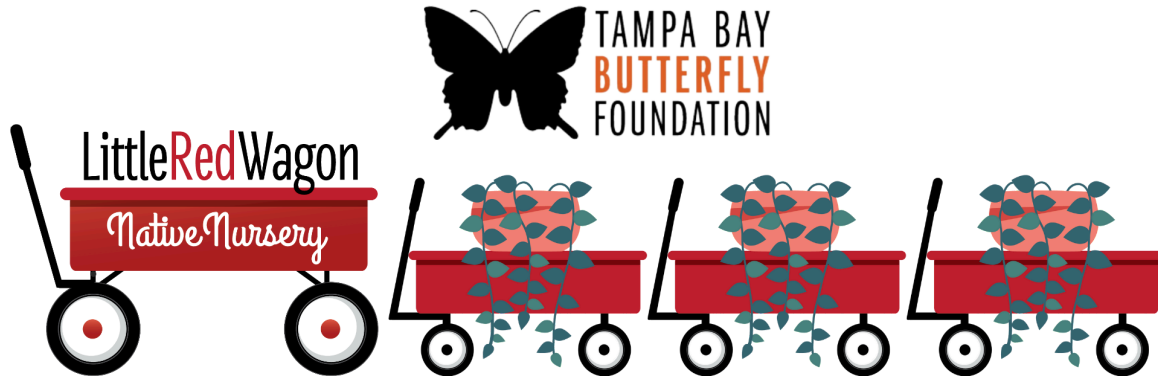


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# LITTLE RED WAGONFUL

*Nurturing Nature One Wagon at a Time*



February 2026

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This Valentine’s Day, let’s show some love to the smallest creatures that make life possible. “If insects were to vanish, the environment would collapse into chaos.” – E.O. Wilson

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**F**ebruary, the shortest month of the year, greeted us with a winter’s chill but the first gentle hints of

spring are weeks away. It’s a natural moment for reflection and renewal, a time to enjoy the cozy comforts of home while anticipating the vibrant energy the coming seasons will bring.

February is also National Bird-Feeding Month, a perfect invitation to appreciate the wildlife that brightens our winter days. Whether you’re celebrating Valentine’s Day or simply savoring the quiet beauty of nature, this month offers something meaningful for everyone.

As strawberry season begins, roll on by Little Red Wagon Native Nursery to pick up native strawberry plants or get tips from our knowledgeable staff. They’ll be happy to help you choose from our wide selection of native plants that will bring butterflies and beauty to your garden this spring.



## 2nd ANNUAL BUTTERFLY BALL

Join us for an evening of celebration, community, and conservation! Raise a glass, enjoy the atmosphere, and help us make a difference for Tampa Bay's pollinators. Presented by Tampa International Airport, the Butterfly Ball will be held at the event space between Airside E and Airside F. Complimentary long-term parking is included.

Guests will enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, a professionally hosted cash bar, and a beautiful blend of live cello music and DJ entertainment throughout the flight.

Explore our curated silent auction (bidding closes at 8:30 pm), try your luck with exciting raffles and a wine pull, and discover meaningful ways to support our conservation and education programs.

Come polished—or come playful! Dress in elevated business casual, or join the fun by entering our Best Dressed Bug Contest and arrive as your favorite invertebrate. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place!

### TICKET PRICES:

**\$75 per person** — *available for a limited time*

**\$125 per couple** — *available for a limited time*

### Starting February 9 & at the door:

- \$100 per person
- \$150 per couple

We can't wait to see you at the **Butterfly Ball presented by TPA!**

[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

## Butterfly of the Month



### Red-banded Hairstreak (*Calycopis cecrops*)

Hairstreaks are some of the most entertaining butterflies to watch. Tiny and delicate—typically measuring just  $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches—they're easily recognized by the thin, threadlike "tails" extending from their hindwings. One of their most fascinating behaviors is the way they move their hindwings up and down while perched. With tails that resemble antennae, this motion draws a predator's attention away from the butterfly's true head and toward the outer wing, increasing the butterfly's chances of escaping an attack.

The Red-banded Hairstreak is no exception to this clever trickery. With a wingspan of only  $\frac{7}{8}$  to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches, this charming butterfly sports two threadlike tails on each hindwing. When its wings are closed, it's easily identified by a postmedial white line bordered by a bold, reddish-orange band. Near the tails, you'll also notice a bright blue spot and at least one black eyespot (see photo). If you're lucky enough to catch one in flight, you may glimpse a flash of blue reminiscent of the upper wings of the Ceraunus Blue.

