NEW JERSEY BUTTERFLY CLUB ACTIVITIES 2018

Club Meetings (with programs, open to the public)

- **January 2**: Canceled owing to cold weather, many members sick
- **February 6**: Wade Wander presented program “Chasing Totality: A trip to Nebraska for Astronomical Wonders (and even a few butterflies)” 30 attendees
- **March 6**: Canceled owing to bad weather
- **April 3**: Tom Halliwell presented program “2017 Year in Review” 32 attendees
- **May 1**: Jane Hurwitz presented program ”The Basics of Butterfly Gardening”. 37 attendees.
- **June 5**: Wade Wander presented program “Remembering Yards Creek?” 35 attendees
- **September 4**: Wade Wander presented program “The Case of the Missing Sphinxes” 38 attendees
- **October 2**: Dr. Mike Van Clef presented program “Deer-Resistant Plants for Your Butterfly Garden” 35 attendees
- **November 13**: Members’ Night. ___ attendees

Field Trips (open to the public)

- **May 5**: Sandy Hook/ Julian L. Capik Nature Preserve
- **May 20**: Mountainside Park
- **May 26**: Flatbrookville/Roy Tract
- **June 17**: Sourland Mountain Preserve
- **June 24**: Appalachian Trail Lands
- **August 25**: Lord Stirling Park
- **Sept. 3**: Dennis Briede’s property
4th of July Butterfly Counts compiled by chapter members (open to the public)

- Great Swamp, NJ
- Springdale, NJ
- Duke Farms, NJ
- Mercer, NJ
- Raritan Canal, NJ
- Wallkill NWR, NJ
- Bowman’s Hill, PA

4th of July Butterfly counts (by other compilers but participated in by chapter members (open to the public):

- Frances Marion National Forest, SC
- Hobcaw Barony, SC

Presentations/Field Trips for Other Organizations

- 2/13/18—Sharon Wander presented program "Endangered & Threatened Butterflies of New Jersey" to Sierra Club. 35 attendees
- 2/24/18—NJ Flower and Garden Show. Sharon presented "Make YOUR Yard Pollinator-Friendly" to audience of 60+.
- 3/08/18: Sharon Wander presented “Bring the Butterflies to You” to the FLOW [Franklin Lakes/Oakland/Wyckoff] Green Film Festival. 30 attendees
- 4/14/18: Sharon Wander presented "Butterflies of New Jersey and Their Caterpillar Hostplants" at Wild Birds Unlimited, Middletown. 20 attendees
- 5/2/18: Sharon & Wade Wander led a butterfly/nature walk for the Land Conservancy of NJ’s National Trails Day event at the south Branch Preserve.
- 6/12/18: Sharon Wander presented “Bring the Butterflies to You" program to Clifton Garden Club. 27 attendees
- 6/22/18: Club members led butterfly walk at Bamboo Brook Outdoor Education Center for NJ Conservation Foundation.
• 7/20/18: Club members led butterfly walk at Bamboo Brook Outdoor Education Center for NJ Conservation Foundation.

• 7/28/18: Sharon Wander led a butterfly walk at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum following Jane Hurwitz’s butterfly gardening talk. 15 attendees.

• 8/4/18: Sharon & Wade Wander led a butterfly walk at White Lake Natural Resource Area for the Ridge and Valley Conservancy. 17 attendees.

• 8/7/18: Sharon Wander presented “Bring the Butterflies to You” program for Warren County Garden Club. 28 attendees.

• 8/10/18: Club members led butterfly walk at Bamboo Brook Outdoor Education Center for NJ Conservation Foundation.

Providing Expertise/Evaluation/Advice

• Feb/Mar—Sharon Wander assisted Hilltop Conservancy with butterfly checklist and with preparing site guide to post on chapter website. We also provided a digital file to reproduce the chapter’s brochure “Butterflies of New Jersey” for distribution at the Hilltop Reservation.

• April: We provided the Great Swamp NWR GardenKeepers with digital file to reproduce the chapter’s brochure “Butterflies of New Jersey” for distribution at the Refuge.

• May: Keith Richards and Sharon Wander assisted Laurel Gould of Great Swamp GardenKeepers in finalizing a butterfly checklist for the Great Swamp NWR.

• May: Member David Moskowitz volunteered to mentor Eagle Scout candidate Brian Bochkin of Valhalla, NY, in undertaking a butterfly garden project.


• August 17: Sharon Wander discussed butterfly meadow habitat with representative of NJ Conservation Foundation for their “State We’re In” column.
• Sharon Wander developed a habitat improvement plan for Northern Metalmark (proposed state Endangered) at White Lake Natural Area, to be implemented by Ridge and Valley Conservancy.

Table with Educational Displays and Handouts, and People To Interpret Them

At all of these events we distributed “Butterflies of New Jersey” brochures and handouts on butterfly nectar and host plants.

• 2/22–2/25: 2018 New Jersey Flower and Garden Show. Table was staffed by members for all 4 days. Gave out ~500 handouts on butterfly gardening, plus ~100 new brochures illustrating Butterflies of New Jersey.

• 4/28/18: Musconetcong Watershed Association Native Plant Sale (Tomás Gonzales)

• 6/9/18 Butterfly Bonanza at Pyramid Mountain (Garry Annibal & Lee Gaitskill)

• 8/5/18: Green Day at the Sussex County Farm & Horse Show – NJ State Fair (Sharon & Wade Wander). Included giveaway of butterfly nectar and host plants.

• 9/16: Great Swamp Fall Festival (Lee Gaitskill)

• Tomás Gonzales deployed our educational displays and/or materials at numerous school activities such as student garden club meetings, parents’ night, and back-to-school night, and at hospice butterfly releases.

Resources Created

• “Butterflies of New Jersey” brochure (mini field guide) created to distribute at NJ Flower & Garden Show and other events. 2000 copies printed. Digital file provided to the Hilltop Conservancy and the Great Swamp GardenKeepers for printing/distribution.