



THE OHIO LEPIDOPTERISTS

The Long-term Monitoring of Butterflies as a statewide program depends on the monitors. Thank you for your tireless efforts.

Sincerely,
Katherine Lublin and Barbara Coleman
Cleveland Museum of Natural History

LONG-TERM MONITORING OF BUTTERFLIES NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 1999

To Butterfly Monitors:

It has been a terrific butterfly year and it is time to let monitors know of the progress with the Statewide Long-term Butterfly Monitoring Program.

Our goals for this year were:

- 1) maintain and expand the number of monitoring sites throughout the state
- 2) establish a custom-made computerized database to track monitoring results
- 3) design a web page to share the monitoring process and results of the activities

On April 10, 1999, a recruiting and maintenance workshop was held at the Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve in Cincinnati. Despite the previous day's tornado, it was a great success with over 60 attendees. We finished the 1998 season with 17 recorded sites. So far for 1999, we increased the total to 21 confirmed monitoring sites with others expected (see Site Information table).

There are plans for another workshop on either April 8th or 15th of 2000, in northeast Ohio. The proposal for this and other activities of the Ohio Lepidopterists has been sent to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. You will be contacted when arrangements are finalized.

Almost all the records from 1995 through 1998 are now entered into the new custom-designed database. With this, reports can be generated for all sites, including graphs and species lists. The report function is currently being fine-tuned; reports will be sent to you at a later date.

Once the reports for past years are completed, the 1999 data will be entered. However, we need to receive your 1999 monitoring sheets. Be sure the data sheets are legible and totaled. The more complete the records are, the easier it is to enter the information. Also, include the Site Information Form (if not already submitted), site map (a simple drawing is sufficient), photos, permits and/or permissions, and voucher specimens (they do not need to be spread).

Please send in your 1999 records or copies of them to:

Curator of Entomology
Cleveland Museum of Natural History
1 Wade Oval Drive, University Circle
Cleveland, OH 44106

Be sure to look at the new Ohio Lepidopterists Long-term Monitoring of Butterflies web site! It is on line now at: [http:// www.dnr.state.oh.us/odnr/wildlife/diversity/lepid/lepid.html](http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/odnr/wildlife/diversity/lepid/lepid.html) After you visit the site, drop us a note and tell what you think. We want to make it work for you, so let us know what improvements you'd like to see.

We plan on making a newsletter a regular feature beginning in 2000. It will be edited by Dave Horn after July 1, 2000. Please complete the information on the following page so that we may better serve you.

Any questions regarding this program should be directed to the new Butterfly Monitoring Chair:

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Banish the winter doldrums with a focus on butterflies. Jennifer McAnlis, at Lake Metroparks in northeastern Ohio announces an Adult Nature Butterfly Identification Series which is designed to give the participant the skills to identify the butterflies of NE Ohio, this program series begins with the Introduction, where participants will review the most commonly seen butterflies in our area. Part two will introduce the participant to the more obscure groups of butterflies. Part three focuses on the skippers, a difficult to identify group. This program series is recommended for Butterfly Abundance Survey Volunteers as well as those with a general interest. It is recommended for age 12 and over, under 16 accompanied by adult. The series is three 1 ½ hour sessions. Sessions 1 and 2 are free, session three \$5 per person. A maximum of 25 persons will be registered - call now.

- I) Introduction, Sunday, January 23, 1 pm at Lake Metroparks Penitentiary Glen Nature Center, taught by Jennifer McAnlis and Dr. Jerry Wiedmann. Code 3702-1
- II) Intermediate, Sunday January 30, 1 pm at Cleveland Metroparks North Chagrin Nature Center taught by Kevin Metcalf. Code 3703-1
- III) Advanced – Skippers, Sunday, February 20, 1 pm, Lake Metroparks Penitentiary Glen Nature Center taught by Dave Parshall. 3704-1

Registration is required. Please call Lake Metroparks Registration at (440) 358-7275 or 1-800-669-9226 and provide above code numbers to register.

This project is supported by the Ohio Division of Wildlife with funds donated to the
Wildlife Diversity & Endangered Species Program.

Please fill out this form. We need to update our site records and gather some information from you. Also, check the Site Information table that is included in this newsletter and let us know if we have any incorrect information. If you are aware of anyone who is collecting data and is not listed in the table, please let us know, as well. Thank you for your response.

Site monitored: _____

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Fax: _____

Do you want to be on the newsletter mailing list? Yes No

Do you have regular access to the web? Yes No

What kind of information would you like to see in the reports we send to you?

Additional comments (such as: what information would be useful to you in a newsletter):

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