Brilliant Butterflies of Panamá

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Panamá connects Central and South America
The Panamá Canal bisects the country, running from Colón to Panamá City.
August 16-31, 2019

8/16: Arrive Tocumen Airport, butterfly around Riande Aeropuerto Hotel
8/17: Van from hotel to port, 1/2-day boat trip on Canal
8/18: Travel from hotel to Canopy Lodge
8/19-8/22 (AM): Butterflying at Lodge and various nearby locations
8/22 (PM)-8/24: Travel from Canopy Lodge to Canopy Tower
Butterfly at Tower and nearby locations
8/25-8/30: Travel to Canopy Camp
Butterfly at Camp and nearby locations, return to hotel 8/30
8/31: Return to New Jersey
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Jim Springer (JS), Sharon & Wade Wander (SW, WW)

Tour company: Canopy Family Tours

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Panamá Canal

In Miraflores Locks

Our vessel for 1/2-day trip as far as Gamboa

Panamá Canal

Cables from these “mules” keep the ship centered - they do not tow it.

In Miraflores Locks

The infamous Culebra Cut, most difficult part of the Canal construction
Canopy Lodge
600-1200m

Common area

Wonderful meals, al fresco!

Lodge entrance

“Doing the list”
Swallowtails & Cattlehearts
Papilionidae
Many species have different names in Glassberg's *Butterflies of Mexico and Central America*, and on the lists provided by Canopy Family Tours. On this and the following slides, the Glassberg name always precedes the slash.
Thoas Swallowtail
Whites and Sulphurs
Pieridae
Cross-barred/Black-banded White

Brown-bordered White
Hairstreaks and Blues
Lycaenidae
Costa Rican/White-tipped Cycadian
Imperial Sunstreak/Arcas

Digiscoped image

The look we wish we had gotten!
Wavy-lined Sunstreak/
Mexican Arcas
Sky-blue Greatstreak/Hairstreak
Chiapas Stripe-streak/Togarna Hairstreak
Dusky-blue Groundstreak

Red-Crescent/Narbal

Burnt-chocolate/Mycon

Red-spotted/Ziba Scrub-Hairstreak
Rusty-banded Groundstreak*

* Asterisked species were new for Canopy Family tours

Huntington's Blue
Canopy Tower is a former U.S. radar station converted to an ecolodge.
Metalmarks
Riodinidae
Guatemalan Whitemark/Vestalis Metalmark

Cloudy-eyed Whitemark/Lagora Metalmark
Blue-winged Sheenmark/Eurybia
Great Sheenmark/Eurybia
Blue-and-Yellow Beautymark/Inca Metalmark F

Female above

Male below
Atheist Scintillant/ Iris Calephelis

Cloaked Scintillant/ Barne’s Metalmark
Brilliant Greenmark/
Lampeto Metalmark
Studded Jewelmark/Elegant Anteros

Elegant Jewelmark/Rounded Anteros

Giant Jewelmark/Anteros

All 3 photos digiscoped by Tino
Orange-striped Tanmark/Emesis

White-spotted Tanmark/Emesis
Sailor’s Lemmark/ Irenia Metalmark
Phasma Metalmark
Carmine Grayler/
Lucianus Metalmark
Large Hemmark/Azanoides Metalmark
Lunch in the field

Our trusty vehicle, and friend

Converging on a hapless butterfly

In Canopy Tower lobby, with Tino
Brushfoots
Nymphalidae
Monarchs, Tigerwings, and Clearwings
Danainae
Tiger Mimic-Queen

Felder’s Dircenna/
Dircenna olyras
Variable
Prestonian/
Cream-spotted
Tigerwing
Yellow-tipped Ticlear/ Tutia Clearwing

Tiger Ithomia/ Iphinassa Clearwing
Variable/Menapis
Tigerwings
Variegated Ticlear/Clearwing
Heliconians/Longwings
Heliconiinae
All species on next 4 slides are Heliconians/Longwings
Common Green-Heliconian/Green Longwing

Least/Fine-lined

Malachite for comparison

SW

WW
Heart-spotted/Hecale

Isabella's
Grinning/Cydno

Blue-and-White

Erato/Crimson-patched (hydara)

(venus)
Canopy Camp

Common area

The Camp grounds

Shooting an Eighty-eight

Comfortable African safari tents
Sisters
Limenitidinae
Emperors
Apaturinae
Banners, Crackers & Eighty-eights
Biblidinae
Guatemalan Catone/
East Mexican Banner F
Four-spotted/Dark Sailor
Variable Cracker
Common/Widespread Eighty-eight
Six-spotted

More Eighty-eights

 WW

 Blind

 Blue-and-Orange
Daggerwings
Cyrestinae
Many-banded Daggerwing
Beauties & Crescents, etc.
Nymphalinae
Three-banded/Variable Crescent
Some of the many variations of Bordered Patch
Ezra Checkerspot
Tropical Buckeye
Leafwings
Charaxinae
Canoe trip on the Chucumanga River...

...to Indigenous coffee plantation
The Indigenous village Neuva Vigia

Beautiful artisan basketry for sale
On display at Canopy Camp—

These masks are hand-made by the women of the Embera-Wounaan villages of Nazaret and Mogue, located along the rivers Chico and Mogue in the province of Darién. They are made from the straw fibers of the Panama hat plant and the Panamanian Black Palm, locally known as ‘chunga’. Their bright colors come from natural dyes from roots, plants, seeds and fruits found in the forest.

The masks represent the forest animals that live near these villages, each with a special significance to the indigenous people of Darién. Monkeys traditionally represent sentinels of the forest, as their cries can be heard for long distances. The jaguar is a symbol of strength and battle. Owls are considered sentries, and the bright colors of the toucan and parrot, common birds in the area, call the attention of these people. The Harpy Eagle, the national bird of Panama, is highly respected as the largest and most powerful raptor, and nests in the forests of Darién.
Jaguar

Owl

Peccary?

Harpy Eagle
Morphos, Owls & Satyrs
Satyrinae
Common Morpho

Canopy Family
Linnaean Owlet/ Cassia’s Owl-Butterfly
Yellow-fronted/Pale Owl-Butterfly
Hermes Satyr
Transgressive Blackeyed-Satyr / Jesia Satyr

Blue-gray Big-eyed Satyr

Gomez’ Satyr
Skippers
Hesperiidae
Longtails, Flashers, & Scarlet-eyes
Eudaminae
Common Ghost-Skipper/Phanus

Communal roost with dark males

Dimorphic Skipper F
Blushing/Big-spotted Scarlet-eye
Freckled/Black-cheeked Scarlet-eye
Spreadwing Skippers
Pyrginae
Red-collared/Scylla Firetip
Golden-snouted Scallopwing/Sootywing
Brilliant/Glorious Blue-Skipper
Two-toned/Rainforest Hoary-Skipper
Northern Snout-Skipper*
Cherry-spot/Stigma Skipper
Ruby-eyes & Grass-Skippers
Hesperiinae
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What ARE these things, anyway?

Find out at the March meeting!