



NORTH AMERICAN BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION (NABA)

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ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

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Meetings: Held on the fourth Thursday during the Months of January, April, July, October at the Irvine Ranch Water District Main Office located on the east side of Sand Canyon Ave. at the intersection of Water Works and Sand Canyon, in the City of Irvine. The meetings are held in one of the conference rooms located on the lower level west wing.

Next: April 27, 2008 , 7:00 p.m.

Speakers: To Be Announced

News: Near normal rainfall this winter should result in a fair to good to season for butterflies and moths within the county. Hats off to Vickie Cole who has revitalized our Naba Chapter website.

Butterfly Sightings: A few Monarchs have been reported in the County this past December

Other Events: Monarch Day at Shipley Nature Center, February 16, 2008, Contact Leslie Gilson at lesliegilson@hotmail.com

2008 Field Trip Schedule:

February 23, 2008 Anza Borrego State Park, Eastern San Diego Co., CA. Meet at Wendy's Restaurant located at the West corner of Alicia Parkway and the I-5 Freeway in Laguna Hills, CA., at 7:00 a.m. sharp. We will car caravan down to Anza Borrego Desert State Park and arrive around 9:00 a.m. We will probably return to Orange County late depending on if the group wants to have dinner in Julian or other location.

We will explore the canyons and washes for many early spring butterflies such as the stunning Sonora Blue and the Brambles Hairstreak. Early spring wildflowers should also be on display. Moth lovers will delight in the dayflying but seldom seen Phaeton sphinx.

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- March 22, 2008 Donna O'Neil Land Conservancy. Meet at Campo Amantes Road just off Ortega Highway (Hwy 74). OC Map Page OC 924, (953, D-6). Time: 8:30 a.m. Rain Cancels. 2-4 miles of moderate hiking .
- April 19, 2008 Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. Meet at Nix Nature Center, Laguna Coast Wilderness Park, Irvine/Laguna Beach, CA. We will walk one of the trails leading out into the park from the nature center to see what butterflies and insects are on the wing. We will conduct a butterfly count to see what species are found within this portion of the park. This park burned several years ago, and it will be interesting to see what insects have returned. A Fatal Metalmark was observed in the park just south of here near the Toll Road crossing last August. Meet At Nix Nature Center, which is located off the west side of Laguna Canyon Road (Hwy 133) about 1 mile north of the 73 Toll Road. Meet at 8:30 a.m. Rain Cancels
- May 17, 2008 Barton Flats and Upper Santa Ana Watershed, San Bernardino Mountains. This will be a full day at 2-3 locations. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Vons Shopping Center parking lot located in the southwest corner of Tustin St. and E. Lincoln Ave., Orange, CA. Exit west off the 55 Freeway at Lincoln Ave. Rain Cancels.
- June 21, 2008 Donna O'Neil Land Conservancy. Butterfly Count Meet at Campo Amantes Road just off Ortega Highway (Hwy 74). OC Map Page OC 924, (953, D-6). Time 9:00 a.m. Rain Cancels. 2-4 miles of moderate hiking within a stunning coastal-sage and oak woodland habitat. Keep your eyes opened for the uncommon Variable Checkerspots and Wright's Checkerspot. Most of the species of butterflies occurring in Orange County have been seen in this pristine reserve of native habitat.
- June 27-29, 2008 Biennial NABA National Meeting and Butterfly Field Outing. This biennial event will be held this year at Kernville, Kern Co., California. This fun event will present speakers, lectures. Workshops, and awesome fields during this multiday event. Interested participants can get information by going to our national Web Site at www.Naba.com. This year's spectacular location and surrounding mountains will introduce people new to butterflying an abundance of Californian species. Meet new friends from other NABA groups from around the county.
- July 5, 2008 O'Neil Regional Park and Trabuco Canyon, CA Butterfly Count. OC Map Page 863, B-7. Leader: Don Mitchell. Meet at O'Neil Regional Park Entrance. Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Sturdy vehicle needed for those desiring to go up the rough dirt road into Upper Trabuco Canyon.
- August, 2008 Upper Newport Back Bay, Newport Beach, CA. Meet at Big Canyon Parking Lot off of Backbay Drive (remember this is a one way road) at 8:30 a.m. Skipper butterflies will be our focus on this trip. If time permits we may visit the Environmental Nature Center (ENC) or Upper Newport Bay Interpretive Center to view their butterfly gardens. **Date to be determined**
- Membership:** Free to attend meetings and field trips. To join NABA, visit our national web site at www.naba.org. for a subscription/membership form. By joining NABA, you will receive a subscription to American Butterflies and The Butterfly Gardener as well as contribute to the creation of the premier butterfly garden in the world, NABA Butterfly Park located in Mission, Texas.