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Newsletter of the Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Inc.  
- For Miami-Dade County and the Florida Keys -

## MAY 2021

### MONTHLY MEETING (ONLINE)

Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting precedes the monthly program

Free and open to all

• **Zoom:** Register with the link below *before 7 pm the night of the meeting*. You will receive a confirmation email with information to join the meeting. **Be sure to save and use your personal link in the confirmation email to join by Zoom.**

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(This link to register is also at [dade.fnpschapters.org/events/](http://dade.fnpschapters.org/events/) and in other emails sent in the days before the meeting).

• **YouTube:** [www.youtube.com/channel/UCmassuC5-OsAX2KsRYO6X5A](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmassuC5-OsAX2KsRYO6X5A) (**No registration**; view only, no chat, no voting in the Annual Meeting)

Please join early to allow for addressing access issues.

**Problems?** Email [DadeFNPS@gmail.com](mailto:DadeFNPS@gmail.com), text 305-985-3677

### Calendar

**May 22 (Sat.):** FNPS Annual Meeting (online)

**May 25 (Tue.):** Dade Chapter monthly meeting and chapter Annual Meeting (online)

**May 30 (Sun.):** Field trip (Seminole Wayside Park)

**June 22: (Tue.):** Dade Chapter meeting (online)

### Other events of interest coming up soon

**May 18:** Dade Native Plant Workshop (walk)

**Through June 6:** Tropical Botanic Artists exhibit at BNP

**June 8:** Florida Keys Native Plant Workshop (online)

**June 12:** Native plant sale at Tropical Audubon Society

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## DADE CHAPTER FNPS ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 - 7:30PM

**The DCFNPS 2021 Annual Meeting and board elections will be held prior to the May monthly program, conducted via Zoom.** Registering for the May program will also register you for the Annual Meeting. An email will be sent soon containing instructions and the election slate and previous meeting minutes to be voted on by the membership.

*This is a brief but important part of the chapter's business, and chapter members are asked to register to attend by Zoom. You cannot vote in the Annual Meeting if watching on YouTube. Please remember to register for Zoom by 7PM.*

Even if you cannot stay for the program, your attendance at the Annual Meeting is encouraged.

If you have any questions, please contact chapter president Brian Diaz at [briandiaz1210@gmail.com](mailto:briandiaz1210@gmail.com).

### FIELD TRIP

**Seminole Wayside Park (pine rockland)**

**Sunday, May 30, 2021**

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

Spring is fading, but pine rocklands still have some really cool

### Miami-Dade County's Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Covenant Program

- Christiana Stocking, Miami-Dade Co. EEL program

Miami-Dade County has a program for **private land owners** that incentivizes preservation of endangered habitat on private property. The Environmentally Endangered Lands Covenant

Program was created in 1979 as a response to the disappearing of native habitat due to urbanization. This presentation will give a general overview of the program of how Miami-Dade County utilizes preservation covenants to preserve endangered lands on private property. Topics include how properties qualify to enter the program, what the responsibilities of the property owner are during the lifetime of the covenant, and how the county helps facilitate the management of over 400 acres of native habitat on private properties.



**June 22 program:** *Pollinator networks in pine rocklands of the lower Florida Keys* - Brittany Harris, PhD Candidate, Biology, Koptur Plant Ecology Lab, FIU

**Watch past programs** on the DCFNPS [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmassuC5-OsAX2KsRYO6X5A) (or at [dadefnps.org](http://dadefnps.org), click the YouTube button at the bottom).

wildflowers to see. We will walk along the firebreaks in one of Miami-Dade's oldest parks (created in 1936). This park has over 20 acres of pine rockland and is fairly rich and diverse thanks to regular fires, making it one of our nicest pine rocklands. Soils have clay components along with limestone typical of the Redland area. A few federally endangered plant species occur here. You will learn about the three subtypes of pine rocklands known to occur in Miami-Dade County.

