

Common Butterfly Species of North Florida and the Native Plants they Depend Upon



Both Dean and Sally Jue have had lifelong interests in natural history, with Dean receiving his undergraduate degree in Zoology from the University of California at Berkeley and Sally receiving hers in Biology from Emory University. Their interest in plants began in California. Sally took a course focusing on 100 common plants of southern California and Dean had a summer job in the University of California at Davis herbarium typing herbarium labels. Their interest in plants continued after moving to Tallahassee with its proximity to the Apalachicola National Forest and its many species of orchids and carnivorous plants.



After many years of birdwatching together, they added butterflies to their list of interest in 2002. They incorporated this interest into their jobs when the Florida Natural Areas Inventory was awarded grants from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to coordinate the collection of current distribution data for Florida's rare and threatened butterfly species on conservation lands. Since their retirement from Florida State University in 2016, they continue to monitor the status of rare butterfly species throughout Florida and serve on the Imperiled Butterflies of Florida Work Group, a group of local, state, and federal agencies and non-governmental stakeholders dedicated to increasing or stabilizing butterfly populations in Florida and safeguarding important habitats.