

## **2025 End-of-Year New Jersey Butterfly Club Report**

### **Chapter Meetings:**

In the 2025 year, the New Jersey Butterfly Club had a total of eight meetings which are open to the public and are attended by people from northern and central New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Speakers gave presentations ranging from 45 to 90 minutes. Most meetings were held in person at the Morris County Library and via Zoom. Attendance at meetings ranged from 30 to over 40 members.

All presentations are recorded and available to the public on NJ Butterfly Club YouTube Channel. Specific information regarding the presentations is shown below:

<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Speaker Name</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>	<b><u>Presentation Title</u></b>
January	Tom Halliwell	Member of NJ Butterfly Club	An Introduction to New Jersey Damselflies
February	Sharon Wander	Past President and Member of NJ Butterfly Club	Flash Trip to Southeast Arizona
March	Wade Wander	Member of NJ Butterfly Club	Flash Trip to Southeast Arizona: Other Things We Saw
April	Jack McDonough	Field Coordinator, Cape May Monarch Monitoring Project	Cape May Monarch Monitoring Project
May	Jonathan Klizas	Member of NJ Butterfly Club	Butterflies of the Rio Grande Valley
June	Tyler Fishman	Nursery Manager at Restore Native Plants, Inc.	Captive Rearing of Speyeria Cybele
September	Steff Aisenman	Vice President of NJ Butterfly Club	Take a Tour Around Butterfly World, The Largest Butterfly Park in the World
October	Ed Lam	Natural science illustrator and partner at The Schoolhouse Studio	The Making of a Field Guide: Dragonflies of North America
November	Members Night		Presentation by members of the NJ Butterfly Club

The club held its picnic on August 2nd at Kittatinny Valley State Park which serves as the August meeting. The picnic is preceded by a field trip. We had a fun day with many attending the barbecue and potluck.

The November meeting is Members Night where four members presented excellent photos of butterflies and habitat they explored during the year.

### **Butterfly Monitoring**

The New Jersey Butterfly Club monitors butterfly populations and maintains sightings records relating to club sponsored field trips, NABA butterfly counts and individual submissions on the Club's website.

### **Field Trips**

Wade Wander coordinated field trips again in 2025. Field trips are led by various chapter members. There were 12 field trips conducted, 11 in New Jersey and one in Sullivan County, NY. The field trips are very well attended, are open to the public and attract people from all over New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. The Club works with the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and the Native Plant Society of New Jersey to lead several trips where the club members serve as guides to the many non-members who attend.

### **NABA Butterfly Counts**

New Jersey Butterfly Club members lead and participate in many butterfly counts, including those listed below. Results are submitted to the NABA Butterfly Counts compendium published each year.

- Sandy Hook - June 26
- Great Swamp - June 28
- Springdale - July 5
- Mercer - July 6
- Raritan Canal - July 13
- Bowman's Hill - July 19
- Duke Farms - July 26

### **Individual Sightings**

Members of the club and the general public post sightings to the New Jersey Butterfly Club website on a daily basis.

### **Educational Outreach**

The New Jersey Butterfly Club participates in several ecologically oriented community events throughout the year. The club uses a posterboard which shows butterflies of NJ including lifecycle, host plant and nectar plant information. We have found that many attendees are interested in learning more about butterflies and take our Butterflies of New Jersey color field guide and host and nectar plant handouts. Additionally, chapter members give programs to community organizations, such as bird clubs, NJ native plant society chapters and county libraries.

Following is a list of some of the community events the Club participated in 2025:

- Morris County Library Event
- Kean University Community Day
- Green Day and Conservatory exhibit at the New Jersey State Fair
- Boonton Butterfly Bonanza
- Lambertville Butterfly Festival

### **2025 Officers**

President: Edmund Brumfield

Vice President: Steff Aisenman

Secretary: Kathy Wilson

Treasurer: Keith Richmond