

## MASSACHUSETTS BUTTERFLY CLUB

(Chapter of North American Butterfly Association)

### 2006 FIELD TRIPS, EVENTS, & ANNUAL MEETING

**Please call ahead to confirm dates, to get meeting places and rain plans, and to let the leader know to expect you.**

DATE	TIME	TRIP DESCRIPTION	TRIP LEADER	CONTACT PHONE/E-MAIL
Mar 31 Fri	7:30PM- 9:00PM	Wachusets Meadow MAS, Princeton. "Monarchs from Massachusetts to Mexico." Mass Audubon members \$6 non members \$9	Carl Kamp	(978) 249-9675 carlkamp@lightband.com
Apr 8 Sat	10:30 AM	Mt. Tom State Reservation in the heart of the Connecticut River Valley. We will search for Mourning Cloaks, Eastern Commas and Compton Tortoiseshells. Meet at the Bray Lake parking lot at 10:30AM. Use the Route 5 entrance North of Holyoke, opposite the Ski Outlet Store. Questions call Friday evening April 7th	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com
Apr 30 Sun	10:00 AM	Oxbow WMA. Our target on this trip will be Henry's Elfin. Other likely species are Compton Tortoiseshell and anglewings. Ringed Boghaunter, a state listed odonate is also possible. Meeting place will be Oxbow's main parking lot (near the metal gate).	Tom Murray	(978) 660-6351 tmurray74@yahoo.com
Early Spring		Martha's Vineyard - May highlights include Elfins, Duskywings, and Juniper Hairstreak. Matt says, "A potential trip for MBC members who might like to make the journey. I would be delighted to show folks some Vineyard butterflies when my schedule allows."	Matt Pelikan	(508) 696-6068 mpelikan@adelphia.net
May 7 Sun	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Sherbourne Power Line at Fessendon Field, Sherbourne. Open fields, trail through the woods, and power line offer varied habitats and vegetation for good variety of spring butterflies, including Elfins. Meet in the parking lot at Fessendon Field.	Bob Bowker	(508) 653-3656 lepid@comcast.net
May 14 Sun	10:00 AM	Myles Standish Forest. Meet at Forest Headquarters.	Erik Nielsen Tom Murray	(508) 781-762-7708 erik@massbutterflies.org tmurray74@yahoo.com 978-660-6351
May 20 Sat	10:00 AM	Butterfly census - in conjunction with Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Monson. Very little inventorying done for spring butterflies. There could be lots of surprises. Has an Atlantic White Cedar Swamp and New Jersey Pine Barrens, and a variety of other habitats.	Elise Barry Jennifer Ohop	Pre-registration required. Call NWS at 413-267-4859.
May 21 Sun	10:00 AM	Dauphainais Park, Grafton. A former gravel mining site that includes open fields, small pine barren and Blackstone River floodplain. Variety of spring butterflies, many skippers.	Dolores Price	(508) 839-2299

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May 27 Sat	10:00 AM	Assabet River NWR. Take an exploratory walk at the newly opened Assabet River NWR in the Sudbury-Stow-Maynard area. This refuge opened to the public in 2005. Our observations will help develop a butterfly list for the refuge. Compton's Tortoiseshell is a possibility. Meet at the main gate located on Hudson Road in Sudbury (near the Mass Firefighting Academy).	Barbara Volkle Tom Murray	508-393-9251 barb620@TheWorld.com 978-660-6351 tmurray74@yahoo.com
May 28 Sun	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury. Duskywings, Hobomoks, and other spring fliers. Two-hour walk on flat terrain. Beginners welcome. Meet at Birdwatchers' Supply and Gift at the Rt. 1 traffic circle in Newburyport, or at Martin Burns. Rain date: Monday May 29.	Sharon Stichter & Doug Savich	(978) 465-2902 sharonstichter2@comcast.net
May 28 Sun	9:30 AM	Delaney WMA, Stow. Large fields of vetch have produced numbers of Silvery Blues, many other species in various habitats. Call for details.	Barbara Walker	(508) 754-8819 Barbara.walker@umassmed.edu
Jun 1-4		NABA Biennial Meeting, West Springfield, Ma. Information and registration at <a href="http://www.naba.org/meeting">www.naba.org/meeting</a> .	Carl Kamp	(978) 249-9675 carlkamp@lightband.com
Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	"Introduction to Butterflies" Series at Mass Audubon Society Joppa Flats Education Center, Newburyport. Alternate Tuesdays: Jun 13, 27; Jul 11, 25; Aug 8, 22; Sept 5. Fee: \$5 MAS members/\$7 non-members	Sharon Stichter	sharonstichter2@comcast.net
Jun 10 Sat	10:00 AM	NorthTruro. Discover butterflies on the Cape this spring such as swallowtails, anglewings, red-spotted purples, and milkweed butterflies at Hatches Harbor, Evans Field, and Horton's habitats. Meet at the Highland Lighthouse: take Route 6 toward Provincetown. Exit Highland Light, N.Truro. Bear right onto Highland Rd. Go to the T-type intersection. Turn right onto S. Highland Rd. Then 1st left. Parking on right.	Tor Hansen	(508) 896-5868 or 508-648-1515 thansen@cape.com
Jun 17 Sat	10:00 AM	Broad Meadow Brook MAS, Worcester. Now that all of the extensive trail work has been finished in the area flooded by beavers, BMB once again has a wonderfully accessible butterfly loop trail with a raised trail bed through the new wetlands and a bridge over the brook. This trail also goes through wooded and wet meadow habitat, as well as the newly mowed hilltop meadow along the power lines. Monitoring of the butterfly populations on the sanctuary, especially the Harris' Checkerspot colonies.	Barbara Walker	(508) 754-8819 Barbara.walker@umassmed.edu
Jun 18 Sun	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Join Carl Kamp, president of the Mass Butterfly Club, for a look at butterflies around the area including a visit to the recently restored Cass Meadow Wildlife Management Area in Athol. Meet at the Millers River Environmental Center 100 Main Street Athol. Co-sponsored by ABNC.	Carl Kamp	(978) 249-9675 carlkamp@lightband.com