Females lay flat, whitish eggs on the undersides of fallen leaves beneath host plants. After hatching, the hairy, pinkish-brown, slug-like **caterpillars feed primarily on dead leaves**. Older caterpillars may also nibble on buds and new foliage. Host plants include members of the Bayberry (*Myricaceae*), Beech (*Fagaceae*), and Cashew (*Anacardiaceae*) families. Native host plants in our area include Wax Myrtle

(*Morella cerifera*), Swamp Candelberry (*Morella caroliniensis*), Chapman's Oak (*Quercus chapmanii*), Sand Live Oak (*Quercus geminata*), and Winged Sumac (*Rhus copallinum*).

Adult Red-banded Hairstreaks are generalist nectar feeders and will visit a variety of small-flowered plants, including Coastal Sweet Pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*) and Milkweeds (*Asclepias* spp.).

This species can be found statewide in Florida and produces at least three generations per year. Historically associated with scrub oak forests, forest edges, and hammocks behind coastal dunes, the Red-banded Hairstreak ranged from Florida north to Long Island and west into eastern Texas. Today, it is expanding northward and can also be found in utility rights-of-way, early successional fields, and even home gardens.

On a Butterfly walk in the fall at MacDill 48 park, we saw Red-banded Hairstreaks. Have you spotted one? Send us an email to [Info@ButteflyTampa.com](mailto:Info@ButteflyTampa.com) and let us know where you're seeing them and include photos if you have them!

*Fun tidbit:* The scientific name *Calycopis cecrops* is thought to reference Cecrops, a king from ancient Greek mythology who was often depicted as having a serpent's tail instead of legs—an intriguing nod to this butterfly's distinctive tail-like markings.

## Host Plant Of The Month



## Southern Live Oaks (*Quercus virginiana*)

Southern Live Oaks (*Quercus virginiana*) are long-lived, massive, and undeniably majestic evergreen trees. With sprawling, horizontal branches that can spread up to 100 feet wide, gracefully elbowed limbs that may touch the ground, and heights of 40–60 feet, these iconic trees are the kind children love to climb—and many adults can't resist hugging. They make exceptional shade trees and striking landscape specimens. Adding to their beauty, Southern Live Oaks often host a variety of epiphytes, including orchids, ferns, and Spanish moss, making them fascinating to admire both from afar and up close.

Southern Live Oaks are native to the lower Coastal Plain of the southeastern United States, ranging from southeastern Virginia south through Georgia and Florida, west to southern and central Texas, and into northeastern Mexico. Highly adaptable, they grow in a wide range of conditions—from sandy coastal soils and dry upland woods to rockland hammocks, moist forests, and floodplain edges. Their tolerance of salt spray and saline soils makes them an excellent choice for coastal landscapes.

Although these trees can live 300 years or more, proper care early in life is essential. The University of Florida emphasizes the importance of developing a strong branch structure by eliminating multiple trunks and branches that form narrow angles with the main trunk, as these are more likely to split as the tree matures.

The rewards of caring for oaks are immense. Renowned ecologist Doug Tallamy calls oaks "*the most productive plant in the country*," noting that over 900 species of Lepidoptera—mostly moths—depend on oaks as host plants, more than any other plant genus. Locally, Southern Live Oaks support caterpillars of Horace's Duskywing, Red-banded Hairstreak, and White-M Hairstreak butterflies. Their pollen feeds hummingbirds, while their acorns nourish squirrels, mice, turkeys, and many other birds and mammals.

If you're the tree-hugging type, you may enjoy exploring a list of the world's largest oaks—it's truly awe-inspiring. And if you happen to visit one, we'd love to see it! Please send your photos to [info@ButterflyTampa.com](mailto:info@ButterflyTampa.com), and we'll happily share your joy.

The Baranoff Oak in Safety Harbor, Florida, (see photo in this article) is not considered one of the largest oaks in the world, but it is a massive, historic, and significant specimen in Florida. Believed to be 300-500 years old, it is recognized as the largest and oldest live oak in Pinellas County, with a trunk girth of nearly 20 feet. It is a premier example of "Old Florida" nature.

