



More than 17,500 species of butterflies exist, and they come in all shapes and sizes – from large yellow and black swallowtails to the tiny metalmark. Butterflies inhabit almost every terrestrial ecosystem, from sea level to mountain tops. Efforts to conserve butterflies and their habitats are the focus of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA). Your support of our mission is essential. And much appreciated.

April is Global Citizen Science Month, and we are celebrating participants in NABA's Butterfly Garden and Habitat Restoration efforts. Whether you're educating your local Home Owners Association about xeriscaping or planting a pollinator-friendly patch near your mailbox, you are supporting NABA's mission! You've been a part of our advocacy efforts for more than 30 years.

So, as we begin our Next Thirty Years, one of NABA's most exciting Habitat Restoration Projects is in the pine rocklands near Everglades National Park in Miami-Dade County. Our partners include Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, the Institute for Regional Conservation, and the county's Environmentally Endangered Lands program (EEL).

**For this effort, we received a \$15,000 matching grant, so we launched our Spring Grant Challenge!** Donations you make in April or May to help butterflies like the Florida Duskywing will be matched by this grant and have [double the impact!](#)

You should be proud of the butterfly habitat work you are doing. Butterflies need the host plants you're planting for developing caterpillars. Adult butterflies visiting your garden are using the nectar to fuel their flights. Some of your NABA-Certified Garden are even large enough to provide sites for overwintering for migrating butterflies.

Continue to help us help butterflies with your contribution to our Spring Grant Challenge. [Help us match the \\$15,000 grant.](#)

With all of us engaged, the best is yet to come.

Jeane Wharton  
Vice President

P.S. Remember—your donation in April and May will be matched dollar-for-dollar!



Florida Power and Light employees volunteered in Miami-Dade County, March 2023



Florida Leafwing, by Mark and Holly Salvato



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