



### **Coastal Carolina Wildlife Have you seen me?**

I am a Zebra Heliconian, the official state butterfly of Florida, but I am also found in Georgia and North and South Carolina. I was formerly known as the Zebra Longwing and you will understand if you see me fly.

We Zebras are rare in North Carolina; however, the largest concentration ever has been located near Ft. Macon where these photos were taken. So you may find us in locations south of there such as Carolina Beach State Park, Ft. Fisher, and Bald Head Island.

We lay our eggs on passion flower vines, our larval food plant, so look for us nearby in the dapple sunlight under the maritime forest canopy. A behavior that may help locate us is that we roost as a group, in the same location each night.

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