**Leader: Steve Woodmansee**, current Vice President and Field Trip Coordinator for DCFNPS. He is a botanist and owns Pro Native Consulting, which specializes in plant research, conservation and native plant horticulture.

**Difficulty:** Easy to moderate, generally along trails.

**Notes:** No restrooms at the park, but there are businesses nearby. Registration is no longer necessary. *However, county Coronavirus precautions requiring masks on county property still apply.* Field trips are for the study of plants and enjoyment of nature. Collecting is not permitted. Children are welcome.

**Bring/wear:** Face mask (because it's a county property), sturdy shoes, bug spray (just in case), sun protection and water. A walking stick may be helpful to some for extra stability. Binoculars are handy for viewing wildlife. Bring lunch if you'd like to picnic afterward.

## DADE CHAPTER and FNPS NEWS

**Welcome new members!** Jacqueline Boling, Jack Hart, Krystina Santoyo, and Ra Schooley & Rachel Schearing. Thank you to all who renewed, rejoined, donated or attended a virtual or in-person activity recently.

**Everglades Workdays: Upcoming dates TBA / 9 AM-noon.** Help with maintenance of our habitat restoration/landscaping project at the **Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center**. Known volunteers will be notified of dates. *New volunteers* should contact Patty ([pharespl@gmail.com](mailto:pharespl@gmail.com)) for information and one-time advance paperwork required by ENP. *We'd love to have you on our list!*

### FNPS News

♦ **The May-June 2021 *Sabal minor* FNPS newsletter** (Volume 23, Number 3) was emailed to members recently and will also be at [FNPS.org](http://FNPS.org) under Resources.

♦ **You can receive your *Palmetto* magazine by email.** Let FNPS know your preference at [communications@fnpr.org](mailto:communications@fnpr.org).

♦ **If you missed the last *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](mailto:pharespl@gmail.com).

## MORE NEWS and THINGS TO DO

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

### Native Plant Workshops

♦ **Dade NPW**. May 18, 5 p.m. **Walk at Kendalwood Park**. See details at [nativeplantworkshop.ning.com/](http://nativeplantworkshop.ning.com/). **Join on the website** (free!) to post photos for identification, to share or comment, and to receive reminders.

♦ **Florida Keys NPW virtual meeting, second Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.** For email notification, questions: [FKNPW@outlook.com](mailto:FKNPW@outlook.com).

**Fruition—Seeds, Pods, and Fruits** – Art exhibition by the [Tropical Botanic Artists](http://www.nps.gov/bisc/planyourvisit/the-dante-fascell-visitor-center-gallery.htm) at Biscayne National Park. **Through June 6, 9AM–5PM daily.** [www.nps.gov/bisc/planyourvisit/the-dante-fascell-visitor-center-gallery.htm](http://www.nps.gov/bisc/planyourvisit/the-dante-fascell-visitor-center-gallery.htm)

**Directions:** [www.nps.gov/bisc/planyourvisit/basicinfo.htm](http://www.nps.gov/bisc/planyourvisit/basicinfo.htm)  
A video of the **April 18 virtual reception** featuring the artists and a short talk by Fairchild Tropic Botanic Garden Conservation Program Manager Jennifer Possley is at [www.facebook.com/BiscayneNPS/videos/495436851814655/](https://www.facebook.com/BiscayneNPS/videos/495436851814655/)

“**Rare Plants of Biscayne National Park**” focused on conservation efforts for Sargent's cherry palm and Semaphore cactus on Elliott Key. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden's South Florida Conservation Team members Jennifer Possley and Jimmy Lange presented in the April Biscayne National Park Brown Bag Dinner Series, hosted by Biscayne National Park Institute. See the video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hzLZ1fxjWc9a4Mf7YM0OPEF7EtYz39Ut/view>

**Miami Blue NABA – Now see past programs on YouTube**  
[www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_QdWye7iPUSr-SwAdxVSug](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_QdWye7iPUSr-SwAdxVSug)

**Tropical Audubon Society.** See the TAS website [www.tropicalaudubon.org/](http://www.tropicalaudubon.org/) for events and social media.

