

**BUTTERFLIES OF ALABAMA: GLIMPSES INTO THEIR LIVES
GIVEN TO SCHOOLS**

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We are pleased to announce that in September, a copy of *Butterflies of Alabama: Glimpses into Their Lives*, along with a specially designed teacher's guide, was given to each of the 1,090 public elementary schools in Alabama. Since our primary goal in co-authoring the book was to advance the cause of conservation through education, we had always dreamed of putting it in the hands of classroom teachers. Thanks to the generosity of partnering organizations and individual donors, that dream became a reality in 2014.

The project's success was a result of several collaborations. The University of Alabama Press made the books available for a much-reduced price. Audrey Ann Wilson, an award-winning educator, created the teacher's guide based on state and national courses of study. The Alabama Department of Education, through its Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI) arm, distributed the books to each school. Wild South acted as the project's fiscal sponsor. Dozens of individuals helped fund the project.

The purpose of the Southern Lepidopterists' Society is "to help increase scientific knowledge and public awareness of the Lepidoptera of the southern (US) states." More than 700,000 children attend Alabama's public schools. Over time, we believe the information contained in these books has the potential to increase their awareness and appreciation of butterflies during their formative ages. Perhaps there is even a budding lepidopterist in the group!



Photograph of the authors and their partners who introduced the book "*Butterflies of Alabama: Glimpses into Their Lives*" along with a Teachers's Guide into the Alabama public schools.
