

NEW JERSEY BUTTERFLY CLUB ACTIVITIES 2022

2022 continued with challenges resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. The venue where we would normally hold our meetings remained closed throughout the year. Therefore, we were forced to continue working under the Zoom format which most members and friends were comfortable with. We continued to invite all to sign on a half hour before the formal meeting in order to allow everyone the ability to chat and catch up.

2022 Meetings: (all via Zoom and open to the public)

January 2, 2022: Butterflies and Moths of Deer Isle, Maine presented by Charlie Roberto. A fun journey to a beautiful location in Maine where Charlie has been recording butterfly species for many years.

February 1, 2022: What's In a Name presented by Chris Sturm. Background on how scientific names have come to be.

March 8, 2022: Pyroentomology by Stephen Mason. A dialogue on the importance of fire to natural ecosystems.

April 5, 2022: Members Night. Members were invited to submit butterfly images to Jim Springer who organized them and members shared their memories of the species and where they were taken.

May 3, 2022: It's a Bug, Bug, Bug, Bug World presented by Wade Wander. This updated program introduced us to the wonderful world of bugs found locally in NJ.

June 7, 2022: Exploring the Big Bend in Western Texas presented by president Donna Traylor. Butterflies, birds and critters commonly found in Big Bend National Park and Davis Mountains State Park, Texas.

No meeting in July due to the Fourth of July Butterfly Counts.

Our August "meeting" is our annual picnic and walk.

September 6, 2022: The Yosemite Butterfly Count presented by Sarah Stock, Yosemite National Park's wildlife ecologist. A history of the 11 years of citizen science and how they encouraged the general public to participate.

October 4, 2022: Was Darwin right about Butterfly Courtship and Mate Choice presented by Ron Rutkowski. This talk examined the dynamics of butterfly courtship and included video samplers of various species.

November 1, 2022: Common Garden Spiders of New Jersey presented by Joe Arguelles. An informational talk about spider id, silk use and web architecture of many common spiders.

2022 Field Trips - Open to the Public

April 30	Sandy Hook
May 7	Warren Grove Recreation Area
May 20	Flatbrook-Roy WMA
June 10	Willowemoc Area, Sullivan County, NY
June 18	Schooley's Mountain
June 24	Appalachian Trail Lands
July 13	Voorhees State Park
July 22	Horseshoe Bend Park
early Sept.	Mount 'n Meadow
September	Cape May (overnight)

Trips in Conjunction with New Jersey Conservation Foundation at Bamboo Brook Outdoor Education Center, Morris County were held on June 17, July 15 and August 12.

All of the above listed trips had approximately 10-20 individuals attend each one.

Other Events in which the NJ Butterfly Club Participated:

Earth Day Celebration, High Point State Park, April 23, 2022
Pollinator Day at Frelinghuysen Arboreteum, June 25, 2022

Green Day at the New Jersey State Fair, August 8, 2022
Garden Tour, Madison, New Jersey September 17, 2022

The Butterfly Club of New Jersey did hold their annual picnic on Sunday, August 7th at Kittatinny Valley State Park. A well attended walk was conducted pre- lunch and enjoyed by all who attended.

Presentations to other organizations:

There were seven presentations made to other organizations this year by members Sharon and Wade Wander.

Resources Distributed:

To date, nine editions of the monthly newsletter of the NJ Butterfly Club (Butterflites) have been distributed to both members and “friends” of the club.

Other:

At our annual meeting on November 1, 2022, the following slate of officers for 2023 was presented and voted on:

President	Jennifer Mora
Vice President	Open (subsequently filled by Edmund Brumfield)
Secretary	Caroline Brown
Treasurer	Deedee Burnside