### Plant an Oak—Plant a Legacy

Thinking long-term? Oaks are one of the most impactful native trees you can plant.

- ✓ Supports 900+ species of moths and butterflies
- ✓ Feeds birds and wildlife with nutritious acorns

- ✓ Provides shade, beauty, and resilience for generations
- ✓ Thrives in a variety of Florida landscapes, including coastal areas

When planting a Southern Live Oak, choose a site with plenty of space, give it a strong start by training a single trunk early on, and enjoy watching a living legacy grow.

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## Garden Swag

### GET YOUR SWAGON!

Love Is in the Air This February! ❤️

February is all about sharing the love—and Little Red Wagon Gift Shop has something special for everyone on your list!

Create a heartfelt children's gift basket with *The Very Hungry Caterpillar: "I Love (Your Name Here)"* book, a keepsake little ones will treasure for years to come.

Looking to add a little relaxation to your sweetheart's day? Our rose-infused body care set is pure bliss and includes Shower Steamers, Bath Salts, Body Butter, and a beautifully scented Rose Bar Soap—perfect for some well-deserved self-care.

Shopping for your honey bee? 🐝 Say "I love you" with our new "I Love You" Wildflower Seed Box. Each box includes 9 seed balls filled with a colorful mix of 10 pollinator-friendly wildflower varieties, blooming from spring through autumn and spreading love to nature too.

And that's just the beginning! Stop by and explore our unique, nature-inspired gifts—our friendly staff would love to show you around.

**Love more. Gift thoughtfully. Support pollinators.**



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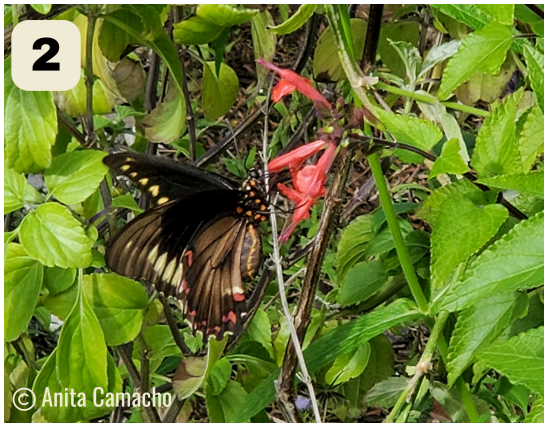
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## Nectar Plant of the Month



Red, White & Pink Tropical Sage (*Salvia coccinea*)

Tropical Sage (*Salvia coccinea*) is a cheerful Florida native perennial that produces beautiful red, white, or pink blooms—and it's just as valuable to wildlife as it is ornamental. Butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators are especially drawn to its vibrant color and nectar-rich flowers. It seems as though the butterflies bury their nose in the flower! (see photos 2 Polydamas swallowtail and photo 3 Zebra longwing) Large native bee species also enjoy them, but typically cheat and use their mandibles to create a hole at the base of the flower, bypassing the reproductive parts and stealing the nectar without pollinating the plant.



In my garden, Tropical Sage grows 2–5 feet tall and about 1-2 feet wide, readily reseeding itself throughout the year. The flowers are approximately one inch long and tubular in shape, making them an excellent nectar source for hummingbirds and a wide variety of butterflies. For best results, plant Tropical Sage in full sun to partial shade and well-drained, typical Florida soil. It is not salt tolerant, so it's best suited for inland or protected landscapes. Space plants about 18 inches apart for good airflow and growth. Don't be surprised when they re-seed themselves in a shady location. They may do that but typically prefer partial sun to full sun when planted from a pot.



Maintenance is simple. Removing spent flowers encourages more continuous blooming, and when plants become leggy or ragged, cutting them back above a leaf node will stimulate fresh growth and new flowers (see photo 4). Tropical Sage also performs well in containers, adding color to patios and porches. Because it reseeds so easily, volunteer seedlings often appear and may need occasional thinning. In addition to seeds, plants can be propagated by division or by rooting cuttings.

This is truly an easy, rewarding plant to grow—and a wonderful way to add long-lasting color and pollinator support to your garden.

