

MASSACHUSETTS BUTTERFLY CLUB
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Apr 1 Sun	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 10:30 AM. Use the Route 5 entrance North of Holyoke, opposite the Ski Outlet Store. Questions call Friday evening March 30.	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com
May 6 Sun	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Sherborn Power Line at Fessenden Field, Sherborn. Open fields, trail through the woods, and powerline offer varied habitats and vegetation for good variety of spring butterflies, including Elfins. Meet in the parking lot at Fessenden Field.	Bob Bowker	(508) 653-3656 lepid@comcast.net
May 20 Sun	10:00 AM	Myles Standish Forest. Meet at Forest Headquarters.	Tom Murray Erik Nielsen	(978) 660-6351 tmurray74@yahoo.com (781) 762-7708 erik@massbutterflies.org
May 26 Sat	11:00 to 2:00	Barney's Joy Farm is located on the Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary. The farm bolsters saltmarsh, coastal beach, sandplain grasslands, and coastal heathland. We'll focus our search in the heathlands in hopes of seeing early butterflies and possibly a frosted elfin. We'll meet at the Allens Pond Sanctuary Field Station and car pool from there. Rain date Sun May 27.	Lauren Miller	(401) 924-1880 laurenisquax@yahoo.com
May 27 Sun	10:30 AM	Bog Elfin Trip to Tom's Swamp. Meet at the Petersham Town Common. Call Tom for directions.	Tom Gagnon	(413) 584-6353 tombwhawk@aol.com
Jun 10 Sun	9:30 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
Jun 16 Sat	10:00 AM	North Truro. 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. Contact Alison for trip details.	Tor Hansen Alison Robb	(508) 648-1515 thansen@cape.com (508) 564-4331 nature@cape.com

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Weekend of Jun 16 & 17		Western Maine (near Errol, NH) for Bog Fritillary. You will need waterproof boots to explore this swamp. We will plan an overnight stay near Errol, NH. Contact Steve for further information.	Steve Moore	(508) 393-9251 barb620@theworld.com
Jun 17 Sun	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Join Carl Kamp 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
Jun 23 Sat	10:00 AM	All MBC members are welcome to attend a field trip at "Adams Farm." This should be the peak period for Baltimore Checkerspots here and many other butterflies and Silkmoths as well. Cheryl and I will walk through and describe our 3 acres of plantings for butterfly nectar sources and larval hostplants. Folks traveling from Rt 495 need to make just 2 turns to get here (Rt 24 North to Rt 106 East then 3.2 miles to our house on the left). There's a convenient Park-and-Ride at the intersection of Rt 24 & 106 people can use to car pool to here. more details contact Don. (1st rain date will be 24 June 07)	Don Adams	(508) 588-0038 bankercheryl@comcast.net
Jun 24 Sun	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 Martin Burns at the second parking area .25 miles from the gate. Rain date: Sunday July 1.	Sharon Stichter & Doug Savich	(978) 465-2902 sharonstichter2@comcast.net
There are <u>fifteen</u> 4th of July Butterfly Count field trips planned between June 29 and July 28. Be sure to check the MBC Website for an up-to-date list of dates & places. (www.massbutterflies.org)				
July 1 Sun (Cancelled... watch for possible reschedule later in July)	10:30 AM	Mt Washington, NH for Melissa Arctic. We will meet at the parking lot across the street from the entrance gate at 10:30 AM. We will carpool to the summit to look for the Melissa Arctic and whatever else may be around. This is a day trip. Weather can be a problem. Contact Steve for more information.	Steve Moore	(508) 393-9251 barb620@theworld.com

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Jul 4 Wed	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 power line so vegetation is routinely cropped to maintain low growth, allowing many rare and unusual wildflowers to flourish.	Betty Wright Erik Nielson	(781) 643-6404 bettybwright@msn.com
July 13 Fri (Note new date!)	10:00 AM	Graves Farm in Williamsburg. This Mass Audubon sanctuary is a mix of wet and dry upland fields, where we can look for hairstreaks, Baltimore Checkerspots, fritillaries and a variety of other species. Call Bill for directions.	Bill Benner	(413) 665-3806 billb55@aol.com
July 28 Sat	10:00 to Noon	Explore the newly-conserved Common Pastures property in Newburyport and help census it for butterflies! We will walk the North Pasture section and part of the Little River Nature Trail. Meet in the parking lot of Hope Church, on Hale Street, just a few hundred yards on the left after turning off Low Street onto Hale Street. We will then carpool to the North Pasture site.	Sharon Stichter	(978) 465-2902 sharonstichter2@comcast.net
July 29 Sun	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Sherborn Power Line at Fessenden Field, Sherborn. 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 Fessenden Field.	Bob Bowker	(508) 653-3656 lepid@comcast.net
Aug 4 Sat	10:00 AM	Rockport area. We will be visiting Waring Field and the Cranberry Marsh. A side trip is also possible in search of Mulberry Wing and Black Dash. Meet at Para Research Building parking lot. Rain date: Sunday August 5.	Doug Savich	(978) 283-7869
Aug 4 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 19 Sun (Note new date!)	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

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Aug 19 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
Sept 8 Sat	10:00 AM	Butterfly Census – in conjunction with MAS Allen’s Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Dartmouth. This is the 5th year for the census which is providing valuable and much-appreciated butterfly sightings data for the sanctuary. The 2006 Census sightings included Sachem, Silver-bordered Fritillary, Variegated Fritillary, Cloudless Sulphur, and White M Hairstreak. Call the sanctuary at 508-636-2437 if weather is questionable. Rain date: Sunday Sept 9.	Madeline Champagne	(508) 543-3380 madelinechampagne@comcast.net
Sept 9 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
Sept 15 Sat	10:00 AM	Butterfly Census – in conjunction with MAS Allen’s Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Dartmouth. This is the 5th year for the census which is providing valuable and much-appreciated butterfly sightings data for the sanctuary. The 2006 Census sightings included Sachem, Silver-bordered Fritillary, Variegated Fritillary, Cloudless Sulphur, and White M Hairstreak. Call the sanctuary at 508-636-2437 if weather is questionable. Rain date: Sunday Sept 16.	Madeline Champagne	(508) 543-3380 madelinechampagne@comcast.net
Sept 16 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 rjbwalker@aol.com

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Sept 22 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 23 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 10	5:00:00 PM Note the new time!	ANNUAL MEETING Broad Meadow Brook MAS, Worcester. Potluck dinner at 5:00 PM. Annual meeting afterwards followed by the evening program and member digital or slide images (up to 10 images per person). Featured speaker is Prof. Chip Taylor, professor of entomology and director of Monarch Watch.	Bill Benner	(413) 665-3806 billb55@aol.com

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