

2016 NABA Meeting in Texas— Part Dos:  
Persistence, Perspicacity, and Perspiration, Y'all

by Wade Wander

Thanks to all  
contributing photographers

DA = Donna Abbott

MB = Marge Barrett

JG = Jeff Glassberg

MN = Mike Newlon

FP = Fred Pfeifer

PF = Patti Pfeifer

KR = Keith Richmond

JS = Jim Springer

SW = Sharon Wander

unlabeled = Wade Wander

This is the “perspiration” part...



NABA honchos discussing the organization's finances...

DA



...can you find them in this line?



Even the most intrepid butterflyers had to avoid certain trails.

JS



JG



The Border Patrol  
was everywhere...



...maybe looking for suspicious characters  
like Betty and Henry!







Butterfliers in action  
along Rio Rico Road



To the Clytie Ministreak's dismay!

# Rangeland between the road and the Rio Grande



# The boundary between the U.S. and Mexico

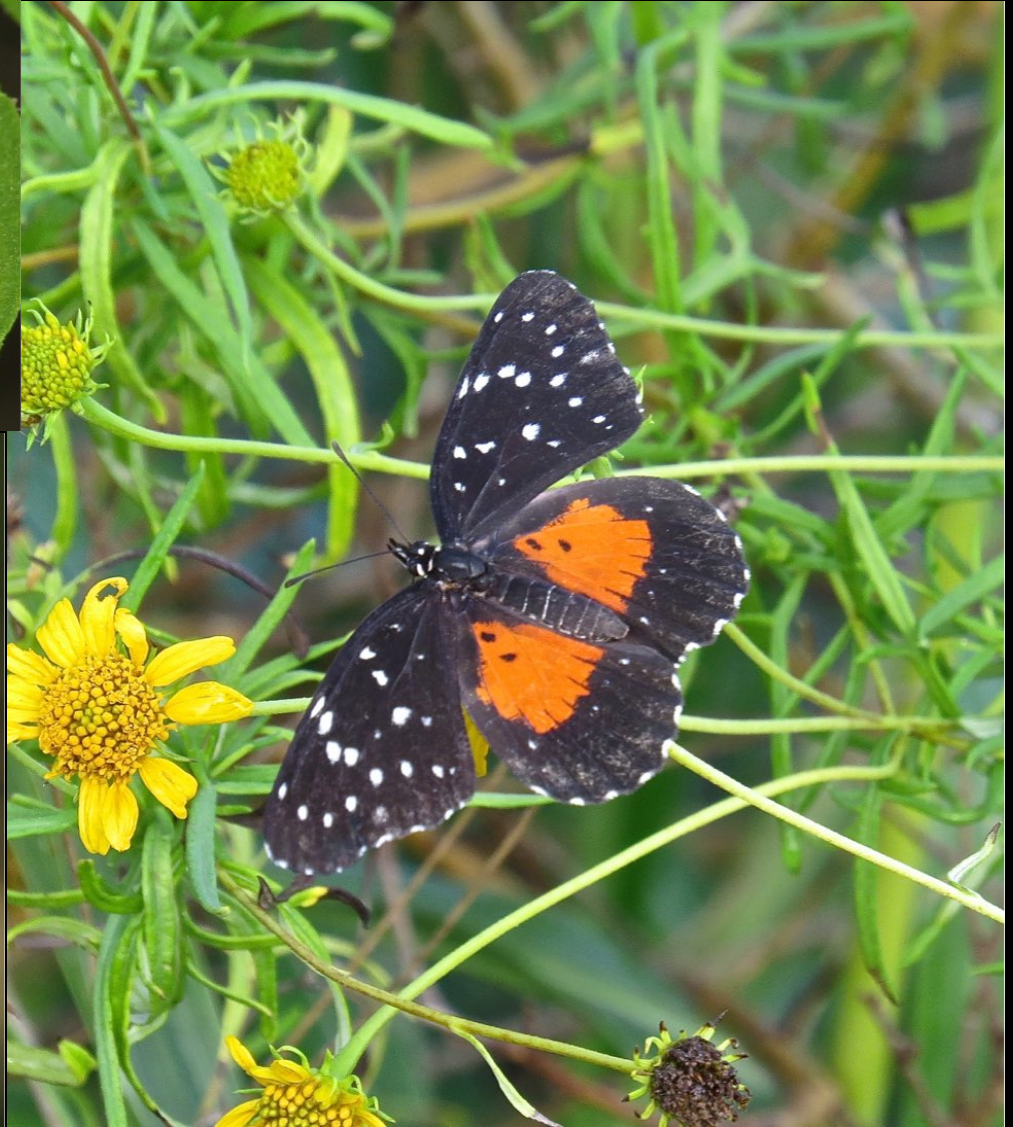


# The original habitat of much of the Lower Rio Grande Valley



Tamaulipan thornscrub

Crimson Patch





Tropical Leafwing



Tobacco Budworm cats.



Wavy-lined Emerald cat.

Clavipes Sphinx Moth



Obscure Sphinx Moth



Black Witch Moth—female



Indomitable Melipotis  
FP





Texas Wasp Moth





Io Moth



MB



Smear'd Dagger Moth?



FP

White Flannel Moths

Southern Flannel Moth



Tersa Sphinx Moth cat.



MN

tussock moth cat.



# White-tipped Black Moth



Blue-fronted Dancer—female



Rambur's Forktail



Dusky Dancer  
FP



