Chapter Meeting Tuesday, February 20
Meeting opens at 7pm - Program starts at 7:30pm
A native plant drawing follows the program
Public welcome • No reservations needed • Refreshments • Free admission

Speaker Program: Plant This, Not That
presented by Ryan Leavengood

There are so many reasons to use native plants over exotic plants in your landscape. Here are a few: They support local wildlife, extend natural areas, are not invasive, reduce maintenance, and they use less water.

But when you go to a local retailer all you see are rows and rows of exotic ornamental plants for sale. What are your options? Luckily PBC Chapter member Ryan Leavengood will be the speaker at our February chapter meeting to address this question using this simple rule of thumb: Consider the exotic plant and evaluate its aesthetics, location (if planted), and its growing conditions. Find a native with similar aesthetics and growing conditions. Use a Florida native plant purchased from your local native plant nursery.

For example, the Mexican Petunia (Ruellia brittoniana) is listed as a CATEGORY I on the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council’s (FLEPPC) List of Invasive Plant Species but is sold in many nurseries. Plant the native Pineland Petunia (Ruellia caroliniana) instead -you’ll be glad you did!

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This section of our info-packed exhibit at the 2018 South Florida Fair featured the “plastic food” quote:
“Most landscaping plants available in nurseries are exotic species from other countries. Many are prized for qualities that make them poor food source for native birds—like having leaves that are unpalatable to native insects and caterpillars. Planting insect-proof exotic plants is like serving up plastic food. No insects? No birds.”
—Marina Richie, (Audubon) “Why Native Plants Are Better for Birds and People”

(read more of this article on page 6)

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National Invasive Species Awareness Week is Feb. 26 to March 2, 2018. Learn more about what’s lurking in your yard or neighborhood and consider native or non-invasive alternatives. https://www.facebook.com/invasivespeciesweek

Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council has the current invasive plants list with links to photos: www.fleppc.org

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The Florida Native Plant Society promotes the preservation of our native flora through education and conservation. To attract wildlife, promote water conservation and prevent the further introduction of non-native pest plants, the society encourages the cultivation of nursery-propagated Florida native plants and promotes their use as ornamentals in public and private landscapes.
PBCC FNPS PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
February 2018

Dear Members and Friends,

Another January has passed, and we can celebrate another very successful presence at the South Florida Fair! This year’s booth was twice the size and had room for three long tables with excellent information to pass on to our visitors, plus our posters of native plants and butterflies and beautiful new birds-with-natives posters. Special thanks to Audubon photographers Don Marchetto, Rebecca Sabac, Shelly Rozenberg and Susan Faulkner Davis and FNPS members Cathy Beals and Susan Lerner for making their wonderful images available for the new posters. (click here to view posters). Thanks to Vicki Rogerson for locating the photographers and collecting the images on very short notice.

Appreciation also goes to Buffie Judd, Suzi McIntyre, Winnie and Brian Said, David Bates, Jane Thompson and Mike Frallicciardi, for helping to set up the booth and unload 177 plants. Thanks to Jeffrey Sturgeon, Sheryl Gilman, Steve Nester, Nancy Byrne and Jim Trinchini for helping to pack up the booth and transport plants to volunteer purchasers’ cars or on to Jane Thompson’s truck. Extra big thanks to Jane, owner of Indian Trails Native Nursery, for loaning us the plants for the fair, and making it possible for us to offer the plants at a deep discount to our volunteers.

This year there were 60 volunteers greeting our visitors - 11 more than last year, and double our first year! There were 51 timeslots over 17 days to be filled, ideally with 2 or 3 people each. We had only 3 slots with no one to cover, 15 that had one person, 24 that had 2 people, and 6 that had 3 people. All in all, it was an excellent turnout and very good coverage. Volunteers came from our chapter, plus Master Gardeners, Atala Chapter of NABA, Audubon Everglades, Sierra Club and other friends. We also had some caterpillar volunteers – several Atala and several Gulf Fritillary, and one very large Erinyis ello (Ello sphinx) caterpillar on a Satinleaf (see photo). They were especially friendly to children of all ages.