#### Why Pollinators Love Tropical Sage

- Tubular flowers are perfectly shaped for hummingbirds, butterflies, and long-tongued bees
- Bright red, pink, and white blooms act as visual beacons for pollinators
- Reliable nectar source over a long blooming season
- Native to Florida, making it easy for local wildlife to recognize and use
- Blooms respond to deadheading, providing continuous food when flowers are maintained

Planting Tropical Sage helps support pollinators with consistent nectar while adding effortless beauty to your landscape.

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## Design with Vines/Edimentals



### **Scarlet Morning Glory / Scarlet Creeper (*Ipomoea hederifolia*)**

Scarlet Morning Glory—also known as Scarlet Creeper (*Ipomoea hederifolia*)—is a striking native vine that brings vibrant color and pollinator activity to the landscape. This fast-growing, weakly twining herbaceous vine grows rapidly in spring and typically reaches its mature length of up to 10 feet by late summer. It is considered a long-lived perennial in Florida, though it is often treated as an annual in cultivation. In my garden it does have some die back in the winter months and has come back for 2 years now. Going into year 3 and even with the recent cold snaps we have experienced it is sending up new growth currently.

The vine features distinctive heart-shaped leaves with multiple pointed lobes rather than smooth margins. Left to its own devices, Scarlet Creeper tends to weave through and over neighboring vegetation,

eventually forming a thick, rambling mass that can shade plants beneath it. While easily trained on trellises or fences, it will also sprawl across the ground if unsupported.

What it lacks in restraint, it more than makes up for in beauty. From July through November, Scarlet Creeper produces an abundance of brilliant scarlet red, trumpet-shaped flowers each morning. In my South Tampa garden it was blooming through the end of December. Though small—about 1 inch long and ½ inch wide—the blooms are produced in large numbers and are highly attractive to butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds.

Scarlet Morning Glory is found nearly statewide in Florida, most commonly in moist, partially sunny locations, including disturbed uplands and shell mounds with loamy or sandy soils. While it prefers moisture, it is fairly drought tolerant and can also be found in upland settings. Its native range extends across the southern United States from New Mexico to Georgia, with additional reports as far north as Virginia, Massachusetts, and Vermont.

This species is not commonly offered commercially and can be challenging to maintain in nurseries or formal landscapes due to its vigorous growth habit. However, gardeners willing to embrace its wild nature can grow it easily from seed collected from dry seed capsules. At the nursery it is enjoying mixing in with 3 other vines we have growing on our back fence and the charming little red flowers peak through.

*Important note:* Scarlet Morning Glory is toxic to dogs, cats, and horses. Be sure to plant it in areas inaccessible to pets and livestock.

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## KIDS' CORNER

### JOIN US FOR NATURE CAMPS ON SCHOOL BREAKS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

Looking for a meaningful way to keep kids engaged during school breaks? Little Red Wagon's Nature Camps give children a fun, hands-on opportunity to connect with the natural world right here in Tampa. Along with our seasonal camps, we also offer Kids' Nature Camps throughout the year on non-student days, giving young explorers ongoing chances to learn, play, and discover nature.

Each camp offers something new—featuring themed crafts, bug hunts, wildlife encounters, and outdoor adventures designed to spark curiosity. We blend environmental learning with imaginative discovery in a safe, nurturing setting where kids can explore with confidence.

**Registration is already open for our Summer Nature Camps**, for kids entering Kindergarten to Grade 5. Running June through August, each camp will have its own exciting weekly theme. Spots fill quickly, so register early and let your child's summer be filled with wonder, learning, and a little wild joy.



**REGISTER: FEBRUARY 13**



**REGISTER: FEBRUARY 16**



**JOIN US FOR NATURE CAMP FUN!**



**REGISTER: MARCH 2**

# THE BEACH BUGS

## SPRING BREAK NATURE CAMP



REGISTER: SPRING BREAK CAMP ~ MARCH 16-20



REGISTER: MARCH 23

REGISTER: APRIL 3

**TAMPA BAY BUTTERFLY FOUNDATION**

# SUMMER NATURE Camps

LittleRedWagon Native Nursery

GUIDE TO FLORIDA AWARD WINNER BEST SUMMER CAMPS

K - Gr 5  
JUNE TO AUGUST  
8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

- Animal Encounters
- Bug Hunts
- Yoga
- Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Butterfly Release (weather permitting)

Discovering Nature Through Fun & Creative Activities

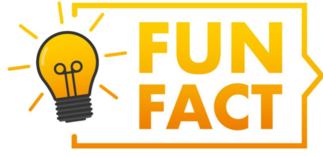
EVERY CAMPER WILL RELEASE A BUTTERFLY (weather permitting)

For details and to register, visit:

4111-A Henderson Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33629

## BUTTERFLYTAMPA.COM

REGISTER: SUMMER CAMPS



Some bugs don't hide from the cold at all...they freeze on purpose! Certain insects make a special chemical in their bodies that works like antifreeze, protecting their cells from damage. When spring arrives, they thaw out and crawl away like nothing happened! One famous example is the woolly bear caterpillar, which can survive being frozen solid during winter.



