



Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area

Tentative Agenda

Friday, September 25th

9–4pm Optional pre-meeting field trip to Highlands Hammock and Arnold’s Butterfly Haven

7:30–9 pm Welcome & Program: An Introduction to Central Florida Butterflies

Saturday, September 26th

8am–4pm Field trips
6:30-9:30pm Banquet and Program

Sunday, September 27th

8am–4pm Field trips

Hotel Accommodations

Reserve your room by **August 24th** at the Westgate River Ranch Resort to ensure the special rate of **\$89**. The resort is just 1 hour south of Orlando and offers a wide range of activities for the entire family. For more information about the resort, go to:
<http://www.wgriverranch.com>

When you call to reserve your room, mention the “**North American Butterfly Event**” 14-206 for the special rate. Call the toll free number at: 888-808-7410.

Registration

Your registration fee of \$120 NABA members, \$150 non-members, includes the Friday evening welcome program, the Saturday evening Banquet and Program; all tours; field trips and programs, box lunches on Saturday and Sunday; drinks and snacks.

The registration form is available on the web at:
<http://www.naba.org/chapters/florida/registrationform.pdf>

For more information about the meeting, contact Lisa Lewis at lewis@naba.org

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Second Florida Regional NABA Meeting



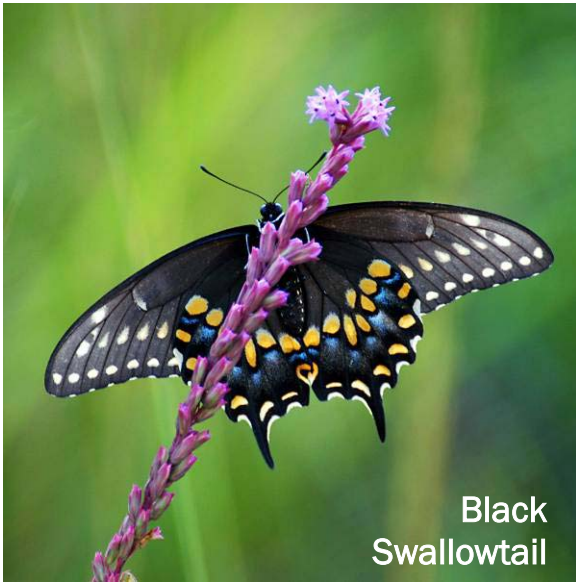
Zebra Swallowtail

Lake Wales, FL

September 25–27, 2009



Dusted Skipper



Black Swallowtail

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Our natural areas of central Florida are quickly becoming recognized as having the highest diversity of butterflies in the state. Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park has an amazing 87 species recorded. (Read about this park in the spring 2003 issue of *American Butterflies*.)

The month of September is the best time of year to see some of the rarer butterflies found in central Florida. Join us for field trips to natural areas and to one of the most amazing butterfly gardens in the state. Field trips for beginners and experts alike!

Field Trips

Pre-meeting field trip on Friday, September 25, to **Highlands Hammock State Park** in Sebring (for an extraordinary look at old Florida and amazing numbers of Swallowtails) and **Sue Arnold's Butterfly Haven** in Okeechobee (Approximately 60 species of butterflies have been seen in this half acre butterfly-shaped garden).



Kissimmee Prairie Preserve

KISSIMMEE PRAIRIE PRESERVE STATE PARK - 55,000 acres. The gem of butterfly locations in Florida, with 87 documented species. These include hard-to-see skippers such as Aaron's, Florida Dusted (Loammi), Palatka and Palmetto. As always, blooming wildflowers are the key. The area includes the largest remaining dry prairie habitat in the state. Large oak hammocks provide shelter for Zebra Heliconian, emperors, satyrs, checkered-skippers and even an occasional Three-spotted Skipper.

BULL CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA - 27,470 acres. An easily drivable 8.5 mile loop starts at the check station near the entrance. The WMA consists mainly of pine flatwoods and prairie interspersed with wooded streams. A good bloom of Blazing Star (*Liatris* species) could produce an abundance of good skippers such as Florida Dusted (Loammi), Palmetto, Arogos, Palatka, Dotted and many other butterflies.

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Arnold's Butterfly Haven

Speakers/Field Trip Leaders

- **Dr. Jeffrey Glassberg**, national president, NABA and author of the new field guide on Mexico butterflies.
- **Rick Cech**, author of *Butterflies of the East Coast*.
- **Buck and Linda Cooper**, butterflies extraordinaire!
- **Alana Edwards**, president of the Atala chapter of NABA.
- **Dean and Sally Jue**, coordinators of the Florida Natural Areas Inventory survey of rare butterflies
- **Kathy Malone**, president of the north central Florida chapter of NABA.
- **Dennis Olle**, president of the Miami Blue Chapter of NABA.



White Peacock