Fourteen volunteers purchased 126 flowers, shrubs and trees, for a savings of $500 off retail prices. We gave away more than 500 of our big foldout brochures and countless resource lists; we received $117 in donations; sixty-four people signed our mailing list; 128 people signed the petition for permanent funding for maintenance of PBC Natural Areas; and our volunteers spoke with 2,207 visitors, many who were learning about native plants for the first time! Really awesome job everyone! It’s an honor being on the same team with you!

The South Florida Fair is one of the ways we boast about the benefits of native plants to the public-at-large. And as informative as the monthly meetings are, it is at special events that we get to inspire the public to consider making the switch! We have many such events coming up quickly – this time of year is most intensive, and the best opportunity to reach seasonal residents. Won’t you give volunteering a try this year? If we are really going to have an impact, we need everyone’s help! Find an event or two in this issue, and sign up! You’ll have a great time, I promise!

Susan Lerner, President  561-478-7444
Thank you to all the volunteers that made our exhibit at the 2018 South Florida Fair such a success!

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Boca Raton Community Garden WildFlower Walk Update
by Judy Tramell

This morning I am helping to water over 100 new native plants installed this week by Carl Terwilliger. The expanded garden was designed by him and the garden manager, Master Gardener, Betsy Pickup. Our WildFlower Walk in now over 90% native plants. Today, the bees are thick on established plants such as seaside goldenrod, milkweed, scorpion tail and blue porterweed. At least one monarch butterfly has been cruising through the garden and there is at least one monarch caterpillar munching on milkweed near the garden entrance. Tomorrow, the irrigation system and mulch will be installed to maintain this investment to attract more pollinators to an area that supports individual vegetable plots and a sustainable food forest. Ten percent of the produce is donated to Boca Helping Hands. This is the largest community garden in the state of Florida.

The initial WildFlower Walk was established in 2014 with the help of a La Florida Community Planting Grant. Our FNPS Chapter assisted the Boca Raton Junior Service League in obtaining this grant. Last year the Community Garden was awarded $23,500 through the Great Charity Challenge. $5,000 was designated to the WildFlower Walk expansion. These funds were used to include a great variety of native wildflowers, shrubs and trees to attract more of a variety of insects, butterflies and birds. In addition, the plants will be permanently labelled with simple signage for educational purposes. New and expanded irrigation is included.

A partial list of plants now included in the garden are passionvine, coral honeysuckle, spiderwort, twinflower, Havanah skullcap, coonite, sunshine mimosa, beautyberry, firebush, Lignum vitae, Jamaica caper, simpson stopper, cinnamonbark, bloity, Bahama strongbark, locustberry, marlberry, paradise tree, shortleaf fig, pineland acacia, limber caper, wild coffee, and pineland privet.

For those wishing to visit, the Garden is located near the railroad tracks behind the downtown library at the corner of Boca Raton Blvd. and NW 4th Street in Boca Raton. Volunteers for maintenance are always needed. Anyone interested may contact Judy Tramell at watlbbl@gmail.com.

Editors note: Since this article was written (Nov. 2017), the garden has received much TLC and the native plantings are filling in nicely. Please consider visiting the wildflower walk, and perhaps volunteering to help keep this successful community project growing and glowing.

Omni Middle School dedicates first Dream Garden
by Marci Shatzman, The Sun-Sentinel

To music from the school orchestra and lots of fanfare, Omni Middle School in West Boca became the first school in the district to debut a new tranquility garden.

The spot is meant to give sixth-graders entering their turbulent teens a place "to catch their breath," as eighth-grade student president Sam Chaskin said at the Oct. 27 ceremony.

Next to the garden is a "wall of dreams" with enclosed bulletin boards for students’ thoughts. Monthly themes will include gratitude in November and random acts of kindness in December, said Jeannine Rizzo, the school-based wellness coordinator for the School District of Palm Beach County.

"The goal is to change the culture on campus and create an energy of empowerment," said Rizzo, who read her own poem at the dedication. "The garden provides a space to be peaceful and for you to grow...."

