

# 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 & SPEAKER

**Wednesday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>** (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.)

The Secret Wood Nature Center  
2701 W. State Rd. 84, Dania Beach, FL

7:00p – 7:30p Meet and Greet  
7:30p – 8:30p **Bill Reeve**  
**Landscaping with Natives**

President: Richard Brownscombe  
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## Field Trip: Sandy Ridge Sanctuary, Sat Oct 20

Place: Sandy Ridge Sanctuary in Coral Springs, [8501 NW 40th St., Coral Springs, FL.](#)

Time: Walk begins at 9 am sharp (meet at 8:45 am in Sanctuary parking lot)

Duration: about 2 hours

Bring: Hat, Water,  
Camera

Level: Easy

Leader: City of Coral  
Springs

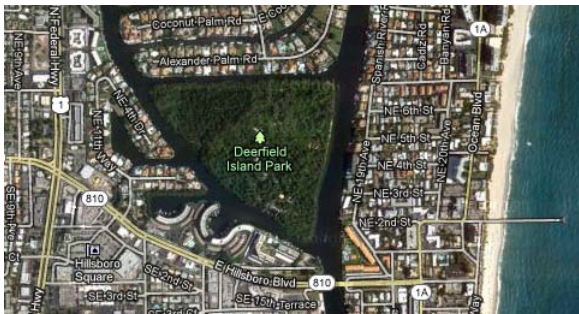
More info: [Sandy Ridge Sanctuary](#) (PDF)



## Deerfield Island Park Nature Walks

from South Florida Audubon Society webpages

Deerfield Island is a 53.3-acre nature-oriented park that offers outdoor recreational opportunities and environmental education. Accessible only by boat, this roughly triangular-shaped park is bordered by the



Intracoastal Waterway and the Hillsboro and Royal Palm canals. Free boat shuttle on the hour, check website for details. This 56-acre park is a Designated Urban Wilderness Area. The island provides habitat for migratory and indigenous birds, as well as a variety of other native and exotic creatures. Remnants of a freshwater wetland are evident, although red and white mangroves are now dominant. This park is bordered by the Intracoastal Waterway and is only accessible by boat, so a free boat shuttle is provided on weekends.

Website: <http://www.broward.org/Parks/DeerfieldIslandPark/Pages/Default.aspx>

## Sierra Club Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 4, 7:30pm Sierra Club monthly meeting at Fern Forest Nature Center, 201 Lyons Rd. S., Coconut Creek, FL 33068. Open to the public and free. Contact Person: Barbara Curtis (954) 946-7359 or [legalbarb2@yahoo.com](mailto:legalbarb2@yahoo.com)

## October South Florida Audubon Society Monthly Meeting Announcement

Thursday, October 18

Anne Kolb Nature Center

Speaker: Steve Holmes, Executive Director for the South Florida Audubon Society

Please check website for any last minute changes: <http://www.browardaudubon.org>

## "The districts are driven now right out of Tallahassee,"

writes Eric Buermann, a former South Florida Water Management District board member in response to last year's large cuts to the water management districts. Former board members, in their [Sep 17 letter to Gov. Rick Scott](#), described the economic benefits of proper water management and threats to future water supplies from

a growing population. They point out that the owner of a \$150,000 home in the South Florida Water Management District saved less than \$20 in taxes paid because of the cuts last year.

<http://www.thefloridacurrent.com/article.cfm?id=29515603>

## Florida Coastal Everglades, Long Term Ecological Research



A collaborative team of over 120 researchers, students, and technical staff studies the ways in which hydrology, climate, and human activities affect ecosystem patterns in the estuarine ecotones, or regions where freshwater and saltwater mix in the Florida Coastal Everglades. <http://fcelter.fiu.edu/>



### DADE CHAPTER FNPS ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

October 23: Dr. Christopher Buzzelli from SFWMD presents on submersed aquatic vegetation habitats, important indicators of coastal ecosystem status in South Florida.

November 27: Dr. Eric von Wettberg from FIU will speak about ways genetics can help us protect rare species in Florida and the Caribbean. <http://dade.fnpschapters.org/newsletter/index.php#fieldtrip>

*Utricularia foliosa* photo by Alan Cressler: [http://www.flickr.com/photos/alan\\_cressler/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/alan_cressler/)

### A way to protect Florida's treasures

*The Miami Herald* Editorial, [HeraldEd@MiamiHerald.com](mailto:HeraldEd@MiamiHerald.com), August 7, 2012

Tough economic times and a penchant in Tallahassee for “easy solutions” to close budget gaps have left the state’s environmental treasures and wildlife programs in the dumps. What these recreation and conservation lands need is a stable, dedicated source of funding. Enter the [Florida Water and Land Legacy Campaign](#), a coalition that includes the Trust for Public Land, Audubon Florida, the Florida Wildlife Federation, the Sierra Club, the Nature Conservancy, 1000 Friends of Florida, Defenders of Wildlife and other groups that want to preserve Florida’s natural beauty — and its clean water — for generations to come.

**Last Chance to register for Florida Master Naturalist Course Core Uplands Module**, to take place from October 8 to 29. Registration officially closes on October 4, but the state office can accept registrations through Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, by contacting Ms. Shelby Sowder at [msowder@ufl.edu](mailto:msowder@ufl.edu).

**Look Forward** to our upcoming speakers; tell your friends & neighbors; meet at the Secret Woods:

Nov 14: Roger Hammer, “**Florida Endangered Wildflowers**”

Dec 12: Elizabeth Golden, Park Biologist Bill Baggs State Park, “**Imperiled Plant Species of Cape Florida**”

Jan 9, 2013: Michele Williams, “**Native American Medicinal Plants**”

Feb 13: Steve Woodmansee, “**Creating an Ecologically and Sociologically Sustainable Landscape**”

Mar 13: Chuck McCartney has special interest in the native orchids & other wildflowers of South Florida (TBA)