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Broward Chapter Florida Native Plant Society



April 2013 News

Next Wednesday:

Wednesday, April 10, 7pm
Scott Bryan on "Butterflies & Their Native Plants"

Which butterfly plants are native?
Which are for nectar and which host larvae?
Scott will help answer these and many more questions the urban gardener has about attracting those wonderful butterflies.

Which plants are native in Broward County?



Unless you are already a native plant expert, you may know only a few of Broward's approximately 733 native species. This month we thought we would show off some of our native beauties. Introducing the public to native plants they haven't yet seen may inspire enough admiration to want to save them. Here are just six.

Above is Feay's Palafox (*Palafoxia feayi*), a medium-size shrub with these interesting flowers. Photo by Bob Bierman



This Air Plant is known as Fuzzy-wuzzy (*Tillandsia pruinosa*). It is critically imperiled in South Florida. We need to protect it and the places where it grows. Its blossom is the emerging purple tube. Photo by Roger Hammer



This Florida Paintbrush (*Carphephorus corymbosus*) is a fist-sized profusion atop a 2-foot stem springing from a rosette of basal leaves. It is rare in Broward County. Photo by Randy Zerr



You may need to get on your wet pants to get a good look at this West Indian Meadowbeauty (*Rhexia cubensis*). This 1.5" flower has characteristic down-hanging stamen that remind us of eyelashes. It is imperiled in South Florida. Photo by Wayne Matchett



Not all beauties are diminutive or rare. This fragrant Swamp or String Lily (*Crinum americanum*) grows in wet areas and does well in cultivation. If you don't have a swamp, put it in a large glazed pot and keep water in the saucer. Photo by Shirley Denton



This is one of ten species (in Broward) of the fascinating genera, *Polygala*. This one, Racemed Milkwort (*Polygala polygama*), is critically imperiled in South Florida. It hasn't been seen in Broward County for decades, but is known to exist in Collier and Lee Counties. Photo by Alan Cressler

Conservation

Most people don't know the wonderful plants that will be lost this decade if we don't protect them. We have a responsibility to let the public know the importance of plant inventories, research to understand why a species is critically imperiled, and which natural areas in Broward are now under threat.

We are critically short-handed and underfunded to do the job of protection. You can help the Broward Chapter stronger by joining or donating or volunteering. [Join](#) or [Renew](#). Contact Richard@Brownscombe.net

Conference Registration is still open!

Field trips throughout Northeast Florida, a trio of great evening socials, speakers and workshops: the annual FNPS Conference in Jacksonville.

Register early and save money -- and get on that trip you always wanted, reserve a place at the dinner table with old friends or new ones, and look forward to celebrating La Florida, the land of flowers, this May 16-19, 2013, in beautiful Jacksonville!

More info: www.fnps.org/conference

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See you soon in Jacksonville!

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