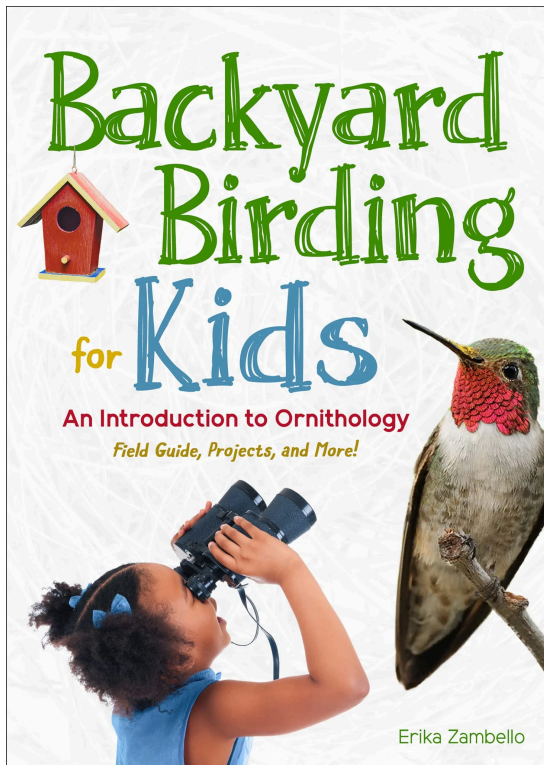
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### KIDS' ACTIVITY

Design and draw a super-winter bug!

Be sure to include:

- Where does it live?
- How does it survive cold?
- What special power helps it?



## BACKYARD BIRDING FOR KIDS

Bugs may be hard to find in the winter but our beloved backyard birds are still out! Embark on a feather-filled adventure with Backyard Birding for Kids: An Introduction to Ornithology by Erika Zambello. This engaging guide invites young readers to become budding ornithologists, exploring the science of birds through vibrant facts and hands-on learning.

With clear explanations tailored for beginners, the book covers essential topics like bird anatomy, life cycles, and habitats. It also introduces 60 common backyard bird species—from chickadees to hummingbirds—helping kids recognize and appreciate the avian life around them.

Packed with tips for bird-watching and fun activities for the whole family, it's the perfect way to turn curiosity into a lifelong love of nature.

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## “Diggin’ in to Restore Butterfly Habitat in Tampa Bay”

Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation regularly has a number of ongoing monthly volunteering opportunities.



### ENCORE PARK



### Encore Park! Maintenance

Volunteers help to maintain a Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation-sponsored butterfly garden at Encore Park located at 1210 E. Harrison St. (Corner of Harrison St. and Hank Ballard St.).

[VOLUNTEER: FEBRUARY 10](#)



## Nature Camp Volunteers

Mentor Kindergarten to Grade 5 children during our fall and winter Nature Camps—fun, hands-on programs that inspire young minds through outdoor exploration. Ideal for environmental science college students and high schoolers earning Florida Bright Futures hours, volunteers must be available 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM for the full camp session. Year-round opportunities are available during school breaks; volunteer for our next camps: **FEBRUARY 13 & 16.**

**VOLUNTEER: CAMPS**

We're gearing up for a busy and exciting spring season, and we'd love your help.



Your time makes a real difference and helps create meaningful experiences for our visitors.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 14-15: Gulfport Fine Arts Festival:
- Feb. 27-28: Hope in Action
- March 28-29: GreenFest
- April 10-11: Birding & Nature Festival
- April 18: Monarch Festival in Dade City

Our upcoming events need enthusiastic volunteers to support everything from community outreach to education and native plant sales.

