Trips
Our field trip to Fairchild Tropical Garden was awesome. Linda Evans, President of the Miami Blue Chapter gave a wonderful account of plants that appeal to our local butterflies especially the Florida White. Some of our Florida butterflies need help as their larval sources becomes harder to find. We heard about the Guiana Plum, and the importance of this as a host plant to the Florida White butterfly. The former president of the Miami Blue Elaine Neuhring, will have the Guiana Plum planted at Fairchild in her honor. Other host plants for this special fluttering white wings are the Bayleaf capertree or Limber caper and Milkbark trees.

Pat Rossi

Thanks
Hi, we thank you for supporting our chapter. We had a great response to our ‘Wildflower Seeds’ and plants from our auction table.

FIELD TRIP UPDATES
Our field trips last year were an adventure, our butterfly counts were a learning experience. All thanks to the spot on work of Sue and Barb. Consider coming along sometime as we count butterflies or go on a trip.

Our next field trip. Stay tuned. Photo: Field Trip Fairchild 2/22

Reminders
Next meeting
Tues Mar 10
Hope to see you!

Amazon Users
Please order thru website www.browardbutterfly.org .
BCBC earns 4% of your purchases.

Silent Auction
Please id donated plants. We accept natives and non-invasive plants.

Signing In Notebook
Members & guests, please print your name. As a guest, please give us your email address to receive our newsletters.

Tues Apr 14, 2015 meeting. Speaker: Bonnie O’Leary “Photo Night” Send your photos In.
Contact us at www.browardbutterflies.org; email: BCBCmail@gmail.com
Chapter meetings at Plantation Heritage Park 1100 S Fig Tree Ln, Plantation FL33317
The Florida White Appias drusilla, are from the family Pieridae and subfamily Pierinae of Whites found in shady areas of hammocks in South Florida. This butterfly has become a species of concern as their numbers have declined. Consider planting a host plant to attract this butterfly because for any insect to thrive, the larval host plants must be available. Both sexes look similar. The males however are all white except for a narrow edge of black on the forewing. The female is white in the dry season, Oct-April. With increased black markings along the forewing females are yellow-orange in the upper hind wing in the wet season, May-September.

The larva is greenish blue with numerous small yellow dots & two short tails. It looks similar to the Great Southern white, though it lacks the pointed type wings and the scalloped forewing border. Range: Tropical America, from Brazil north to the southern peninsular of Florida and the Keys, with often sightings in Texas.

**OUR NATIVE TREES**

Our featured tree the Limber caper, Bayleaf capertree, Capparis flexuosa, Caperaceae family. It’s a flowering shrub or woody vine 10-20’ high. It is the host plant for the Florida White Appias Drusilla. My recollection is David McLean saying once coming across a cambering vine of Limber Caper, admiring the sight of its many blooms. The flowers are showy & more fragrant at sunset. The red seeds from its ghoulish looking pod provide food for birds. Roots of the caper were ground up to make a kind of mustard or horseradish by indigenous Americans. Sources: www.regionalConservation.org, KeyWest Garden Club re Keysnews.com 2012.

**COMING SPRING 2015**

**Ann Kolb Nature Center**

Sat Feb 28. Plant Sale Join us, we’ll have an array of native plants and butterfly information.

**Water Matters Day Tree Tops Park, Davie**

Sat Mar 14. The Broward Butterfly Chapter will have a booth for this exciting annual event. ‘Anything Goes’ by Plantation Garden Club, Westfield Broward Mall. Sat-Sun April 11&12.

**COUNT OUR FAB BUTTERFLIES**

Spring South count: **Sunday, April 19, Long Key Nature Center Davie** & Spring North count: **Saturday, May 2 at Tree Tops Park Davie**.

Arrive at 830am; starts 9am. Lasts approximately 2.5 hrs; with a break for lunch, then continues at 1pm. Leader TBD. Look for a notice from BCBC. Contact B.DeWitt for more info: 954-599-1082 or bcbcmail@gmail.com.

**Help the Florida White butterfly**

Host plants for the Florida White Appias Drusilla.

The Guiana plum, Drypetes lateriflora, Putranjivaceae family also called Florida plum, grows to 20-30’ high. It is found in hammock habitats. It’s a bit rare; as it’s listed as threatened by the state of Florida. The flowers are unisexual, tiny and greenish-white. The fruit: a bright red fuzzy drupe. It grows in the Keys, along the coasts to Brevard and Collier counties. It is also found in the Bahamas, Greater Antilles, Mexico and Central America. Possibly it’s available from a few native plant nurseries in south Florida.

Milkbark Whitewood, Drypetes diversifolia, is a large shade tree. The bark is milky-white and the flowers are an inconspicuous greenish white, flowering in summer. The fruit is an egg-shaped white drupe. The range is also southern Florida and the Keys. Grows to over 30’. Sources: Trees of Eastern North America, Gil Nelson. FNP Society; www.regionalconservation.org.

**PHOTO NITE**

Send!! in your photos of butterflies and various stages of larva, pupa etc. and be part of photo night. Limit of 5 photos each. ID them please! Deadline Mar 31. Email Bonnie bonnieoleary@rocketmail.com. Photo B.Dewitt

**SPEAKERS 2015**

Thanks to Peggy, we have knowledgeable speakers lined up for the future. Come by and hear them.

Membership. Thanks!! for renewing— Maurine Ray, Rebecca Copeland, Cindy Jenkins & Jeffrey Hill.