



Butterflies

Instructor: Craig Marks

Friday, September 4 – 7 p.m., Conservation Learning Center
Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Visitors' Center for Official NABA Butterfly Count
Black Bayou Lake NRWR

Friday, 4:00–7:00 p.m.: Conservation Learning Center, BBLNWR

1. Intro to insects: It's a large Class; meet some unusual butterfly relatives.
2. Butterfly metamorphosis and identification.
3. North American Butterfly Association + the how and why of counting.

Zoom Call available if Internet allows: call or text message Charles Paxton 318-331-1531

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.:

Convene at the Visitors' Center (not the CLC) to form teams for counting. The CLC will be occupied with First Family Kids Day.

Please be aware, the Count Leader must know who is counting and where, so please convene at the Visitors' Center before you begin counting. We will form several teams for covering the refuge.

We will count until approximately 2:30 or 3 p.m., stopping for a lunch break. However, those doing the count as field work for the certification workshop are not required to count past noon. For those who are already certified, participating in an official account counts as volunteer hours.

Our count leader, Craig Marks, must pay to record our results—which include our names and volunteer hours—with NABA. Therefore, each participant in the count owes him \$3 before participating in the count.

3 p.m.: Conclusion w announcements (if any).

Special notes:

1. **Dress to be outdoors and walk, mostly in the sun. A few butterflies live in wooded areas, but most are sun lovers. A hat is essential equipment. Bug spray strongly recommended. Some butterflies, especially skippers, live in tall grass, so be sure to protect yourself from ticks.**
2. **Bring your own food, snacks, and plenty of water. We typically take a half hour for lunch when doing a butterfly count. We will have access to the Visitors' Center for restrooms and cooling down.**
3. **Typical weather for North Louisiana in early Sept. is highs around 90 and humid.**

4. If you plan to pay on site and do not enroll via the PayPal link on our website, it is still critical that you let us know you are coming. Contact: Bette J. Kauffman, bjkauffman@gmail.com, 318-372-8117, or Charles Paxton, lmnacomsgmail.com, 318-331-1531.