

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, February 8th (2nd Wed.)
Agriculture Extension Service, 3245 College Av, Davie
7:00p – 7:30p Snack & Chat
7:30p – 8:30p **GUEST SPEAKER**
Murray Corman, “Native Palms as Food”
Murray owns a nursery, Garden of Delights and hosts a local radio garden show. He has years of experience growing and tasting South Florida’s special tropical delicacies.

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LOOKING FORWARD

March 14, Dr Paul Pratt, “Biological control of *Melaleuca quinquenervia*: The end of an error.”
April 11, Speaker, Lisa Jameson, “Removing Invasive Exotics in Loxahatchee”
May 9, Speaker, Dr. Michael Orfanedes, “Pruning”
June 13, Annual Pot Luck & Election



Critically Imperiled
Asplenium abscissum,
Cutleaf
Spleenwort

Photo: Alan Cressler,
http://www.flickr.com/photos/alan_cressler/

Paul D. Pratt was awarded his Ph.D. in entomology from Oregon State University in 1999. Shortly after graduation, Dr. Pratt joined the USDA-ARS Invasive Plant Research Laboratory in Fort Lauderdale Florida. His current research focuses on ecology and biological control of invasive plants, particularly *Melaleuca quinquenervia*, *Rhodomyrtus tomentosa*, and *Paederia foetida*. In addition, Dr. Pratt served as the director of the TAME *Melaleuca* program, a USDA/ARS Areawide Pest Management Initiative that sought to demonstrate the effectiveness of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for controlling *Melaleuca* in the United States and beyond.

Florida Endemic and Broward Native?

The Floristic Inventory of South Florida (FISF) <http://regionalconservation.org/ircs/DBChoice.asp> classifies *Palafoxia feayi* as “Endemic to peninsular Florida”. Found in the wild in 7 South Florida counties including within the Ft Lauderdale Exec. Airport Gopher Tortoise Preserve & Tradewinds Park. FISF classifies *Ruellia caroliniensis* as native to eastern & central US and found in the wild in 7 South Florida counties; Broward was not one of them. The FL Atlas of Vascular Plants <http://www.florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/> shows this *Ruellia* native to Broward with a specimen from Hillsboro Pineland Park, Coconut Creek, collected in 2001. It also shows a specimen of the *Palafoxia* found in Pompano Beach and also classifies it as Florida “endemic”. Collections by botanists are not the last word, of course. Some native plants are known by enthusiasts to exist in the wild, but have never undergone the rigor of specimen collection. And of course, maybe the plant is just growing there, waiting to be found. Enjoy discovering your favorite native plants in the wild and photograph them. Protect them; never collect them.



Announcing a new FL Master Naturalist Uplands Module!

Please go to <http://www.MasterNaturalist.org/> to register. It starts in March, hope to see you there!

Instructors Information **Kristen Hoss**, Masters in Conservation Ecology and Wildlife Sciences Founder of Tanawha Presents, Ecologist and Educator **John J. Pipoly III**, Ph.D., FLS Urban Horticulture/Climate Change Extension Agent UF/IFAS Broward County Extension, Parks and Recreation Division Assistant: **Robin Reccasina**, Education Director Sawgrass Nature Center and Wildlife Hospital Organization: Tanawha Presents LLC Phone: 248-933-1069
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Course Schedule

Day 1 (Monday, March 12, 2012) Fern Forest Nature Center , 6:30pm-9:30pm Classroom, Video, Presentations

Day 2 (Wednesday, March 14, 2012) Broward Co. Extension Office, 6:30pm-9:30pm Classroom, Video, Presentations Day 3 (Saturday, March 17, 2012) Crystal Lake and Highland Scrub Natural Areas, 8:00am-2:00pm Field Trip: Natural Areas Exploration

Day 4 (Monday, March 19, 2012) Fern Forest Nature Center , 6:30pm-9:30pm Classroom, Video, Presentations

Day 5 (Wednesday, March 21, 2012) Sawgrass Nature Cente, 6:30pm-9:30pm Classroom, Video, Presentations

Day 6 (Saturday, March 24, 2012) Hillsboro Pineland and Helene Klein Natural Areas, 8:00am-2:00pm Field Trip: Hike and Exploration of Natural Areas

Day 7 (Monday, March 26, 2012) Sawgrass Nature Center, 6:30pm-9:30pm Classroom, Video, Presentations

Day 8 (Wednesday, March 28, 2012) Broward Co. Extension Office, 6:30pm-9:30pm Classroom, Video, Presentations

Day 9 (Saturday, March 31, 2012) Long Key Nature Center, 8:00am-2:00pm Field Trip: Hike and Exploration of Nature Center

Day 10 (Wednesday, April 4, 2012) Sawgrass Nature Center, 6:30pm-9:30pm Pot luck, presentations and graduation

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Broward Native Plant Exhibit Update

Raymond Jungles, acclaimed landscape architect, <http://www.RaymondJungles.com>, has just completed the "Concept Plan" for the Broward Chapter of FNPS. This professional six-page booklet includes the Riverwalk site map, photos from existing gardens that suggest features for our garden, and a budget. The Concept Plan is an important part of seeking grants, as it helps grantors visualize the botanical exhibit. The full grant proposal will include a plan for maintaining the exhibit over the coming decades, a linked website for specific information about every species on display, where to see natives in parks and the wild, where to purchase natives, and of course, links to information about our chapter meetings and field trips. The booklet is now at the printer. We will soon make it available for viewing online and publish the site map in an upcoming newsletter. Currently we have partnerships with the City of Fort Lauderdale (providing the site), The Florida Native Plant Society, and the Florida Association of Native Nurseries. We are reaching out to sister chapters and others sharing our passion for our wonderful South Florida wild flora and fauna.

Send corrections, photos, ideas concerning local native plants, or general feedback to GoNative@NPSBroward.org.

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