**Feb. 14-15**

## VOLUNTEER

**Feb. 27-28**

**March 28-29**

**April 10-11**

**April 18**

## Little Red Wagon Native Nursery



We currently need garden enthusiasts to help us support the efforts of Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation's conservation, restoration, research, and education efforts.

**VOLUNTEER**

### ABOUT THE TAMPA BAY BUTTERFLY FOUNDATION:

With a focus on Florida butterfly species and native plants, environmental education and local awareness in the Tampa Bay area, Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation was established to support the conservation of butterflies and pollinators and the restoration of their natural wildlife habitats. By working globally with university research partners, providing educational and research opportunities and community outreach programs, and through multi-faceted fundraising efforts, the Foundation aims to elevate public awareness of the importance of butterflies.

The Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3), is an affiliate of the Butterfly Conservatory of Tampa Bay.

## Education Exhibit



**Butterfly**  
TAMPA

**BUG ZOO**  
**NATURE CENTER**  
**NATIVE BUTTERFLY BOTANICAL GARDEN**  
4113 Henderson Blvd., South Tampa  
(located inside Little Red Wagon Native Nursery)



**Bug Zoo, Nature Center & Butterfly Garden Hours**  
Mon. - Sat.: 9:30am – 4:00pm (last admission: 3:30 pm)  
Sunday: 11:30am – 4:00pm (last admission: 3:30 pm)

**SAME DAY TICKET SALES**



Adult (18+): **\$9.95**  
Child (3-17): **\$7.95**  
Seniors & Active Military: **\$8.95**



Annual Memberships

Adult (18+) **\$48.95**  
Child(3-17) **\$38.95**  
Family (4+) **\$122.95**  
Seniors & Active Military **\$44.95**



**Butterfly Releases**

**WEEKDAYS AT 12:30PM**  
**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2PM**

(weather permitting) included in paid single day ticket purchases and memberships.




Adult (18+) **\$9.95**



Child (3-17) **\$7.95**



Seniors & Active Military Duty **\$8.95**



Annual Membership  
Adult (18+) **\$48.95**



Annual Membership  
Child (3-17) **\$38.95**



Annual Membership  
Family (4+) **\$122.95**



Annual Membership  
Seniors & Active Military Duty **\$44.95**

Take a break with nature! Join us for a **daily butterfly release Monday through Friday at 12:30 PM, Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 PM** (weather permitting). Included with paid admission to Butterfly Tampa.

Step away from your busy day and enjoy a peaceful moment with the butterflies—perfect for a relaxing lunch break or leisurely weekend at **Butterfly Tampa**.



## PLAN A FIELD TRIP TO BUTTERFLY TAMPA

With the school year in full swing, it's never too early to start planning your field trip to Butterfly Tampa—a one-of-a-kind educational experience right in the heart of Tampa Bay. At Butterfly Tampa's Bug Zoo and Native Butterfly Botanical Garden, students can explore the wonders of nature that complements classroom science and environmental studies. From the captivating transformation of butterflies and other fascinating invertebrates to the intriguing world of reptiles, each exhibit invites curiosity and offers rich opportunities for discovery and learning.

Whether you're teaching pollination, ecosystems, or biodiversity, Butterfly Tampa brings your lesson plans to life in the most vibrant way. Let your students discover, engage, and be inspired by the natural world right here at our Nature Center located in South Tampa.

And, we're not just for kids! Butterfly Tampa also welcomes adult groups, including corporate teams, community organizations, and clubs, for immersive educational outings and unique team-building experiences.

**Reserve at least two weeks in advance:** email [Info@ButterflyTampa.com](mailto:Info@ButterflyTampa.com) to schedule a field trip!

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## Reptile of the Month: Red Phase Mangrove Saltmarsh Snake



This month's reptile, in honor of Valentine's Day, is the red phase mangrove saltmarsh snake (*Nerodia clarkii compressicauda*), a coastal snake known for its deep reddish-orange color and dark banding. This red color phase is one of several natural color variations found in this species, and it helps the snake blend into mangrove roots and other vegetation.

The mangrove saltmarsh snake lives almost exclusively along Florida's coast in mangroves, tidal creeks, and salt marshes. It is highly adapted to life around water and is an excellent swimmer, even moving between open water channels and spoil islands.

