



We Would Like to Further Extend Our Thank You to the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties!



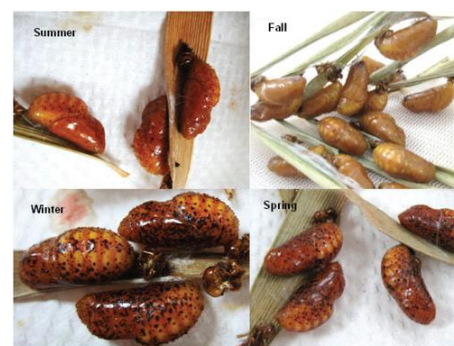
IRC's Education and Outreach Coordinator, Cara Abbott, represented IRC at a check signing event held at the [Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin County](#) (CFPBMC). IRC has been awarded a \$35,000 grant to complete restoration work at the Lake Ida Parcel in Delray Beach using volunteer-based work days that will help remove invasive plants and add native plants purchased from local native nurseries. We are one of eight environmental non-profits to receive a grant for 2017 from CFPBMC.

Our goal is to bring together a diverse group of volunteers to restore the site while supporting native wildlife, preventing erosion and protecting Lake Ida from storm water run-off and water pollution.

We will be holding bi-monthly events throughout the next year and hope to see you there! Questions and comments can be sent to Cara: abbott@regionalconservation.org or 3052476547.

New Article Published by IRC Entomologist, Sandy Koi

Sandy Koi has recently published a new article with Jaret Daniels (University of Florida, Entomology & Nematology Department and Florida Museum of Natural History, McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity) in Florida Entomologist titled "Life History Variations and Seasonal Polyphenism in *Eumaeus atala* (Lepidoptera: Lycaenidae)".





Successful nesting and laying by least terns.

IRC Installs Nesting Platform on Big Coppitt Key

In an effort to minimize aircraft collisions with endangered species, while also providing additional nesting habitat in the face of rising sea levels, IRC completed construction of an elevated nesting platform for least terns (*Sternula antillarum*) and roseate terns (*Sterna dougallii*).

Ten least tern decoys were randomly placed around the nesting platform to encourage nesting. During the first survey completed by

IRC staff, 11 least tern nests were counted on top of the platform.