Contributors

Astrid Caldas was born and raised in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where she was an Ecology Professor for 10 years. She moved to the United States in 1996, and after a successful academic career at the University of Maryland at College Park working with Lepidoptera ecology, shifted her focus to the arena of conservation, climate change, and sustainability initiatives. She is now a Climate Change and Wildlife Scientist at Defenders of Wildlife, a national non-profit, where she provides scientific support for programs, including assistance for integrating climate adaptation into conservation programs, doing synthetic research, and publishing papers and reports on climate and wildlife issues. Her main research interest is Lepidoptera conservation, especially under climate and land use changes.

Jan Dauphin Jan Dauphin’s passion for the past 20 years has been butterfly watching. Her photos have appeared in over 30 books, numerous magazines, and thousands of newspapers, worldwide. After retiring from the Houston area, she moved to Mission, TX ten years ago, strictly for the butterflies. Her tiny Mission yard was landscaped in local native plants and has had 152 documented species of butterflies, probably the highest yard list in the U.S. Jan is very much involved in South Texas’ Lower Rio Grande Valley’s conservation organizations. Her award-winning web page, TheDauphins.net, extensively covers the flora and fauna of “the Valley”. The National Butterfly Center, where Jan and her husband Dave perform many hours of volunteer work, is only seven miles from her home.

Jeffrey Glassberg brief biographical sketch appeared in the Spring/Summer/Fall 2011 issue of American Butterflies.

Jane Hurwitz is Director of NABA’s Butterfly Garden and Habitat Program, which allows her to work in a variety of ways to promote butterfly gardens that use regionally native plants across the United States. She is also the editor of NABA’s Butterfly Gardener magazine. She is the author of numerous nonfiction works for young adults and now writes and maintains the website www.nababutterfly.com

Berry Nall has a Masters’ degrees in Physics Education (The University of Texas-Pan American) and in Divinity (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary). He now resides in Starr County, Texas, where he pastors a small church and teaches high school science. He grew up chasing butterflies and moths over the hills of Maryland and Virginia. As an adult that pursuit was neglected until he obtained a digital camera and discovered the joys of digital collecting. A simple effort to identify the butterflies passing through his yard soon grew into a passion for butterfly photography, a butterfly garden (open to the public), a website, and a desire to raise as many kinds of butterfly as possible. His website, www.leps.thenalls.net, currently includes life histories of over 60 butterfly species and adult photographs of an additional 110 species that have been found in Starr County, TX.

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Jeffrey Glassberg

Hank Poor grew up in the heart of the sailing country of Great South Bay, Long Island, New York. He attended Williams College and the University of Miami, where he received an MS degree in Industrial Engineering (the closest he could get to Computer Science) in 1970, and continued sailing. He joined University of Miami, became Senior Research Associate (Meteorology), and retired as Research Computing Center Director at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science in 1995. He is active as an Osho (Zen Buddhist Priest). He and Mary Anne, his wife of twenty years, traded sailing for butterflying about ten years ago. They are members of the Miami Blue Chapter of NABA. Interests include macro- and micro-photography of butterflies. Mary Anne is an equal partner in all their butterfly sagas.

Mike Reese's brief biographical sketch appeared in the Spring 2011 issue of American Butterflies.

Leslie Ries is an ecologist who works on large-scale impacts of climate and land use change on ecological communities. Past field work has focused on butterflies, including pine plantations in South Carolina, prairie fragments in Iowa, and riparian habitat in southern Arizona. Currently, her focus is on the use of citizen-science monitoring data (including NABA’s Count Program data) to answer large-scale questions about changes in butterfly populations. Leslie was an undergraduate at University of Maryland (Zoology). She received her M.S. from Iowa State University (Ecology, Evolution and Behavior) and her Ph.D. from Northern Arizona University (Biology). Leslie is currently a research scientist at the University of Maryland and also a post-doctoral fellow at the National Socio-environmental Synthesis Center.

Rick Snider is a retired high school chemistry teacher who lives in the woods near Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada. He has an Hon BSc from McMaster University and MSc from York University in Ontario. He has been a birder and naturalist for most of his life. Since retirement he spends much of his time wandering the area taking photos of all aspects of nature but especially butterflies and dragonflies. He writes nature articles for a local magazine, leads hikes for the local nature club and helps with the annual butterfly count. Rick and his wife Mary have wintered in Texas for the last 10 years, and as volunteers led bird and butterfly walks at Bentsen Rio-Grande Valley and Estero Llano Grande State Parks. They have also been co-leaders for the Harlingen Birthing Festival in the Rio Grande Valley.

Wade Wander’s interest in natural history started with birds before the age of 10. He then became curious about plants, herptiles, and mammals. He rekindled an interest in butterflies about 20 years ago and 10 years ago started to study moths (and more recently, all insects). He has recorded more than 550 species at his moth station in northwestern New Jersey, and has presented numerous programs on moths and other insects, hoping to bring the enjoyment of these fascinating animals to a wider audience. He and his wife, Sharon, own and operate Wander Ecological Consultants, an environmental consulting business that, among other things, surveys for endangered and threatened species and conducts biological surveys.