

Central Arizona Butterflies

Phoenix Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association.

Presentation on Tiger Beetles by Dave Pearson

location: At [Desert Botanical Garden](#)

Saturday, February 09, 2008

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Dave Pearson will be our guest speaker with a presentation on the tiger beetle. Arizona is a paradise for tiger beetles, and now we have a field guide to easily identify them and learn where they occur. The presentation will be a beginners guide to identifying these colorful beetles as well as learning how to find them in their various habitats. An overview of tiger beetles from around the world will provide even more information about this delightful group of insects, popular among both amateurs and professional biologists. ---Dave Pearson is a Research Professor in the School of Life Sciences at Arizona State University and a co-author of seven books, two of which are on tiger beetles. ("A Field Guide to the Tiger Beetles of the United States and Canada" and "Tiger Beetles: The Evolution, Ecology, and Diversity of the Cicindelids").

Fieldtrip Mesquite Wash and Sycamore Creek

location:

Saturday, March 08, 2008

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Trip leader Kurt Rademaker. Details t.b.d.

Fieldtrip Rackensack Canyon on the road to Seven Springs

location:

Saturday, April 12, 2008

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM



Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the southeast corner of the junction of the Carefree Highway and the road to Bartlett Dam. Bring a lunch, water, and close focus binoculars. On the butterfly field trip to this area at this same time a year ago, we recorded 24 species of butterflies, including two species of Swallowtails, four species of Whites and Sulphurs, five species of Blues, one Metalmark, two Checkerspots, one Fritillary, three Brushfoots, and six species of Skippers. There was also a stunning display of wildflowers in the area which we will hope for again this year. --- Janet Witzeman has been observing and learning about Arizona butterflies since 1982 when she began going on the southeast Arizona butterfly counts with Richard Bailowitz and Doug Danforth. After learning more about butterflies in Maricopa County from Killian Roever, she has been leading butterfly field trips for the Maricopa Audubon Society since 1994.

Meeting at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum with presentations by Lola White and Adriane Grimaldi.

location: At [Boyce Thompson Arboretum](#)

Saturday, May 10, 2008
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Presentation by Dr. Lola B. White on the Two-tailed Swallowtail and Adriane Grimaldi on "The Lifecycle of the Butterfly" and "How to Attract Them to your Garden". Adriane will share her photos from numerous butterfly travels and photos from her backyard in a spectacular PowerPoint presentation. Handouts will be available as well as a special butterfly gift. She will show you how to attract butterflies to your yard with nectar plants and caterpillar hostplants. ---Many of Adriane's photos have been published in newspapers and magazines and she has published her own Butterfly Photo Book and Calendar. She has written articles on Butterfly Gardening and has been a volunteer at Boyce Thompson Arboretum for 4 years leading Butterfly Walks. She has been trained on how to tag Monarchs and heads down twice a year to Southern Arizona to photograph and tag butterflies. Her own garden in south Scottsdale is listed as a National Wildlife Habitat thru National Wildlife Federation. She has attracted 25 different species of butterflies to her backyard. She also has built butterfly gardens for schools and community and gives talks to garden clubs and civic organizations on the amazing wonder of butterflies

Fieldtrip Highline Trail Payson with Marceline VandeWater

location:

Saturday, June 14, 2008
6:30 AM - 3:30 PM



On Saturday June 14th we will hike a part of the AZ/Highline trail in pursuit of colorful butterflies. As the temperature rises, the flowers start to bloom higher and higher in elevation. Butterflies follow this nectar flow "up the trail" and June is the perfect time to check them out. An abundant plant along the trail: Bergamot (lilac flowers) attracts the pretty Fritillaries. Orange milkweed and thistle are also popular amongst the nectaring butterflies. Other butterflies (like Blues) are more interested in mudpuddling at one of the three springs we will pass. Yet another group of butterflies like California Sister and Weidemeyer's Admiral are mostly found on trees. Please wear sturdy shoes and a hat, bring water, snacks and a sacklunch. A pair of close focusing binoculars will be handy too. The trail is moderately steep in places, but we will take our time. Trip leader: Marceline VandeWater. Meeting place is Denny's on Shea Blvd in Fountain Hills at 6:30am or at the trailhead at 8am.---Details to get to the trailhead: Drive to Payson, go straight at the hwy 260 intersection. After 3/4 mile turn right onto Houston Mesa Road. Cross all 3 "water crossings", and after about 8 miles turn left at the stop sign. The road now turns into a dirt road. After about 2 miles turn right towards Shadow Rim Camp and Washington Park Trailhead. Follow this road up for about 6 miles until the right turn-off to the Washington Park Trailhead (marked). After a bit turn left (signs again) and you will find the trailhead well marked.

Meeting at the Desert Botanical Garden

location:

Saturday, July 12, 2008
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Presentation. Details t.b.d.

Meeting at the Desert Botanical Garden

location: At [Desert Botanical Garden](#)

Saturday, August 09, 2008
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Presentation Mr Ron Rutowski. Details t.b.d.

Fieldtrip/Count at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum

location:

Saturday, September 13, 2008

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Leader Chris Kline. Details t.b.d

Joint fieldtrip with SEABA to S.E. Arizona

location:

Saturday, October 11, 2008

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



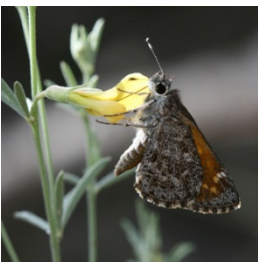
Joint fieldtrip with SEABA. Trip leader Hank Brodkins. Details t.b.d.

End of the Year Get-together at the Desert Botanical Garden

location:

Saturday, November 08, 2008

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Details t.b.d.

Annual Membership Meeting at the Desert Botanical Garden

location:

Saturday, January 10, 2009
thru 1/10/08



Annual Membership Meeting. Details t.b.d.