

# NORTH AMERICAN BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION

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## Have Your Heard the Butterfly Buzz?

Are you fascinated by butterflies--sparkling but ephemeral spirits that are quintessential botanists--but don't know how to become more involved? Then the North American Butterfly Association (NABA) is just for you! NABA is interested in all aspects of netless butterfly appreciation including butterfly gardening (especially with native plants), observation, identification, photography, and especially conservation.

Our quarterly magazine, American Butterflies, has spectacular color photos and articles by experts that provide the information you need for successful butterfly identification and gardening. Other feature articles include detailed site guides to butterflying "hot spots" and explain the mysteries of butterfly behavior. Butterfly Gardener magazine, focuses on creating butterfly gardens - allowing you to create and visit gardens throughout North America -while keeping you apprised of news about chapters and people.

We are working to save butterflies throughout North America. NABA has helped endangered Schaus' Swallowtails and has convinced the State of Florida to list Miami Blues as an endangered species. NABA has persuaded the U.S. Army to alter plans that would have destroyed the last colony of Regal Fritillaries in the eastern U.S. Along with the National Forest Service, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the USDA, NABA is a key member of the Monarch Joint Venture. In addition, we are developing educational programs for schools and park rangers and naturalists.

The NABA 4th of July Butterfly Counts (held throughout North America) that NABA conducts and publishes, provide a fun-filled way for beginners and experts alike to help measure the health of the environment by taking its butterfly pulse. The information from these counts is used by scientists to learn about changes in butterfly distribution and abundance.

Members Receive/Participate in

- American Butterflies Magazine
- Butterfly Gardener Magazine
- NABA Chat
- 4th of July Butterfly Count
- Biennial Meetings
- Local Chapters

### EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP OFFER FOR CGCI CLUBS

- Reduced institutional membership fee of \$40
- Club receives both NABA magazines and use of NABA-Chat via a designated club member!
- Membership form available on the CGCI website

NABA is a non-profit organization working to increase public enjoyment and conservation of butterflies



## Support the National Butterfly Center

*a spectacular natural botanical garden and landscape that is of important benefit to*

- Butterflies
- An Endangered Ecosystem
- People

NABA has created the world's premier education and conservation center devoted to wild butterflies on 100 acres of land fronting the Rio Grande River in Mission, Texas. But, we need your help to make it grow! Thousands of Rio Grande Valley schoolchildren and visitors from throughout the world have learned about the importance of butterflies and their habitats. We now need to raise funds to finish the new and extensive native gardens that surround the recently constructed Visitors Pavilion (designed by the same architect who was the principal architect of the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC).

This area contains the most diverse and abundant butterfly fauna in the United States. Since we began using native plants to revegetate what was an empty agricultural field, more than 225 species of butterflies have been found at the NBC. Spectacular flower gardens, using hundreds of species of beautiful native wildflowers, shrubs and trees, already encourage vast concentrations of butterflies, providing explosive color and movement throughout the year. The area is so crucial to butterflies that the NBC recently was one of only 20 recipients -nationwide - of major grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to create new habitat for Monarchs and other butterflies.

It is our belief that alienation from nature is not healthy for people or the planet, therefore, we strive to give every visitor the opportunity to re-connect with wildlife through our gardens, trails and exhibits in a manner that opens their eyes and makes them want to spend more time outside, just to see what they may see. By 'Growing Connections' we plant seeds of appreciation that mature to ensure the continuity of plant and animal species.



Your tax-deductible donation to NABA will be an important contribution to making our world just a little bit better. Please contact us to learn about the many opportunities for naming structures and gardens at the National Butterfly Center. To learn more about recent developments, visit NABA's website, [www.naba.org](http://www.naba.org).

