

BROWARD COUNTY BUTTERFLY CHAPTER
August 2011 NEWSLETTER
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Next meeting, Thursday, August 11, 2011

6:30 Social Time, Refreshments, and preview Plant Raffle

7:00 Chuck McCartney presenting "Native Wildflowers for Butterflies,"

Location: Broward County IFAS Extension Office, 3245 College Avenue, Davie: *parking is available behind the building.*

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Dear Members and Friends,

Hope you all are surviving the summer heat and with luck, Tropical Storm Emily, who is brewing out there, won't be bothering us too much in the coming days.

Please join us Thursday next week to hear Chuck McCartney who will be presenting "Native Wildflowers for Butterflies". Chuck will be emphasizing the native (and naturalized) wildflowers that should be left in the yard or specifically grown for the purposes of attracting butterflies. Make sure to come early to check out the plant raffle table as there will be many offerings.

A warm welcome to new member Edward P. Campbell who recently joined our chapter.

Special thanks to Ana Maria Agrusa who has graciously agreed to help with overseeing our Butterfly Counts. Speaking of which, mark your calendar for our September 8th meeting when Alex Schore will present our annual count results and also for our upcoming fall counts:

North Count, Saturday, October 15th

South Count, Sunday, October 23rd

Honoring Roger Hammer:

Sunday, August 7, 2011, the quarterly Miami Blue Chapter meeting at Castellow Hammock Park is a collaboration with the Florida Native Plant Society-Dade Chapter and Tropical Audubon Society, in recognition of Roger Hammer. Members are asked to bring one plate of finger-or-toothpick food to share, sweet or savory, and to arrive around 12 noon to greet Roger, check out the butterflies, snack and sip. The program is at 1:00 pm. Need more information? Email us at miamiblue@bellsouth.net and check our online calendar.

When you read below who the Miami Blue Chapter has lined up for their 8th Annual Butterfly Days at Fairchild Garden, it will be worth your while to travel on down south for this informative event.

We are also very excited to share that Rick Cech, author of *Butterflies of the East Coast*, has agreed to speak to our chapter in the spring.

Enjoy Butterfly Days at Fairchild!

When: Saturday, September 24, 2011 - Sunday, September 25, 2011 from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Explore the colorful and fantastic world of butterflies
Learn to identify South Florida's most beautiful butterflies
Find out which plants are best to attract these winged wonders
Take a butterfly walk through Fairchild with South Florida experts
Take home the best butterfly plants to make your own butterfly garden
Enjoy engaging kids' activities

Our 8th Annual Butterfly Days continues our tradition of collaboration with Miami's world-class Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden (FTBG) and our tradition of hosting the best of the butterfly spokespersons in the country. Our lead speakers are the scholars who write the books we read and teach us to understand the butterflies we see.

This year we welcome **David Wagner** of the University of Connecticut, author of the foremost book on larvae, *Caterpillars of Eastern North America*. Dr. Wagner's colleague and collaborator, author of several of our favorite books, and special friend of our chapter, **Dr. Marc Minno**, will help us understand Florida's rare and imperiled butterfly species.

Rick Cech's masterful book, *Butterflies of the East Coast*, needs no introduction as we all know to "Check Cech" when in doubt of a butterfly ID. Once a year we can check with Cech in person, at Butterfly Days.

Our local talent pool rivals our imported friends, and this year, **Roger Hammer** will bring us his new ideas on the best plants for butterflies. **Georgia Tasker** will open our eyes to our butterfly gardens as vital resources in the conservation of butterfly species. **Hank Poor's** macro magic photography will show us what butterflies really look like up close -- from the tips of their antennae to the tips of their toes. **Becky Smith** will get beginners launched with her "Butterflies 101" program. **Steve Woodmansee** will help us discover unlikely places such as railroad tracks, canal banks, and messy, weedy tangles as butterfly habitats. **Cindy David** will reve us up with butterfly gardening methods and ideas. **Carolyn Coppolo** will show us how to grow herbs for both butterflies and our own kitchens. **Jason Lopez** will show us the important ways in which FTBG is working to be a sanctuary for both butterflies and birds. **Linda Evans and Mary Collins** will consult one-on-one with shoppers interested in selecting nectar and caterpillar food plants.

A butterfly walk starts the event on Saturday morning -- lead by local experts who are eager to help you find and identify butterflies, such as the Large Orange Sulphur and the Atala, pictured below.

Butterfly Days is the time to buy plants for your butterfly garden. Vendors who are all expert growers of native plants and butterfly plants will be on hand, and the Garden provides plant holding areas where your purchases are kept until you are ready to leave and assistance with getting your plants to your cars.

Check the FTBG web often for a detailed program and its updates, and for directions and admission fees.

Well, that's it for now. See you next week for a pleasant and interesting evening.

Janice