Desert Firetail





Checkered Setwing



Black Setwing



Carmine Skimmer



Swift Setwing

JS





F

## Roseate Skimmer



M

# Thornbush Dasher

JS



Eastern Amberwing



Great Pondhawk





Russet-tipped Clubtail



FP

Crested Caracara





Harris's Hawk

MN



Plain Chachalaca

MN



Screech Owl

KR

Paraque

FP





Anhinga



Least Grebe

JS



Yellow-crowned Night Heron



KR

Tricolored Heron



SW



Black-necked Stilt

MN



White Pelican  
MN



Amazon Kingfisher



FP

Buff-bellied Hummingbird



# Great-tailed Grackle

MN



Couch's Kingbird

MN



Great Kiskadee

MN



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher



Vermilion Flycatcher





Green Jay



MB



Curve-billed Thrasher



Long-billed Thrasher  
SW



Northern Mockingbird on  
Mexican Olive



Theona Checkerspot



American Alligator

FP



# Diamondback Water Snake





Indigo Snake



Speckled Racer

FP



Gulf Coast Ribbon Snake





FP



Rose-bellied Lizard

FP



Green Anole





Green Anole

FP





Diamond Back Anole



SW

Spotted Whiptail

FP



Four-lined Skink

FP



Red-eared Turtles



Texas Tortoise



Texas Spiny Softshell Turtle



Mexican Treefrog



FP

Gulf Coast Toad



Marine Toad



FP

Couch's Spadefoot Toad





Rio Grande Leopard Frog



Texas Toad



# Silver Argiope Spider



Spiny Orb-weaver Spider



orb-weaver spider



Green Lynx Spider



FP



wolf spider

Striped Bark Scorpion

FP



Scorpion by blacklight!



