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Nominations For BCBC Positions
We’ll have nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer at our September 2017 meeting.

Reminders
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.

Please take your Donated Plants home at each event if not auctioned off.

Next Monthly Meeting

IS AUG 8, 2017: Social time 6.30pm, Meeting starts 6.50pm

Featuring Ms. Pat Howell, Natural Areas Specialist, Broward Parks & Recreation “Butterfly Strays, Immigrants & Pests OH MY”

Chapter meetings at the Extension Office 3245 College Ave Davie FL 33314—954-357-5270

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FACEBOOK PAGE https://www.facebook.com/Broward-County-Butterfly-Chapter-1050990654972867/
The Dark Hairstreaks Cause a Stir

AnaMaria our webmaster has the gift of attracting butterflies of unusual variety to her yard. Her excitement spilled over into texting. She notes that after the summer rains she “probably started seeing them in mid-June” and noticed more of those dark hairstreaks again at the end of June. How do you know they're hairstreaks? They are usually small butterflies with those flared tiny tails. She wrote and sent pictures to Dr. M. Minno who confirmed that the 1.12inch butterflies were the Fulvous. They stuck around until July 1st, some five plus individuals sipping nectar on her Bloodberry, Bahama Strongbark and Firebush.

The Fulvous Hairstreak, *Electrostrymon angelia*, is also known as the Angelic Hairstreak. It took up residence in Florida in the early 1970s with others including the Silver-banded hairstreak, *Gray Ministreak*, Bahaman Swallowtail, Malachite, Dorantes Longtail, Tropical Buckeye and the Dingy Purplewing according to R.Cech of “Butterflies of the East Coast”.

The butterfly will host on Jamaica Dogwood, *Placidia piscipula*’s flowerbuds, the recommended plant over any invasive plant host. (See www.miamiblue.org/plantlist/ and the Institute of Regional Conservation site, http://www.regionalconservation.org/beta/nfyn/plantdetail.asp?tx=Piscipisc)

**HOST PLANTS FOR LESS COMMON BUTTERFLIES**

Broward County Butterfly Chapter, BCBC and the Florida Native Plant Society, FNPS Broward Chapter has a new venture. Our VP Barbara DeWitt spoke with Dr. M. Minno who said he was seeing fewer butterflies now than he did in the 1980s. BCBC has taken the initiative to attract less common butterflies by offering the larval plants they use, when we can, at our meetings. The hope is to see more of them as well as enhance our native plant habitat.

**Welcome New Committee Members**

Cynthia Chambers, Treasurer and Sandy Fernandes, Field Trip Coordinator. Your help will be appreciated. *BCBC Committee*.

**MEETINGS At Broward County Agricultural Extension Office**

Directions to 3245 College Ave, Davie. From the south, I-595 West. Take exit 7. Merge into FL 84, turn on Davie Rd. Turn right onto Nova Dr. Turn left onto College Ave. Destination is on your right. It is the first building on your right. From the north, I-595 south to SW10th St. to the 869 Sawgrass Expressway (I-75). After the Sunrise Blvd exit, merge onto I-595 East to FL Lauderdale. Take the University Dr. Exit, turn right onto University Dr. Stay in the left lane. At the 2nd light turn left onto Nova Dr. At the first light turn right onto College Ave. Destination is on your right. It is the first building on your right facing College Ave. The one story bldg. is opposite FAU campus, Davie. UF/IFAS are located behind the building.

**The Weed Butterflies Can’t Resist**

Whenever we advise new butterfly gardeners on what to plant, our Master Gardener training kicks in, ‘plant natives’ as much as possible and to encourage butterflies, ‘leave a patch for weeds, encourage your Spanish needles, Bidens alba and Tasseiflowers’. There are other weeds butterflies can’t resist. One such weed is *Sida acuta*. Probably it’s already in your yard. It’s the host plant for the Gray Hairstreak, the Mallow Scrub-Hairstreak, the Tropical Checkered-Skipper and the White-Checkered Skipper. These are the butterflies that have diminished in number in Broward County.

There are other species of the genus *Sida*, there is *elliottii* and *rhombifolia* which are also host plants and provide nectar for Gulfs, Zebras and others. All are tough, a bit aggressive, weedy. Growing them is not for the fastidious gardener, these weeds do their best to be the host, the green stalwarts for our desired butterflies.