

NATIONAL Moth Week

Global Citizen Science

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Special U.S. Postal Cancellation to Commemorate National Moth Week

EAST BRUNSWICK, N.J. – A special U.S. Postal Service commemorative cancellation will mark National Moth Week, July 20-28, a global citizen science project started and run by the Friends of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission.

A temporary U.S. Postal station will be set up in Butterfly Park at Rues Lane and Winton Road, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, the first day of National Moth Week. Area residents can bring stamped envelopes to be cancelled with the commemorative cancellation.



For kids, the Friends of EBEC will conduct a caterpillar hunt and also display colorful moths found in New Jersey.

The East Brunswick Post Office will continue to offer the special cancellation for 30 days for collectors who send stamped envelopes to the facility at 614 Cranbury Road,

East Brunswick, NJ, 08816. Envelopes sent to the post office to be cancelled must be stamped with first-class U.S. postage and bear a complete address so they can be mailed to the sender or another recipient. Cancelled envelopes cannot be sent in a self-addressed, stamped envelope, according to USPS policy. Stamps issued by foreign countries are not eligible for this cancellation.

National Moth Week was founded by the Friends of EBEC last year to literally and figuratively shine a spotlight on moths and their ecological importance as well as their biodiversity. The weeklong event grew out of the summer “moth nights” they had been organizing in East Brunswick since 2005 to encourage local residents to observe and appreciate moths. Participating in National Moth Week can be as simple as turning on a porch light and watching what flies.

National Moth Week offers people, young and old, a unique opportunity to become a citizen scientist and contribute photos and scientific data about moths. Anyone can register an event, free of charge. Through partnerships with major online biological data depositories, National Moth Week participants can help map moth distribution and provide needed information on other life history aspects of moths around the globe.

To learn more about National Moth Week and how to organize and register an event, visit nationalmothweek.org.