Ground Mantis



Carolina Mantis egg case



Giant Walking Stick—male



head



genitalia

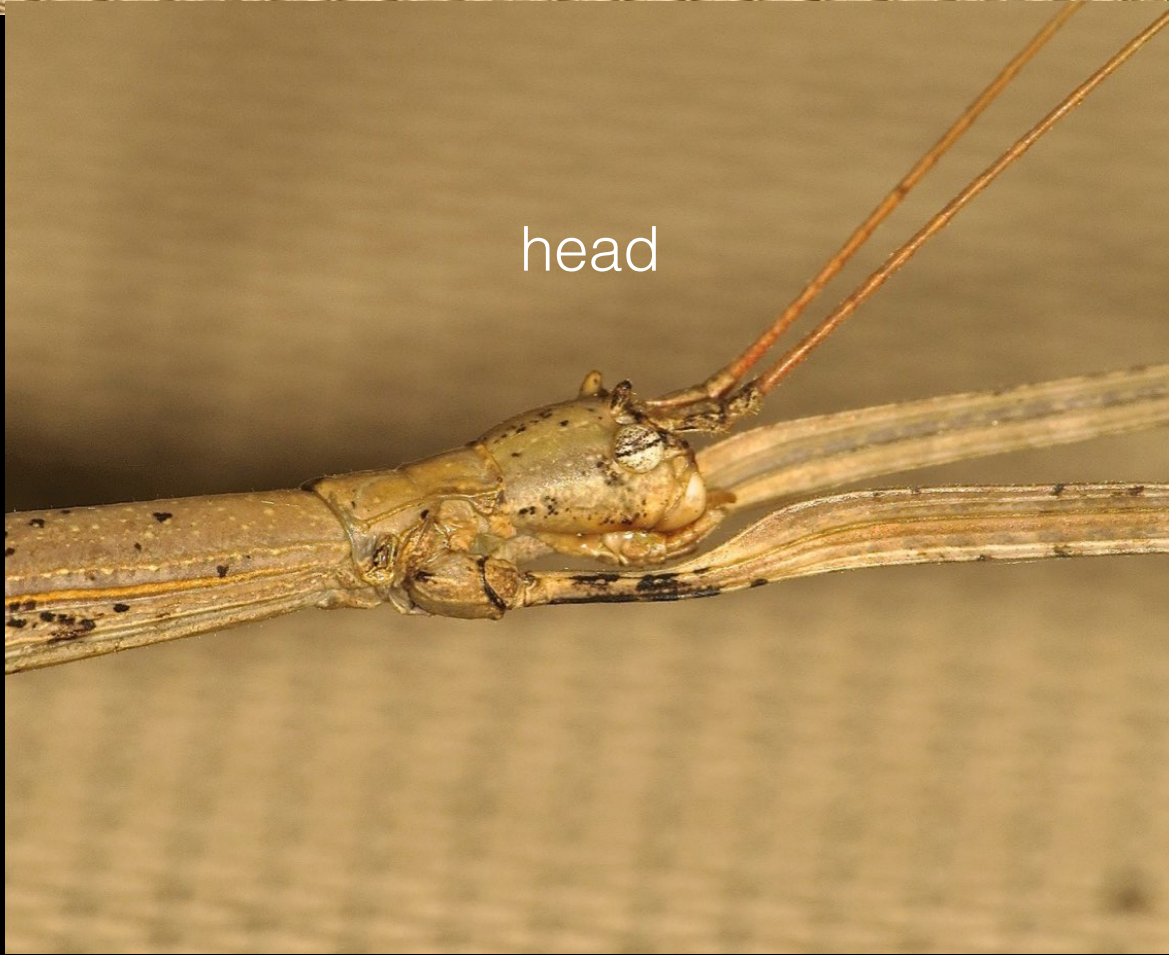




Giant Walking Stick—female



head





bush katydid  
(*Scudderia* sp.)

Feeding on a Queen caught  
in a spider web



katydid (*Eremopedes* sp.)



Small Milkweed Bug



Large Milkweed Bug



Glassy-winged Sharpshooter  
(leafhopper)





assassin bug  
(*Hypselonotus  
punctiventris*)





White-cloaked Tiger Beetle

JS

Schaupp's Tiger Beetle



Coastal Tiger Beetle



FP

Gulfshore Tiger Beetle



*Lissonotus flavocinctus*



weevil sp.



Harlequin Flower Beetle

JS





metallic wood borer  
(*Buprestis* sp.)

MB



long-horned flower beetles



leaf beetle (*Omophoita cyanipennis*)



Mesquite Borer Beetle



robber fly w/Sickle-winged Skipper

FP



bee fly (*Poecilanthrax* sp.)

MB





robber flies



paper wasps  
(*Polistes* spp.)



harvester ants



MB



ants on  
milkweed  
flower



Betty  
overdoing it  
at Happy Hour



*Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy: they  
are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom  
-Marcel Proust*