MIAMI BLUE CHAPTER, NABA
MARCH 2019 E-NEWS

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

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NATIVE PLANT DAY

Saturday, March 23, 9 AM - 4 PM
Rain or shine!

Bill Sadowski Park
17555 SW 79 Avenue
1/2 mile west of Old Cutler Road
Palmetto Bay

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/23 Native Plant Day

3/30 Shark Valley butterfly count

4/11 Schaus' surveys meeting

Ruddy Daggerwing on Bidens
Sadowski Park
Courtesy of Becky Smith

Programs & nature walks
Hands-on activities
Plant sales and raffles
Books & other merchandise

Learn about attracting birds and butterflies to your yard and ask experts questions about plants, cuttings, insects, wildlife, the environment, and landscaping. Kids activities, too!

This and much, much more…all FREE!
Rain or Shine!

Miami Blue will have a table at Native Plant Day. Contact Jaeson Clayborn **to volunteer a shift; it is an easy and fun way to help our chapter.**

Also: Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Rain Barrel Workshop!
Workshop free. Barrel Cost: $40. Register:
https://tinyurl.com/NPD2019RainBarrel

M-D Water & Sewer is generously offering lightbulb (3) and showerhead (2) exchange!

8 a.m.: Early Birding Walk – bring binoculars!

Drinks and food will be available for purchase on site.
Full Schedule - Available at http://dade.fnpschapters.org

Queen
Shark Valley
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Schaus' Swallowtail
Key Largo
Courtesy of Linda Cooer

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

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The Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society
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SHARK VALLEY BUTTERFLY COUNT

Saturday, March 30
9 AM - 1 PM

Please join us for a cooler (than July) Shark Valley NABA count on Saturday, March 30, at 9 am. We will meet in the Visitors Center parking lot, then proceed walking along the beautiful canal front looking for butterflies not seen in other Miami-Dade County places.

We will also check the edges of US 41 going east as we head for head for home. I expect we will be finished by about 1 pm.

Bring water, hat, sunscreen and a bag lunch.

To get there, go west on US 41 (SW 8th Street) about 20 minutes west of Krome Avenue. The Everglades National Park Shark Valley entrance will be on your left (south), almost opposite the Miccosukee Restarurant on your right (north).

Please RSVP to Linda Evans.

SCHAUS' SURVEYS PRE-SEASON MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 7 PM
John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park visitor center

Schaus' Swallowtail butterfly monitors are needed on northern Key Largo. Dedicated volunteers will conduct surveys between mid-April and late June to find, count, and observe this endangered species.

To volunteer, contact Scott Tedford, Tedford@dep.state.fl.us or 772-402-9467, and come to the pre-season meeting.

(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.