

# NABA News and Notes

## Save the Date! NABA Members Meeting

The combined twelfth NABA Biennial Members Meeting and Texas Butterfly Festival will be held from Saturday, October 29 to Tuesday, November 1, 2016 and will be headquartered at the National Butterfly Center in Mission, Texas. Don't miss this great opportunity to see butterflies you've never seen before (each fall, new species are seen in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas) and to connect with ardent butterflyers from throughout the country. Evening speakers will include Dr. Susan Finkbeiner, of Boston University, speaking about Heliconian roosting behavior, Larry Ditto, renowned photographer of Rio Grande Valley wildlife, and Dr. Gerard Talavera of Harvard University, talking about adventures tracking the worldwide migrations of Painted Ladies. And, if you are the kind of person who eats, the food at this event will be memorable.

## National Butterfly Center Butterfly Promenade

The gracefully curving Butterfly Promenade is now in place at the National Butterfly Center. With a \$250 donation, you can have one of the decorative pavers inscribed with up to 30-36 characters, as you direct. Please go to <http://nationalbutterflycenter.org/support-nbc/donate-now> to order your inscription. Just prior to the Members Meeting, on Saturday, October 29, we will have a ceremony opening the Butterfly Promenade and honoring those who contributed to its creation.

## Social Media

You can now follow NABA activities on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest

## Amazon Smile

Please smile if you use Amazon to purchase anything! If you do, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price, at no cost to you, to NABA. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and follow instructions, choosing North American Butterfly Association as your charity.

## WeButterfly

NABA is thrilled to announce that we will soon be making available to the public new pages, at [www.webutterfly.org](http://www.webutterfly.org). The website will allow the public to see the NABA Butterfly Monitoring Program data, including data from the 4th of July, 1st of July and 16th of September counts, displayed as maps and graphs. One can learn about the abundance of butterfly species and how they vary from year to year. The web pages will also include photos and information about all North American butterflies.

## Members Photo Gallery

If you would like one of your photos to be considered for this feature, please submit no more than two, high resolution, interesting and unusual photos of either adult or immature butterflies taken of wild, unmanipulated butterflies or immatures in the United States, Canada, or Mexico. Photos should be in digital form, and should be uncropped and unaltered/minimally altered. Send your entries on a CD to: NABA Members Gallery, 4 Delaware Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960.

## Estate Planning

We'd like to ask those NABA members who have planned estates, to consider including NABA and the National Butterfly Center in their plans. This will allow you to continue to help butterflies and conservation.

## Matching Donations

Those of you who generously contribute donations to NABA and work at a large corporation may be able to double your contribution. Many corporations have matching gift programs. Check with your human resource or public relations department.

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Main cover photo, of a Long Dash, was taken by Jeffrey Glassberg on June 4, 2011 at Schooley's Mountain County Park, Morris Co, NJ. See the article about *Polites* skipper names on page 32.

# Readers Write

## Book Review Review

Thanks for Harry Zirlin's recent review of *Butterflies of Alaska*. I thought it was very even-handed and, given the opportunity, I would have made many of the same points, especially the one concerning the origin and diversity of various arctic genera.  
Bob Behrstock, Hereford, AZ

## Hairstreak Help

Great issue (*American Butterflies* 24:1) -- well done! Even I could probably ID eastern USA *Satyrium* given your help!  
Dick Vane-Wright, Kent, England

Thanks for the great article on *Satyrium* ID. It has really helped me with the "mystery" of Banded -v- Hickory identification. The series of photos with highlighted field marks and accompanying text is brilliant!  
Kathy Malone, Springhill, TN

I always enjoy receiving and reading *American Butterflies*, but the Spring 2016 issue is one of your best ever. I have many photos of unidentified hairstreaks, which I now can revisit and try to identify, using the tips Jeff Glassberg has provided.  
Charles Smith, Ithaca, NY

The magazine is *so* great!  
Linda Beidleman, Pacific Grove, CA

Just wanted to say your hairstreak article is very nice and useful. Thanks for doing it. Since you labeled it part 1, I'll look forward to the next!  
Ernest Williams, Clinton, NY

The article on distinguishing the eastern hairstreaks was an informative treat. I was disappointed that the means of separating banded and hickory hairstreaks requires taking a magnified photo and performing accurate comparative measurements of hindwing blue and orange spots. I haven't taken up butterfly photography and will not be able to use these details in my field ID.

I found the cracker caterpillars amusing looking and their article was well written and documented.

It was interesting to read about Ken, who got into butterflies through photography, which is very unlike me. Whatever leads you into nature is great in my opinion.

Of course, the article about the butterfly festival made me want to attend. It sounds delightful.

Great issue! I'm looking forward to the next one - oh - and putting this one in with my field guides.  
Pam Skaar, Madison, WI

We're pleased that so many of you enjoyed the last issue of *American Butterflies*! Regarding the field identification of Banded and Hickory Hairstreaks, I didn't mean to imply that in order to separate these species that one needs to examine photographs. The point of measuring distances on photographs is to show that one can quantify differences and that these differences appear to be real, rather than my saying that the blue spot is "longer" relative to the length of the red/orange spot. Most individual Banded or Hickory Hairstreak can be confidently assigned to species in the field, if one obtains good looks at the indicated field marks. Thanks to all for your comments. [Ed.]

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Back cover photo is of a Martial Scrub-Hairstreak, photographed by Jeffrey Glassberg resting on Bay Cedar (it's caterpillar foodplant) on May 18, 2016 at Fort Zachary Taylor Park in Key West, Monroe Co., FL. See the Hot Seens article on page 42.