Fish make up most of their diet, which means they spend a lot of time in shallow water. By feeding on small fish and other aquatic prey, they help keep coastal food webs balanced in habitats that are already under a lot of pressure from development and pollution.

Unlike many reptiles, mangrove saltmarsh snakes do not lay eggs. They give live birth, with females producing fully formed young that are ready to swim and hunt shortly after being born. This is a useful adaptation for life in flooded, tidal environments where eggs would be at risk.

Although they may look intimidating, these snakes are nonvenomous and not dangerous to people. They are more likely to flee than bite a human, though they may flatten their bodies or release a strong musk if handled. Seeing one in the wild is a good sign of a healthy mangrove or salt marsh system. While we at Butterfly Tampa do not have a saltmarsh snake on exhibit, we do have a related species, the banded water snake!

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## Invertebrate of the Month: Lady Bug



As Valentine’s Day draws closer, these little symbols of love are beginning to make their presence known as they increase in number ahead of warmer weather.

Ladybugs—more accurately called lady beetles—belong to the beetle family Coccinellidae, a diverse and widespread group found on every continent except Antarctica. While many people picture the classic red beetle with black spots, ladybugs actually come in a surprising variety of colors, patterns, and sizes depending on the species.

Beloved by gardeners, ladybugs are some of our most valuable natural allies. Many species prey on common garden pests such as aphids and scale insects, helping keep plant damage in check without the use of chemicals.

Ladybug larvae are especially fascinating—and fierce. Unlike many insects, they are highly mobile and active hunters. With their elongated bodies, long legs, and distinctive black-and-orange coloring, the larvae prowl shrubs and garden understories in search of prey, consuming large numbers of pests as they grow.

While ladybugs play an important role in healthy ecosystems, not all species are beneficial to the Tampa Bay area. The most well-known problematic species is the Asian lady beetle (*Harmonia axyridis*), an invasive species that closely resembles some of our native ladybugs. This beetle often outcompetes native species for food and can release a foul-smelling fluid that deters predators, allowing its population to grow unchecked.

Unfortunately, this is often the species sold when ladybugs are purchased online for garden release. Asian lady beetles are typically slightly larger than native species and can often be identified by a distinctive “M”-shaped marking just behind the head, before the wings.

By learning to recognize and support native ladybug species, we can help protect local ecosystems while still enjoying the natural pest control—and charm—these spotted beetles provide.

## Monthly Calendar of Events

- FEBRUARY 1** National Serpent Day
- FEBRUARY 2** Groundhog Day, World Wetlands Day
- FEBRUARY 3** Feed the Birds Day
- FEBRUARY 11** International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- FEBRUARY 12** Butterfly Ball presented by TPA
- FEBRUARY 14 & 15:** 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Location: Clymer Park, 5501 27th Ave S, Gulfport  
 Free admission! Visit our 12-ft. Butterfly Exhibit which will include education and native plants.



**FEBRUARY 16** Presidents' Day

**FEBRUARY 22** Bird Health Awareness Week (22-28)

**FEBRUARY 27 - SIP & SHOP**

Unwind with a glass of complimentary wine, bubbly, or beer while you browse our beautiful selection of native plants or explore the treasures in our Fluttering gift shop. Enjoy \$5.00 admission to Butterfly Tampa during Sip & Shop hours which includes access to the Nature Center and Butterfly Garden!

Come sip, shop, and support native Florida plants in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere!

**GET TICKETS**



**FEBRUARY 27-28: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**



**Learn More**

**Youth Environmental Action Summit**

This event is part of Hope in Action 2026, hosted by the University of Tampa and the Roots & Shoots Alliance, a partnership of the Jane Goodall Institute and more than 40 Tampa Bay-area environmental organizations, including Tampa Bay Butterfly Foundation, joining forces to support young people who embody hope for our region. Children in grades 4-8 are invited to share, envision, and inspire a bright future for Tampa Bay.

This event will be held in Plant Hall at the University of Tampa.

**REGISTER**

Little Red Wagon Native Nursery is Tampa's only native nursery. Supporting Florida's native plant & wildlife ecosystem and our natural world, we are located at 4113 Henderson Blvd. in South Tampa.

You can also visit us at [LittleRedWagonNativeNursery.com](http://LittleRedWagonNativeNursery.com)

Email: [Info@ButterflyTampa.com](mailto:Info@ButterflyTampa.com)

Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm | Sunday: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

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