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Zebra Swallowtail

NORTH AMERICAN
BUTTERFLY
ASSOCIATION

THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL
MEMBERS' MEETING

Tallahassee, Florida
September 16-19, 2018

NABA
4 Delaware Rd.
Morristown, NJ 07960



NORTH AMERICAN BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION 2018 MEMBERS' MEETING

Welcome to Tallahassee and northwestern Florida for the 13th NABA Members Meeting September 16-19, 2018. Beginners are welcome!

THE SITE

Tallahassee is a treasure trove of riches for those who love the outdoors and nature. The Panhandle has been identified as one of the five richest biodiversity hotspots in North America. The Apalachicola River Basin, just to the west of Tallahassee, has the highest species diversity of reptiles and amphibians in the U.S. and an estimated 1300 plant species, with 127 of them endemic to the Basin, including dozens of carnivorous plant species, more than any other state. The Apalachicola NF, just south of Tallahassee, is part of one of the largest contiguous blocks of public lands east of the Mississippi River. Just a 30-minute drive from Tallahassee lies the Gulf of Mexico, famous for its beaches and seafood. With over 120 species of butterflies within the vicinity, Tallahassee will give attendees of the 13th biennial NABA meeting an opportunity to experience the riches of natural Florida.

ACTIVITIES

Field Trips: Trip destinations will include several locations within Apalachicola NF, Apalachicola River and Wildlife Environmental Area, Big Bend WMA, Torreya State Park and Apalachicola Bluffs and Ravines Preserve. For butterfly gardeners, there will be an opportunity to see a 25-acre property that has been converted from former

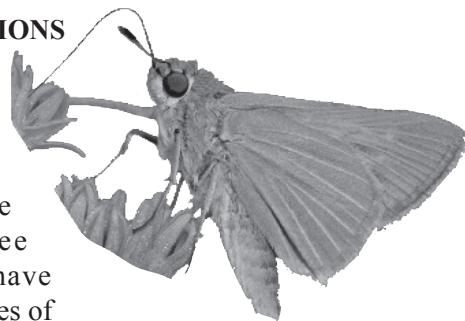
dairy land into a haven for dozens of butterfly species and native plants. September is the peak of wildflower blooms in north Florida.

Presentations and workshops: Each day will be highlighted by a series of workshops on topics such as identification, photography, butterfly gardening, and butterfly defense mechanisms.

Pre/Post-meeting field trips: We will help facilitate optional pre-meeting field trips to see disjunct populations of two uncommon butterfly species. At separate locations in Florida, meeting participants may be able to find Dukes' Skippers and Dusky Roadside-Skippers. More information about these optional trips will be available soon.

ATTRACTIONS

There are more than 120 butterfly species in the Tallahassee area. We have good chances of seeing Berry's Skipper, Byssus Skipper, Dotted Skipper, Palmetto Skipper and Yehl Skipper. If weather conditions are favorable prior to the conference, we will have colorful roadsides of blooming flowers thronged with swallowtails, fritillaries, and other grass-skipper species next to pitcher plant bogs, creating a nature photographer's paradise.



If you want to explore the Florida Panhandle outside of the conference, there are many other places worth visiting. Outdoor recreation activities abound in the Tallahassee area and include hiking, off-road biking, kayaking, and hunting and fishing. Fall is one of the best times to take advantage of these opportunities.

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

Getting There: You can fly into Tallahassee International Airport. Another alternative, which might be less expensive, would be to fly into Jacksonville, FL and drive about 2.5 hours west to Tallahassee.

Facilities & Accommodations: Our host facility will be the Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown; Tel.: 850-422-0071. A block of rooms with a discounted rate has been reserved here for the conference. Mention that you are attending the NABA Meeting to obtain the special rate.

Meals: Registration fee includes box lunches on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and banquet dinners Monday and Tuesday nights. We will try to accommodate special dietary preferences or needs that you may specify on a post-registration form, but, in some cases this may not be possible.

Ground Transportation: Groups will travel to field trip sites by car pooling of participants' private vehicles.

Weather: Mid September is a good time to visit Tallahassee, with daytime temperatures averaging in the high 80s and lows averaging in the low 60s. Please keep in mind that tropical storms are possible.

Field Observations: Registrants will be sent a list of butterflies we might encounter. We encourage you to bring close-focusing binoculars. Cameras and videocams are welcome, but no nets are permitted.

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How to Register

You can register and pay online, at www.naba.org or fill out both sides of the registration form at right and mail it with your check or money order, payable to NABA in U.S. dollars. Additional information to help you plan your trip will be available on our website and in forthcoming mailings.

Registration Form-NABA 2018 Members' Meeting Tallahassee, Florida - September 16-19, 2018 (please print)

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Telephone _____

email address _____

Please send me a meeting packet.

Please do not send me a meeting packet, I will use the NABA website

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REGISTRATION FEES

Members: \$295 per person X _____ registrants = \$ _____

NonNABA Members \$330 per person X _____ registrants = \$ _____

Visit the NABA website, www.naba.org, to register and pay fees online
Optional Tax-Deductible Donation for NABA's conservation efforts \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Registration fees are payable in full (in U.S. dollars) at time of registration. Send this form with check or money order (drawn on a U.S. bank) payable to NABA to:

**Laura Bianco, NABA, 4 Delaware Rd.
Morristown, NJ 07960**

After August 1, 2018 registration fee will increase to \$320, provided space is available.

Tentative schedule

Sunday, September 16:

3:30-7:30 p.m. Registration
7:30-9:00 p.m. Welcome & Program:
"An Introduction to Butterflies
of northwestern Florida"
by Dean Jue

Monday, September 17:

8:00-8:45 a.m. Workshops
3 concurrent topics
9:15 a.m. Field Trips depart
5:00 p.m. Field Trips return
6:00-7:00 p.m. Social Hour, Book signing,
Exhibits
7:00-9:00 p.m. Banquet and Keynote Speaker

Tuesday, September 18:

8:00-8:45 a.m. Workshops
3 concurrent topics
9:15 a.m. Field Trips depart
5:00 p.m. Field Trips return
6:00-7:00 p.m. Social Hour, Book signing,
Exhibits
7:00-9:00 p.m. Banquet and Featured Speaker

Wednesday, September 19:

8:00 a.m. Field Trips depart
3:00 p.m. Field Trips return
3:00-3:30 p.m. Meeting Finale

For more information, email:
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