructive evaluations and feedback for future Wings Over Florida workshops

Agenda

9:00 am	Sign-in, Pre-survey
9:15 am	Introductions, Overview, Expectations, Resources
10:00 am	Butterfly Basics
12:00 pm	LUNCH – Please bring your own lunch
1:00 pm	In the Field
2:30 pm	Wrap-up, Questions, Post-survey

Bring lunch, snacks, water bottle, and dress appropriately to be inside and outside.

Please register through Eventbrite or please contact Savanna Christy at 850-488-9453 or savanna.christy@myfwc.com .

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.