

Contributors



Sonia Altizer is an Associate Professor in the Odum School of Ecology at the University of Georgia. She received her Bachelor's degree from Duke University and a Ph.D. from the University of

Minnesota, where she was co-advised by Karen Oberhauser. For the past 15 years, Sonia has studied Monarch behavior, ecology, and interactions with a protozoan parasite, asking how seasonal migration of these butterflies affects parasite transmission. In 2006, she launched the citizen science project MonarchHealth, now in its 5th year, and also maintains a webpage dedicated to Monarch parasites (www.monarchparasites.org). Sonia is a founding member of the MonarchNet steering committee, a group dedicated to integrating, analyzing and publicizing Monarch monitoring data.



Jaap de Roode works at Emory University, where he runs a research lab on parasites and teaches ecology and evolution. Born in the Netherlands, he studied population biology at Wageningen

University. He then moved to the University of Edinburgh to study malaria, which sparked a keen interest in disease. In 2005 he moved to the United States to study the parasites of Monarchs, first with Sonia Altizer at the

University of Georgia, then in his own lab at Emory. Until he knew that butterflies carry interesting parasites, Jaap never used a butterfly net.

Jeffrey Glassberg's brief biographical sketch appeared in the Spring 2010 issue of *American Butterflies*.

Kimberly Pegram is a graduate student working in Ron Rutowski's lab at Arizona State University. She currently studies the evolved design features of warning coloration using Pipevine Swallowtails.



Kimberly graduated from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA where she did undergraduate research on Painted Ladies with Joella Killian. Also as an undergraduate, she carried out surveys of butterflies on Plummers Island with John W. Brown at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History as part of their Research Training Program.

Mike Reese updates the NABA Recent Sightings web pages. He enjoys photographing wild flowers, birds, dragonflies, and, of course, butterflies. He is an educator in Wautoma, Wisconsin and has been recording and documenting the butterflies that are found there for over 15 years. He also maintains a website on the Butterflies of Waushara County, Wisconsin.



Leslie Ries is a conservation biologist who has worked largely on the impacts of landscape structure on habitat quality. All of her past field work has focused

on butterflies. Leslie was an undergraduate at University of Maryland (Zoology). She received an M.S. in Ecology, Evolution and Behavior from Iowa State University and a Ph.D. in Biology from Northern Arizona University. She is currently a post-doctoral associate at the University of Maryland where she is working on the NABA 4th of July Butterfly Count dataset.



Ron Rutowski has been a Professor of Biology at Arizona State University since 1976 and has authored over 80 publications that have helped keep butterflies in the mainstream of behavioral ecology. His research has focused on vision and

visual signals in butterflies especially in the context of mate choice and mate detection.

Don Stoltz is originally from southern Ontario, where as a boy he collected all sorts of things, including insects. He later pursued a career in science, and in that context has been able to indulge all of his favorite interests (entomology, virology and microscopy). In 1974, he moved to Dalhousie University, Halifax, where he began to characterize some unusual parasitoid-associated viruses; this work eventually led to the establishment of a new family of viruses (Polydnviridae). Now officially retired, he's nonetheless more likely to be found in his lab than anywhere else. In his spare time, Don takes delight in stalking neotropical insects with a camcorder.



Harry Zirlin's fascination with butterflies and other insects dates to his early childhood. He travels extensively in the United



States, studying and photographing butterflies. He supports this passion by working as an attorney in the environmental area at the New York law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton.