

FIELD TRIP

Mahogany Hammock Trail and Pa-Ha-Okee Overlook in Everglades National Park Saturday, April 17, 2021

Time, address and directions are in the newsletter mailed to members. Please join to enjoy all the activities of the chapter!

Registration is required as space is limited due to county guidelines on group size. Thus only current DCFNPS members may register. **To register, please contact Steve Woodmansee (steve@pronative.com) by Thursday, April 15.**

Leader: Steve Woodmansee, current DCFNPS Vice President and Field Trip Coordinator, botanist, owner of Pro Native Consulting, which specializes in plant research, conservation and native plant horticulture.

Directions: www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/coedirections.htm

Difficulty: Easy to moderate, generally along board walk. We may decide to visit other nearby areas, which could be wet.

Masks: Required inside buildings and when near others outside

Bring/wear: Face mask, sturdy shoes that can get wet, water, bug spray (just in case), sun protection. Be prepared to get wet at Pa-ha-Okee - a walking stick may be helpful here to some for extra stability. Binoculars are handy for viewing wildlife. Bring lunch if you'd like to picnic afterward.

Notes: Park admission is **FREE** on this first day of National Park Week! Restrooms are available at the Coe Visitor Center. Cell reception is variable farther inside the park.

Spring is a great time to visit Everglades National Park, as we are well on our way through the dry season. At Mahogany Hammock we will walk along the boardwalk as the water levels within the park are unusually high for this year's dry season. This hardwood hammock, surrounded by marsh, is one of the largest in the park, and possesses the northernmost native Mahoganies on the mainland. Expect many hammock tree species to be in bloom, along with spring wildflowers. Then we will backtrack to the Pa-Ha-Okee overlook, one of the most beautiful vistas within the park. If water levels are lower than expected, we may go off trail and explore.

For more information about the Mahogany Hammock Trail and Pa-ha-o-kee Overlook Trail:

www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/mahogany-hammock-trail.htm
www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/pahayokee-overlook.htm

DADE CHAPTER and FNPS NEWS

Welcome new members! Eliana Ardila and Marc Kramer, Mary Benton, Asha Bertsch, Carmen Ferreiro, Riley Fortier (student), Paula McNicholas, Jo Moore, TJ Morrell and Shannon Jones, Augusta Neal, Andrea Orozco, Naisy Sarduy, Bar Werner, Collin and Laurel Worth.

Thank you to all who renewed, rejoined, donated or attended a virtual or in-person activity recently. Your interest and support make a difference.

Native Plant Field Day in March was enjoyed by chapter members, family (including children), friends and past attendees of Native Plant Day. Thanks to all the wonderful trip leaders! Steve Woodmansee will report in the May *Tillandsia*.

Everglades Workdays: May date TBA / 9 AM-noon.

Help with maintenance of our habitat restoration/landscaping project at the **Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center**. Volunteers will be notified of dates. **New volunteers** should contact Patty (pharespl@gmail.com) for information and for one-time advance paperwork required by ENP. *We'd love to have you.*

FNPS News

♦ **The March-April 2021 *Sabal minor*** FNPS newsletter sent to members recently is also at FNPS.org under **Resources**.

♦ **You can receive your *Palmetto* magazine by email.** Let FNPS know your preference at communications@fnpr.org.

♦ **If you missed the recent *Palmetto*** (Volume 37: Number 1 > 2021) in early March because of the timing of your joining or rejoining, you can receive that issue by email. Contact Patty (*Tillandsia* editor) at pharespl@gmail.com.



FNPS 40th Annual Conference - May 14-16, 2021 "40 Years of Celebrating Native Florida"

Virtual and only \$35. See <https://www.fnps.org/conference/2021>
Start off at 7:00 p.m. Friday with a live game of Plant Trivia. Then 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday attend a variety of presentations, and check out the silent auction, vendors and exhibitors. More details to be announced. Register for your own enjoyment and learning, but also to support FNPS.

SUPPLEMENT TO LAST MONTH'S iNATURALIST VIDEO

*(Just in time to get ready for CITY NATURE CHALLENGE
April 30 to May 3 - see page 4)*

Joe Montes de Oca presented at our March 23 meeting on "*Appreciating and protecting biodiversity - An overview of how to use iNaturalist to document biodiversity and learn about nature in your neighborhood and beyond*".

You can watch the presentation in its entirety on the chapter's YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/aSw0q66BI5Q?t=440>

Joe is also sharing his Powerpoint presentation in PDF format. It is viewable on computers/tablets/phones and also has links to the parts of the live presentation pertinent to the slide. The PDF file will soon be uploaded to our chapter website under dade.fnpschapters.org/newsletters/articles/ or find it at drive.google.com/file/d/16fWrl3Ggw0CA7OkuIE_RFQemLNY_ZITXV/view?usp=sharing

See more iNaturalist tutorials and nature videos from Joe on his own YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UC1Exy70GX48bo6JCDqqRrtw
Contact Joe at jmont034@fiu.edu if you have questions. He's ready to help.

**BOTANICAL ART EXHIBITION
AT BISCAIYNE NATIONAL PARK**
Fruition—Seeds, Pods, and Fruits

By Margie Bauer

Marge Brown, a very dear departed member of this chapter, introduced the Tropical Botanic Artists group (TBA) – to which we both belonged – to many *Tillandsia* readers. She showed me what a natural fit the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) was for the joy I experienced from growing, learning about, and painting South Florida's tropical paradise. Marge was also instrumental in TBA's decision to emphasize native plants in its exhibitions.

A fellow botanical artist, Susan Cumins, joined FNPS two years ago. Non-cultivated native plants (AKA weeds) are her favorite subjects. "Patty Phares helped me distinguish *Cardiospermum corindum* as the Florida species, and Roger Hammer shared photos and supplied directions to a Key Largo location where it grows," Susan recounts. "I enjoyed painting the papery capsules of this invasive vine for the Fruition show, and their guidance was indispensable."

As artists and FNPS members, Susan and I warmly invite you to watch, **on April 18, the virtual reception** for our exhibition *Fruition—Seeds, Pods, and Fruits* at Biscayne National Park. We hope you will also visit it **in person, now through June 6, 2021.**

Virtual reception: April 18, 2021, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

on the park's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

www.nps.gov/bisc/planyourvisit/the-dante-fascell-visitor-center-gallery.htm

"The event will feature a gallery walk-through, a few words from each of the artists along with a little about the featured plants, a demonstration of the painstaking techniques the artists use and a short talk by Fairchild Tropic Botanic Garden Conservation Program Manager Jennifer Possley."

Dante Fascell Visitor Center Gallery: 9700 SW 328th Street,
Sir Lancelot Jones Way, Homestead, FL 33033

Directions: www.nps.gov/bisc/planyourvisit/basicinfo.htm

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily

More about the Tropical Botanic Artists:

www.tropicalbotanicartists.com



Cardiospermum corindum / Balloon vine
Watercolor on paper
By Susan Cumins

MORE NEWS and THINGS TO DO

Learn about, enjoy and help native plants and natural areas.



George N. Avery Pineland volunteer event - Saturday, April 17, 2021, 9 a.m. – noon.

Join **The Institute for Regional Conservation (IRC)** at their pine rockland preserve in Princeton (south Miami-Dade) to help remove non-native and invasive species and trash pick-up. A maximum of eight volunteers can join to abide by COVID-19 guidelines.

For more information and to RSVP on VolunteerMatch:

www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp3352559.jsp.

Email Michelle Smith with questions:

msmith@regionalconservation.org.

To learn about the IRC and future volunteer opportunities, see www.regionalconservation.org/, subscribe to the monthly IRC email newsletter, and see Facebook.

Enchanted Forest Elaine Gordon Park - Volunteer Invasive Plant Removal Workdays. 1725 NE 135 Street North Miami, 33181. Sundays, April 11 and May 9, from 9 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration online is required.

See www.northmiamifl.gov/855/Volunteers-Needed.

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Native Plant Workshops

- ♦ Dade NPW. See nativeplantworkshop.ning.com/ for current activities. **Join on the website** (free!) to post photos for identification, share or comment and to receive reminders.
- ♦ Florida Keys NPW virtual meeting **April 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.** For email notification, questions or suggestions, please email FKNPW@outlook.com. Notices may also be posted on the Dade NPW site (above).

The Delicate Balance of Nature 2021.

The 30th Annual Lecture Series goes virtual. Presented by Friends of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park. 7-8:30 p.m. Register in advance and sign on to Zoom before 7 p.m. For additional info, email info@pennekampparkfriends.org **April 28; The Florida Panther - Dr. Frank Ridgley DVM**, head of Zoo Miami's Conservation and Research Department and a research associate at FIU, will focus on techniques used by state and federal agencies to unlock the secrets of this endangered big cat so that it can be better protected. He will also address some of the continued risks to its future survival. flpanther.eventbrite.com



2021 SOUTH FLORIDA CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

Friday, April 30 to
Monday, May 3, 2021

If you enjoy observing and photographing nature and you're in Miami-Dade, Broward or Monroe, the South Florida "City Nature Challenge" team can really use your help! The City Nature Challenge is a worldwide competition run by iNaturalist to see which city/area can observe the most species while engaging the largest number of participants.

All observations posted from Friday, April 30th to Monday, May 3rd will help us compete with over 400 other cities around the world!

Learn more about the CNC at: <https://cncsoflo.jimdosite.com/>
Please contact Joe Montes de Oca at jmont034@fiu.edu if you have any questions!



Membership and email

- FNPS now sends printed membership renewal notices (postal mail) only to members with no email address on file.
- If your membership lapses, you will receive one printed notice and monthly email reminders for up to a year until you renew.
- Help ensure that you receive email from FNPS and the Dade Chapter: move FNPS or DCFNPS email from junk/spam/promotions folder to your inbox, and add those sender addresses to your email contacts.
Think you are missing email (FNPS or Dade)? Let us know!

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Tillandsia Newsletter

Please contact the editor if you might like to join the Tillandsia staff.
Articles, announcements and news items are invited for *Tillandsia* from Dade and Keys members. Advertising rates from \$12 per month.

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APRIL IN SOUTH FLORIDA by Roger Hammer

[Reprinted from the April 1997 *Tillandsia*]

- ♦ If you can stand the bugs, this month begins the flowering season for black mangrove, *Avicennia germinans*. Black mangrove flowers are very fragrant and attract swarms of nectar-seeking honeybees. Check out "Robert Is Here" fruit stand on your way to Everglades National Park for jars of dark, black mangrove honey.
- ♦ Seven-year apple, *Casasia clusifolia*, produces white, tubular, fragrant flowers in April, just in time to offer a nectar feast for hummingbirds before their journey northward. Flowers on female trees are solitary in the leaf axils while male flowers are borne in several-flowered clusters.
- ♦ Buttonbush, *Cephalanthus occidentalis*, is one of the temperate shrubs in our flora that can be seen flowering in spring. The white, fragrant flowers are borne in rounded clusters resembling the Russian "Sputnik" satellite. An easy place to observe these attractive shrubs is along the Anhinga Trail boardwalk in Everglades National Park.
- ♦ Bird migration should be in full swing in April, and this is a good time to watch for a multitude of warblers feeding on insects along the margins of hardwood hammocks. The leafy canopy of wild tamarind, *Lysiloma latisiliquum*, is a favorite foraging area for warblers, flycatchers and vireos.