"I’m excited for the district and for Omni for making social and emotional well-being a priority," school board member Frank Barbieri Jr. said at the dedication. "This encourages all of you to slow down and think about your decisions and goals."

The Garden of Dreams came together in two weeks. Native Choice Nursery's Jeff Nurge designed the space with 90 percent native plantings. It didn't take long to install, he said.

But transforming an internal courtyard took a year and evolved from a tweet, a visit to the school's Samaritans 365 club and Rizzo's "Garden of Dreams” contest.

"It's not only beautiful to enjoy, but simple to maintain," said Lourdes Ferris, Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful's executive director. "This is the district’s prototype and the first actual school garden," she added, pointing out that Nurge is one of their board members. "We hope to do more.”

Click here to read entire article

Ever wonder if your favorite landscape plant is a trouble maker? UF has a list of landscape plants that have been assessed for invasiveness, listed by different regions of Florida. Type in the plant name for more information. Check it out:

https://assessment.ifas.ufl.edu/
Tell Palm Beach Commissioners: Fund and Protect Our Natural Areas

Please follow the link below to a letter campaign that Audubon Everglades has initiated asking the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners to adequately fund maintenance of 31,000 acres in 34 accessible, county managed Natural Areas for next year, and to insure that these areas have long term funding into the future. Potentially threatened are funds required to manage invasive species, continue forest fuel reduction, maintain trails and boardwalks, and provide public use access.

You will have the opportunity to send the letter as is or to personalize the message. You may wish to include, if it applies, that they are a resident and/or homeowner in Palm Beach County. All signed letters will go to the entire Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners

https://act.audubon.org/onlineactions/xV-KC2ln-EmjGtZqAFZhuv2

Want to weigh in on how important our PBC Natural Areas are to us? Show up at the Board of County Commissioners meeting March 13, 2018 in support of ERM funding. For more information, contact Winnie Said (dahooned@gmail.com)

Some good news on the environmental front. On January 31st, the Florida Senate passed SB 370 which dedicates $100 million annually to the Florida Forever Trust Fund. Funding for Florida Forever is one of our top priorities. We will continue to update you on this bill as this legislation moves forward.

FNPS PBCC successfully participated in Everglades Action Day and Reclaiming Florida's Future where Laura Reynolds, our policy rep., conducted in-person meetings with the Miami-Dade and Palm Beach legislators and other key decision makers advocating for full Florida Forever funding to purchase and maintain Florida's Natural Areas, the implementation of a ban on fracking to protect our Water Supply and the Everglades, and proper implementation of the EAA reservoir project (SB10 from 2017) to ensure high water quality standards are met and that actual benefits reach Everglades National Park. We will continue to keep you updated on the status of these environmental bills as they make their way through the current legislative session.

Senator Dana Young sponsored SB 462 to ban fracking. We met with her to thank her for her continued work to get this over the finish line this year in the Senate. Senate Bill 462 passed out of the Florida Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee on Feb. 5. We will be following this closely because right now we have absolutely no regulations on fracking.

Rep. Matt Caldwell (3rd from left) sponsored HB 7063. We took the opportunity to meet with him and suggest he flip the funding mechanism in his bill so we have more money to buy conservation land now because the housing market is back and we want to protect more land.

2018 Goals for FNPS Palm Beach County Chapter

• Increase funding for conservation land acquisition by restoring full funding to the Florida Forever program
• Promote efforts towards ecosystem restoration including the EAA reservoir project (SB 10 implementation)
• Prevention of the development of the PBC Ag Reserve, Better Development Planning Overall
• Improved Land Management and ERM Funding
• Improve Landscape Ordinances
• Overall Improved General Awareness of the Benefits of Native Plants
• Overall increased species and Abundance of Native Plants and Wildlife in Palm Beach County Area

Here's What YOU Can Do

• Join the Policy team, contact Laura Reynolds lreynolds@conservationconceptsllc.org
• Help us fundraise so we can do more of this work!
• Meet with the commissioners on local land use issues like the Ag Reserve!
• Attend SFWMD meeting regarding Water Storage and Quality
• Get to know your legislator and bring up Florida Forever Funding and the Benefits of Conservation Lands. And/or Water Quality Issues and the importance of clean water heading south (SB10 implementation)
• Ask for them to push for Full Historic Funding of Florida Forever $300 Million or greater Annually.
• Go on a field trip with your local legislators