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Jun 24 Sat	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM or later	Martin Burns WMA, Newbury. Harris' Checkerspot and other species. After a snack lunch, we will go to Mill Pond Recreation Area in West Newbury for Baltimore Checkerspots. Beginners welcome. Meet at Birdwatchers' Supply and Gift at the Rt. 1 traffic circle in Newuryport, or at Marin Burns. Rain date: Sunday June 25.	Sharon Stichter & Doug Savich	978-465-2902 sharonstichter2@comcast.net
Jul 1st Sat	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Horn Pond Mountain, Woburn for hairstreaks. Horn Pond Mountain (probably better called a hill) attracts a wide variety of butterflies (49 species logged) but hairstreaks are its specialty. The rocky southwest side runs under a powerline so vegetation is routinely cropped to maintain low growth, allowing many rare and unusual wildflowers to flourish.	Betty Wright Erik Nielson	781-643-6404 bettywright@msn.com
Jul 16 Sun	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Rehoboth and Dighton. MBC has no records of butterflies for these areas! Join Lauren Miller, our new trip leader, as we census the open meadows, river edges, gardens, and fields of these two pastoral gems in southeastern Mass. Meet at the Dunkin Donuts in the center of Rehoboth where Route 44 and Route 118 meet. (bring a street map)	Lauren Miller	603-499-1880 lauren_miller@antiochne.edu
Jul 18 Tues	7:30PM- 9:00PM	Broad Meadow Brook MAS, Worcester. "Beautiful Butterflies" Join Carl Kamp, president of the MBC, as he presents a slide lecture on the variety of butterflies that can be found in our area. The Worcester area supports a variety of important habitats for over 70 butterflies, including the migrating Monarch. fee \$6 MAS members, \$8 nonmembers	Carl Kamp	(978) 249-9675 carlkamp@lightband.com
Jul 22 Sat	10:00AM- 1:00PM	Broad Meadow Brook MAS, Worcester. Join Carl Kamp, President of the MBC, and Barry Van Dusen, artist for Mass Audubon's newly published butterfly identification laminate guide, for an introductory butterfly walk in meadows looking for ringlets, satyrs, viceroys, and others. fee \$12 MAS members \$16 nonmembers.	Carl Kamp	(978) 249-9675 carlkamp@lightband.com
Jul 23 Sun	10:00AM to 2PM	Wachusett Reservoir. Expect to see a variety of skippers and abundance of the Silver-spotted. Good possibility for hairstreaks and bog copper. Pleasant walk along the shoreline; Common loons in breeding plumage.	Wendy Miller	(508)869-6039 wmiller29@verizon.net
Jul 23 Sun	10:00am	Graves Farm in Williamsburg, Hampshire County. This Mass Audubon Sanctuary is a mix of wet and dry upland fields, where we can look for hairstreaks on Milkweed, Baltimore Checkerspots, fritillaries, and a variety of other species. Also on the property is a large, active Cliff Swallow colony.	Bill Benner	413-665-3806 billb55@aol.com

