

THE COONTIE CRIER

Newsletter of The Broward Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society
Dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Native Plants!

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COONTIE CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, January 11th (2nd Wed.)
Agriculture Extension Service, 3245 College Av, Davie

7:00p – 7:30p Snack & Chat
7:30p – 8:30p **GUEST SPEAKER**
Commissioner,
Kristin Jacobs
“NatureScape”

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President: Kay Taylor

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LOOKING FORWARD

January 21, Volunteers for NPS display at Ag Extension open house (*Saturday 8 am – 3:30 pm*)

February 4 Field Trip, with Dade NPS to Barley Barber

February 8, Murray Corman, “Native Palms as Food”

March 14, TBA

April 11, Speaker, Lisa Jameson, “Removing Invasive Exotics in Loxahatchee”

May 9, Speaker, Dr. Michael Orfanedes, “Pruning”

June 13, Annual Pot Luck & Election

Summer Hiatus: July & August

Updated info at <http://www.npsbroward.org> Events

Commissioner Kristin Jacobs Kristin has earned a well-known and respected reputation as a visionary who has consistently brought vital issues like climate change, water conservation and smarter public transit to the forefront of public attention. She was first elected in 1998 to represent the residents of Pompano Beach, Coconut Creek, Deerfield Beach and Margate. Kristin served as Broward County Mayor in 2005 and currently serves as the Vice Mayor. Programs she has championed include:



- The creation of more than 180 miles of Greenways and Trails system connecting our neighborhoods, parks, schools, community and cultural centers which will provide a greener and more walkable Broward County.
- Protection of natural resources including our water and air. Her support has been central to the creation of water conservation and preservation programs such as NatureScape Broward and Water Matters.
- She testified before Congress on water quality issues affecting the nation, and appeared with Congressman James Oberstar to encourage passage of the America's Commitment to Clean Water Act.
- She is Chair of the White House National Ocean Council's Governance Coordinating Committee, a group of state, local and tribal leaders working on national ocean policy.

Florida Endemic and Broward Native?

Feay's Palafox, *Palafoxia feayi* or

Thickleaf Wild Petunia, *Ruellia succulenta*

... and who says so?



January Open House, February 4th Field Trip, Barley Barber

Saturday, Jan 21st Agricultural Extension Open House

Time: 8:00 am – 3:30 pm, Place: 3245 College Av, Davie

Contact: Kay Taylor GoNative@NPSBroward.org to help host Broward Chapter display

Saturday, Feb 4th Barley Barber Swamp Walk

(a space-limited, reservation-only trip*, contact Kay Taylor

GoNative@NPSBroward.org)

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Place: Barley Barber Swamp

Leader: Chuck McCartney

Meet: Seminole Inn, 15885 SW Warfield Blvd., Indiantown
(reservation-only* carpooling)

Bring: Hat, water, repellent, sturdy shoes

Fee: None

Difficulty: Easy

Schedule: Arrive before 12:30 if you would like to eat lunch at the Seminole Inn (buffet or sandwiches, ~\$6-\$8). Participants **register at 1p.m. (photo ID required)**. The bus leaves at 1:30 for the half-hour trip to the swamp and arrives back at 4 p.m.

***Note:** You can also make your own arrangements to go on other days. It's always free and 8:30 or 1:30 tours are the same as ours (just without the fine company of the Native Plant Society members). See <http://www.barleybarber.org/> or call 772-597-3777.



This natural area in Martin County, owned by FPL, was closed after 9/11/2001. Now guided tours through this magnificent cypress swamp are once again offered. We will walk a 5800-foot, closed-loop boardwalk for about 1.5 hours (including a restroom break), so it's an easy, slow stroll. The Dade and Broward FNPS Chapters enjoyed a visit here together in December 1992 and once again are joining forces.



Tillandsia pruinosa
Photo and © by Roger Hammer
Wildflowers of the Everglades

Late-minute Chance for Nicaragua

The Florida Native Plant Society has scheduled a second trip to Nicaragua especially designed and planned for FNPS members for January 14th to 26th. This 12-day trip is \$3,300.00 and includes RT airfare from Miami, all meals, ground transportation, lodging and entrance fees.

A recent addition to the itinerary: **Dr. Warren Stevens from the Missouri Botanical Gardens will now be leading the trip.**

Planners say, "Nicaragua is one of the least explored nations in Central America with dramatic geography and ecosystems marked by volcanoes and lakes. This striking landscape is one of the most diverse in this region of the world. Join Aventuras Naturales and fellow FNPS members as we explore the diversity of Nicaragua's plant life, hike the volcanoes and visit unique colonial cities and fortresses."

Visit the FNPS.org to see if any there are any openings. **There were only 4 spots left at printing.**

The Coontie Crier newsletter is an all-volunteer effort by the Broward Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. We seldom get comments, but welcome them. Send corrections, photos, ideas concerning local native plants, or general feedback to GoNative@NPSBroward.org.

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