PBC Chapter Citizen Advocacy Panel - L to R: Laura Reynolds, Mary Jo Aagerstoun, Christopher McVoy and Drew Martin
**Florida News**

**Why Native Plants Are Better for Birds and People** - by Marina Richie

Your garden is your outdoor sanctuary. With some careful plant choices, it can be a haven for native birds as well. Landscaped with native species, your yard, patio, or balcony becomes a vital recharge station for birds passing through and a sanctuary for nesting and overwintering birds.

Each patch of restored native habitat is just that—a patch in the frayed fabric of the ecosystem in which it lies. By landscaping with native plants, we can turn a patchwork of green spaces into a quilt of restored habitat.

**Better for Birds** - More native plants mean more choices of food and shelter for native birds and other wildlife.

To survive, native birds need native plants and the insects that have co-evolved with them. Most landscaping plants available in nurseries are exotic species from other countries. Many are prized for qualities that make them poor food sources for native birds—like having leaves that are unpalatable to native insects and caterpillars. With 96 percent of all terrestrial bird species in North America feeding insects to their young, planting insect-proof exotic plants is like serving up plastic food. No insects? No birds.

For example, research by entomologist Doug Tallamy has shown that native oaks support more than 550 different species of butterflies and moths alone. The non-native ginkgo tree supports just 5. Caterpillars are the go-to food source for migrant and resident birds alike. In the 16 days between hatching and fledging, a clutch of Carolina Chickadee chicks can down more than 9,000 of them.

Tallamy’s work points to native landscaping as a key tool in increasing bird diversity and abundance. In a study of suburban properties in southeast Pennsylvania, for example, eight times more Wood Thrushes, Eastern Towhees, Veeries, and Scarlet Tanagers (all species of conservation concern) were found in yards with native plantings as compared with yards landscaped with typical alien ornamentals.

What’s more, the habitat provided by native plants can help birds adapt and survive amid a changing climate. More than half of North American bird species are threatened by climate change, and native plants can help increase their resilience by giving them food and places to rest and nest.

Two articles of interest from the Miami Herald. Both by Jenny Staletovich

**State Could Spend $1B on Everglades Reservoir. Will It Work?**

This spring, Florida lawmakers approved plans for a massive new reservoir near Lake Okeechobee, touting the billion-dollar project as a breakthrough in the decades-old effort to save the Everglades.

Less than a year later, South Florida water managers are struggling to make the ambitious project a reality — while environmental groups have begun to raise concerns that the plan is based on flawed data and that it may become a Trojan horse used to challenge long-standing water quality standards for the fragile Everglades ecosystem.

Hatched in the final days of the last legislative session after months of intense lobbying and championed by the powerful Senate president, Joe Negron, the plan called for construction of a large reservoir in western Palm Beach County aiming to do two things: Stop flushing foul water from Lake Okeechobee to the coasts, and fix the flawed re-engineering of South Florida’s tropical wetlands by sending water south to wilting marshes and Florida Bay.

Initially, a grander version pitched by environmentalists envisioned 60,000 acres. It included a portion of sugar fields long blamed for pollution and jump-started construction on a sprawling shallow reservoir south of the lake intended to clean water before it reached Everglades National Park — a project approved in a landmark Everglades restoration plan in 2000. The massive footprint allowed plenty of shallow storage to clean the water, a strict requirement hammered out through years of litigation that forced the state to stop polluting the Everglades.

**What landed on the drafting table of South Florida water managers was substantially different.**

Lawmakers, pushed by powerful sugar and agriculture interests, instead called for a reservoir on state-owned land below the lake. That meant squeezing a deeper reservoir onto a smaller footprint, with less land for cleaning water. They also sacrificed the valuable option to buy sugar land, requiring the South Florida Water Management District to relinquish the state’s only leverage to acquire more land — long before anyone knows for sure whether the down-sized reservoir and treatment marshes will work.