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Jul 29 Sat	10:00 AM	Rockport area. We will be visiting Waring Field and the Cranberry Marsh. A side trip also possible in search of Mulberry Wing and Black Dash. Meet at Para Research Building parking lot. Rain date: Sunday	Doug Savich	(978) 283-7869
Jul 30 Sun	10:00 AM	Barre's Fall Dam ACE, Barre and Rutland State Park. We will spend the morning exploring the fields and trails at Barre's Fall Dam. After lunch (bathroom and picnic facilities available), participants will have the option of driving the back roads that lead to Rutland State Park and stopping along the way at a number of fields and power line cuts.	Barbara Walker	508-754-8819 rbjwalker@aol.com
Aug 4-6		Pittsburg, New Hampshire. This weekend trip to look for some species of butterflies common in the north is already full. Check back next year.	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com
Aug 6 Sun	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Sherbourne Power Line at Fessendon Field, Sherbourne. Open fields, trail through the woods, and power line offer varied habitats and vegetation for good variety of butterflies, including Mulberry Wings, Fritillaries, and Monarchs. Meet in the parking lot at Fessendon Field.	Bob Bowker	(508) 653-3656 lepid@comcast.net
Aug 12 Sat	9:00 AM	Birds and Butterflies with both the MBC and Forbush Bird Club. Meet in Leicester on the north side of Rt 56 overlooking the back side of Worcester airport.	Dolores Price	(508) 839-2299
Aug 13 Sun	10:00 AM	FANNIE STEBBINS REFUGE in Longmeadow and FOREST PARK in Springfield searching for Hackberry and Tawny Emperors and Zabulon Skippers. Meet at 10:00 at Fannie Stebbins Refuge parking lot at the end of Bark Haul Road, off Route 5 in Longmeadow. Later we will go to Forest Park.	Tom Gagnon Karen Parker	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com (413) 525-2230
Aug 20 Sun	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Mystic Lakes, Medford/Arlington. We will be looking for just one species-the Harvester, found reliably at this site for the past three years. Meet at the corner of Ravine Rd. and Mystic Valley Parkway in Medford, as described in the MBC Guide to Good Butterfly Sites, or call leader for directions.	Renee LaFontaine	781-483-6960 dacooper@tiac.net
Aug 26, 27	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM	Family Butterfly Festival at Mass Audubon Society Joppa Flats, Newburyport. Mass Butterfly Club volunteers needed to lead walks locally and in the Joppa Flats gardens. Also to talk informally about caterpillars and life cycle.	Lisa Hutchings, coordinator	978-462-9998 x6804 or lhutchings@massaudubon.org
Aug 27 Sun	10:00 AM	Broad Meadow Brook MAS, Worcester. See trip description for Jun 17. Look for Monarchs, Mulberry Wing and Broadwing Skipper.	Barbara Walker	508-754-8819 barbara.walker@umassmed.edu

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Sept 9 Sat	10:00 AM	Butterfly Census – in conjunction with MAS Allen’s Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Dartmouth. Help census butterflies on this 396 acre seaside sanctuary – many species, including migrating Monarchs. This is the 4th year for the census. Last year we added new species to the sanctuary's list. Call sanctuary at 508-636-2437 if weather is questionable. Rain date: Sunday Sept 10.	Madeline Champagne	(508) 543-3380 madelinechampagne@comcast.net
Sept 16 Sat	10:00 AM	Butterfly Census – in conjunction with MAS Allen’s Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Dartmouth. Help census butterflies on this 396 acre seaside sanctuary – many species, including migrating Monarchs. This is the 4th year for the census. Last year we added new species to the sanctuary's list. Call sanctuary at 508-636-2437 if weather is questionable. Rain date: Sunday Sept 17.	Madeline Champagne	(508) 543-3380 madelinechampagne@comcast.net
Sept 23 Sat	10:00 AM	Sudbury River Valley. Chance for Bronze Copper and other late butterflies. Meet at the Cow Common Conservation Area parking lot on Rte. 27 in Wayland, adjacent to the Community Gardens.	Erik Nielsen	781-762-7708 erik@massbutterflies.org
Sept 24 Sun	10:30 AM	NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY GARDENS in Northampton. We will search for late and rare migrants. Later we will go to the Northampton West Meadows. Directions from Mass Pike are: take Route 91 North, and take exit 18 (Northampton), turn left at the end of exit ramp (North) on Route 5. Go about 1 mile and the Bowling Alley is on the left. Meet at 10:30.	Tom Gagnon Bill Benner	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com 413-665-3806 billb55@aol.com
Oct 1 Sun	10:30 AM	NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY GARDENS in Northampton. We will search for late and rare migrants. Later we will go to the Northampton West Meadows. Directions from Mass Pike are: take Route 91 North, and take exit 18 (Northampton), turn left at the end of exit ramp (North) on Route 5. Go about 1 mile and the Bowling Alley is on the left. Meet at 10:30.	Tom Gagnon Bill Benner	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com 413-665-3806 billb55@aol.com
Nov	5:30PM	ANNUAL MEETING Broad Meadow Brook MAS, Worcester. Potluck dinner at 5:30PM. Annual meeting at 7PM followed by the evening program and member digital or slide images. Date in Nov and speaker tba.	Carl Kamp	(978) 249-9675 carlkamp@lightband.com

**CHECKLIST FOR FIELD TRIPS:**

**CALL AHEAD – In consideration for the field trip leader, please call ahead to let the trip leader know that you plan to attend, to confirm meeting time and place, to find out how long the trip will be (i.e. should you bring lunch, etc.), to check for changes in plan, and to check for a rain date.**

**BRING:** binoculars      field guide(s)      suntan/block lotion      water  
hat      insect repellent      snacks and/or lunch      pen/pencil & small pad for recording