- **Native Plant sale: June 12, 9am-5pm.**
- **E-news:** Sign up on the [website](http://www.tasprograms.org/gardening-for-birds). Conservation issues, advocacy opportunities, things to do and more.
- See [www.tasprograms.org/gardening-for-birds](http://www.tasprograms.org/gardening-for-birds)
- **Watch the TAS April 25 Members Migration** meeting with interesting presentations and awards recognizing conservation heroes ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yak5n5VyJac](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yak5n5VyJac))

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## BEACH SPIDERLILY:

### A Focal Point for Native Gardens

By Roger L. Hammer

Beach spiderlily (*Hymenocallis latifolia*) is Florida's largest member of the genus and one of the most common, ranging from Volusia County on the east coast, Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties on the west coast, and discontinuously south along both coasts into the Florida Keys. There is one disjunct population recorded in the Florida Panhandle's Franklin County.

There are 13 species and one variety of native *Hymenocallis* in Florida, with seven of those species plus the variety being endemic to Florida and found nowhere else in the world.

Interestingly, only four species range into South Florida, with most of them occurring in the Panhandle.

Despite the word “lily” in the common name, this genus is in the Amaryllis Family (Amaryllidaceae) along with another well-known plant in Florida, the string-lily (*Crinum americanum*).

A good place to see wild plants of the beach spiderlily in Miami-Dade County is in the upper dunes of Crandon Park and Bill



Baggs Cape Florida State Park on Key Biscayne. Despite it being a coastal species, it will thrive in gardens well inland, and its only requirement is ample sunlight and occasional watering during the dry season. Each inflorescence produces 7 to 15 showy, fragrant flowers which are pollinated by nocturnal sphinx moths that gather the orange pollen on their wings while accessing the nectar.

The genus *Hymenocallis* means “beautiful membrane,” and alludes to the hymen-like membrane that spreads between the stamens. The name *latifolia* relates to the wide, strap-shaped leaves that reach about 3’ long with flower spikes reaching another 12” or more above the leaves. It is a worthy addition to any garden and one to use as a focal point in your landscape.

## NATIVE PLANT FIELD DAY, A NEW EVENT

Steve Woodmansee, Sanna O’Sullivan and Patty Phares

Our annual Native Plant Day was canceled again this year due to Covid-19, but the Board of Directors still wanted to have an event to celebrate native plants and ecosystems. More than ever this year, we are reminded of our instinct to relish the outdoors. It seemed fitting to hold an event which could adhere to Covid-19 restrictions and celebrate being outside with native plants, while maintaining Native Plant Day’s function of being a FREE educational link to our members and the public. It is always great to be in the field, but our experiences are elevated further when we connect with other native plant enthusiasts and appreciate our collective efforts. Thus Native Plant Field Day was held on March 27-28, 2021.

The planning was largely spearheaded by the authors for site selection, recruiting trip leaders, announcements, and easy online registration. Trips visited 14 conservation lands and native plant repositories, led by 12 volunteers, all experts in their arenas. Discussion on the trips included identification of flora and fauna,

propagation, gardening, ecology, rare plant research, restoration science, history and lots more. Many of these conservation lands are normally closed to the public, and were specially made available to us (an effort we also make for our regular field trips). Registration for the 120 participants was via Eventbrite, and we learned and will fine tune for future Native Plant Field Days.

**Photo:**  
**Group at Big and Little George Hammocks**

Many participants were new to our trips, including members, non-members who had attended past Native Plant Days, students, friends and children. Attendees and leaders enjoyed the experience and many requested that the event be repeated. Special thanks to our field trip leaders, who volunteered their time or supported the Dade Chapter at no cost. We deem this event a success and envision doing it again!

**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 to your inbox, and add those sender addresses to your email contacts.  
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