**Don’t be distracted by the beauty. Florida’s national parks are falling apart**


Botanist, Roger Hammer gives us a brief tour of a trail blocked by fallen trees and a saltwater march with damage done to a large Cowhorn Orchid knocked over by high winds from Hurricane Irma at Everglades National Park on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. The park has a crippling maintenance backlog of more than $80 million, that has piled up over the years because Congress has failed to spend money on repairs. Last week, most of the National Park Service advisory board resigned in disgust, saying the new administration had refused repeated requests to meet and ignored their concerns over DOI Secretary Ryan Zinke’s proposal to double entrance fees to some parks during peak times to raise money for repairs. Al Diaz Miami Herald Staff

**Click here to view video of Roger Hammer in Everglades National Park**

**Tell Gov. Scott to Increase the size of the Everglades Reservoir**

The New or Neverglades Coalition has set up an Action Page so that you can contact Governor Rick Scott and urge him to cancel the leases and increase the size of the reservoir: [http://gladesdeclaration.org/help-now/](http://gladesdeclaration.org/help-now/)
Chapter Events

All meetings are held at the University of Florida/IFAS Mounts Building Auditorium, 531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, unless otherwise noted.

Saturday February 10 | 8AM - 4PM
CHAPTER EVENT: EVERGLADES DAY Chapter Booth
This is a volunteer opportunity. Sign up to help at our chapter booth for a short shift and then go enjoy the event! Click here to sign up.
Event flyer is included at the end of the newsletter.

Saturday February 17 | 8AM - 4PM
CHAPTER EVENT: LAKE WORTH FESTIVAL OF TREES - Chapter Booth
The beauty of nature: biodiversity through native landscaping
Admission is free: everyone is welcome
Lake Worth Cultural Plaza 414 Lake Avenue
Click here to sign up for this event

Sunday February 18 | 9AM - NOON
CHAPTER FIELD TRIP: WALK, BREATHE AND STRETCH AT PINE GLADES NATURAL AREA 14122 West Indiantown Road, Jupiter, Florida
Host and Walk Leader: Jaya Jacobs (jaya@jayaJacobs.com)
Special guest/native plant expert: Jane Thompson, Indian Trails Native Nursery
Enjoy the solace of a walk on the wilder side of things at Pine Glades, one of Palm Beach County’s 34 beautiful natural areas. Walk, stretch, breathe, relax, de-stress. Learn about and identify Florida native plants with expert Jane Thompson, owner of Indian Trails Native Nursery. Enjoy your wild animal native neighbors and their home, and recommit to assuring their habitat remains as they need it. Refreshments. No fee for FNPS members. Nonmembers welcome with a small donation.
Signup here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084babab28a2fd0-walk

Tuesday February 20 | 7-9:30 PM
CHAPTER MEETING: PLANT THIS, NOT THAT
Chapter member and past president Ryan Leavengood will present native alternatives to exotic plants for your landscape. You do not have to be a member to attend…. bring a friend!

Saturday March 3 | 10AM - 3PM
CHAPTER EVENT: NATURESCAPING - Chapter Booth
MacArthur Beach State Park
Volunteers are needed for this event. Sign up here

Wednesday March 7 | 6:30PM
CHAPTER EVENT: HOMETOWN HABITAT MOVIE AND DISCUSSION
Library on Clematis Street
Volunteers needed. Please contact Susan Lerner if interested.

Saturday March 10 | 7:30AM - 2PM
CHAPTER EVENT: PALM BEACH COUNTY NATURAL AREAS FESTIVAL AT WINDING WATERS - Chapter Booth
3 Volunteers are needed for this event. Sign up here

Tuesday March 20 | 7-9:30 PM
CHAPTER MEETING: INVASIVE PLANTS
Christen Mason, Chair of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council and invasive species biologist with the South Florida Water Management District will speak about invasive and exotic trees and plants in South Florida.

Other Events

13th Annual Lake Worth Festival of Trees
The City of Lake Worth celebrates Arbor Day at the 13th Annual Lake Worth Festival of Trees. The Festival will take place on Saturday, February 17, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cultural Plaza at 414 Lake Avenue. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

The theme this year is: The beauty of nature: biodiversity through native landscaping. The Tree Board hopes to raise awareness and convey benefits of growing South Florida native shade trees in Lake Worth’s streets, parks, residential yards and parking lots.

City Tree Board Chair, Richard Stowe, says, “The Lake Worth City Tree Board is pleased to announce that we have two highly regarded and influential keynote speakers - Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk and Victor Dover. This year both speakers and audience will be on stage, as we convert the Festival stage into an outdoor classroom.”

ERM VOLUNTEER EVENT
Trash removal and a wetland tour
Where: Pine Glades Natural Area 14122 W. Indiantown Rd.
Saturday, February 24 | 9AM - Noon
Volunteers should wear long pants, t-shirts, boots or sneakers. The Department will supply tools, gloves, and refreshments.
Volunteers can register by calling 561-233-2426 or emailing amathews@pbcgov.org.

Help remove trash from our chapter's adopted natural area and then enjoy a wetland tour. We are asking that you sign up for this event so we can see how many people are going. But you must also register with ERM. (see info above)

MacArthur Beach State Park
22nd Annual NatureScaping:
An Outdoor Festival
March 3, 2018 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
A Free Event for Nature Lovers
Reserve your rooms now at a special rate using the Florida Native Plant Society Reservation Code: GNPS518. Call (305) 925-2585.

Don't miss this year's conference. As always...it is an adventure! Here are just some of the highlights to look forward to:

- Amazing speakers and field trips,
- Workshops on landscaping, edibles, rare plants and conservation
- Cutting-edge science
- Conservation, restoration and Citizen Science
- A special program for High School students to present their research
- Advocacy opportunities
- Native plant vendors

Looking for a low-cost way to attend the FNPS 38th Annual Conference? Why not volunteer? Contact conference.fnps@gmail.com for more information.

See fnps.org/participate/awards for details of grants for research, conservation and ethnobotany research, and landscape awards in numerous categories. All will be announced at the conference. **Deadlines are March 2, 2018.**

**New This Year:** The Florida Native Plant Society will be giving monetary awards to the “best of” in award categories. As always, we will be honoring the work of Landscape Architects and Designers who utilize and showcase Florida's native plants, through our annual Landscape Awards program. For More Information and to Apply [Click Here](http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fmnp/CR18-06.html)

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**Florida Master Naturalist Program Coastal Shoreline Restoration Course**

This is a short course, April 24 – May 12, that will be based out of Loggerhead Marinelife Center. To register or see the agenda, visit

[http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fmnp/CR18-06.html](http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fmnp/CR18-06.html)

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Contributions to the Dahoon newsletter are always welcome. Content relevent to the Florida Native Plant Society such as meeting & field trip notes, summaries of recent FNPS activities, local event/meeting announcements, legislative updates, native plant articles/notes, and photos of native plants or native plant enthusiasts in action can be submitted to the editor at:

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Like us! [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/PBCC.FNPS)
19th Annual Everglades Day Festival

Saturday, February 10, 2018
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
All Day — All Free
Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach off State Road 7/US 441
2 miles south of Boynton Beach Blvd. / 3 miles north of Atlantic Ave.

Colors of the Everglades
Promoting awareness, appreciation, and an understanding of the Everglades

Including: wildlife presentations • canoeing • fishing demos • birds of prey • music • educational programs • guest speakers • español presentations • food trucks • interactive activities
LILA tours • explorations • over 30 exhibitors from agencies, clubs and non-profit organizations

Parking is at Southwest County Transfer Station of Solid Waste Authority 2 miles south of the Refuge entrance.

For more information, call 561/734 8303.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to the Everglades Day Festival for all participants. Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in this festival should contact Serena Rinker at 561/735 6029 or serena_rinker@fws.gov. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please contact us for assistance by close of business Friday, February 2, 2018.
How Can I Become a Member of the Florida Native Plant Society?

You can join on-line www.fnps.org
Membership forms are also available at chapter meetings

The Palm Beach County Chapter of the FNPS meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the University of Florida/IFAS Mounts Building Auditorium
531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach
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Tell a friend!