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

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MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

In-person (indoors) at Pinecrest Gardens and online

Free and open to all

The raffle is back (but not refreshments)

Greetings DCFNPS members and friends!

We are very excited to host our first in-person meeting this month after almost two years, returning to the Hibiscus Gallery* (our regular meeting room) in Pinecrest Gardens.

Our raffle returns following the program. Contributions of native plants and non-plant items related to native plants, such as books, etc. are appreciated. **Please label raffle plant donations** (at least the common name, but more info is very welcome).

We are confident that in-person meetings can be conducted safely if everyone observes the basic practices we are used to:

- Please stay home if you feel sick or have been in contact with someone exhibiting COVID symptoms. (Watch live-stream or on YouTube afterwards!)

- As you view the raffle table and visit, please try to maintain space between each other. We will also space out seating.

- We would prefer that you use a mask (especially N95, KN95) to help everyone feel safe, but will not require it.

We greatly look forward to seeing everyone after so long, to share our mutual love for native plants.

Brian Diaz, DCFNPS President

* (Not outdoors in the Banyan Bowl as announced last month)

Online viewing options: Live streamed on YouTube and recorded for later viewing. No registration is needed.

www.youtube.com/channel/UCmassuC5-OsAX2KsRYQ6X5A

Need help? Email DadeFNPS@gmail.com, text 305-985-3677

“Butterfly Gardening 2.0” - Steven Woodmansee

Now that your landscape has the standard common butterfly host plants, and maybe your yard is looking a little bit disheveled, what is the next level of butterfly gardening? Steve will discuss



overlooked butterfly gardening concepts in addition to promoting/installing other host plants often atypical of butterfly gardens.

Steve Woodmansee is a Miami native who has spent much of his life exploring South Florida's Nature. He has worked as a botanist for over 25 years. For the past 10+ years he has

Calendar

<https://dade.fnpschapters.org/events/>

Feb. 19 (Sat.): Chapter workday, Everglades Nat. Park

Feb. 22 (Tue.): Chapter meeting (In-person & online)

Feb. 26 (Sat.): Field trip: Recently burned pine rocklands

Mar. 22 (Tue.): Chapter meeting (In-person & online)

Mar. 4 (Fri.): FNPS Grants and Awards deadline

Mar. 26-27: NATIVE PLANT FIELD DAY

May 19-22: FNPS 41st Annual Conference (virtual only)

Other events of interest

Feb. 15: • Dade Native Plant Workshop (in-person)

• Florida Keys Native Plant Workshop (on-line)

Ongoing: EEL workdays – see announcements

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owned Pro Native Consulting, growing and selling native plants, and providing environmental consulting services to the community including government agencies and academic institutions, and conservation/community based NGOs. Steve has given many talks and programs on plants, landscaping, and research to various government agencies and other groups. His expertise is in native plant identification, rare and exotic plant research, native plant horticulture, institution building, and award winning native plant community restoration. Steve is currently vice president of the Dade Chapter FNPS.

Upcoming and past programs:

- **March 22:** “Water Issues in Our Landscapes, Gardens, and Parks” - Dalton Goolsby, UF/IFAS Extension - Miami-Dade Co.
- **April 26:** Program on the Miami Blue butterfly (virtual) - Sarah Steele Cabrera, Graduate Research Assistant, Univ. of Florida.
- **Past presentations:** See the DCFNPS [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmassuC5-OsAX2KsRYQ6X5A) (or at [DadeFNPS.org](https://www.dadefnps.org), see links to YouTube).

January 2022: “The Nature Under Our Noses; Bound by Beauty – Connecting People with the Beauty, Importance and Diversity of Nature” by Gwen Burzycki

November 2021: “Restoration of spoil lands in Biscayne National Park” by Dr. Amanda Bourque

And many more in 2020-2021.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIP

Seminole Wayside Park and Ingram Pineland
Saturday, February 26, 2022

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

We will see how pine rockland responds to fire. **First, we return to Seminole Wayside Park** (after visiting in May 2021) to observe plants rebounding from a controlled burn on 12/2/2021 in a portion of the park. This is one of Miami-Dade's oldest parks (created in 1936). It 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. Some federally endangered species plant species occur here.

Then we travel to Ingram Pineland, a 10.4-acre County EEL preserve that burned on 11/9/2021. (Learn about the Environmentally Endangered Lands program at www.miamidade.gov/environment/endangered-lands.asp)

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 at Seminole Wayside, generally along firebreaks. More difficult at Ingram Pineland (no trails), but you can choose where to walk or remain at the edge.

Bring/wear: Sturdy closed shoes, long pants recommended, sun protection, water for drinking, bug spray (just in case). A walking stick may be helpful to some for extra stability. Binoculars are handy for viewing wildlife.

Notes: No restrooms available at the parks but businesses are in the area. Field trips are for the study of plants and enjoyment of nature - **collecting is not permitted**. Children are welcome with a parent. **Pets are not allowed**.

COVID safety: As always, even in the open air, please take appropriate precautions (distancing and masks) when gathering in groups.



NATIVE PLANT FIELD DAY

March 26-27, 2022

Two days of field trips to unique habitats and gardens in Southeast Florida featuring native plants.

Most trips will be easy, up to 3 hours. All will be **free** (except for any park entrance and parking fees) and **open to the public**.

Stay tuned for trip and registration information in early March, by email and on the [chapter calendar](#). **Let your friends and students know!**

DADE CHAPTER and FNPS NEWS

Welcome new members! Blanca Clusman (joining existing member Russ Clusman), Kimberly Cooke, Robert Curtis (Curtis+Rogers Design Studio), Green Explorers Academy (in North Miami), Nan Kreitner, Andrew Pompa, Debora Rosental, Aida Tejada

DCFNPS Everglades National Park workdays. Help with our habitat restoration/landscape maintenance at the **Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center**. **New volunteers:** please contact Patty (pharespl@gmail.com) for details and advance paperwork for ENP. **Next workday: February 19, 9 a.m. -noon.**

The Broward Chapter FNPS meets in person at Secret Woods Nature Center on second Wednesdays. See broward.fnpschapters.org/. Broward and Dade Chapter activities (as well as FNPS events) appear on both online [calendars](#).

Look for the January-February 2022 Sabal minor FNPS newsletter (Volume 24, Number 1) in your email soon or at <https://www.fnps.org/resources/sabalminor>

FNPS Landscape Awards. Applications are due **March 4, 2022**. See <https://www.fnps.org/what-we-do/awards>. Awards are for high quality landscapes primarily with native plants in several categories, from residential to restoration. *Be proud of your garden - you could inspire someone else.*

FNPS 41st Annual Conference

May 19-22, 2022

"Gateway to Florida's Biodiversity"

Virtual only (no in-person component as was originally announced). Stay tuned!



Conference Virtual Silent Auction – donations welcome

- **Gift certificates are especially good- easy to mail.** Local native plant nursery, attraction, restaurant, retailer, entertainment - any local establishment in Miami and the Keys.
- **Other small items** you can easily mail or offer for pick up.
- **Plants or other large or fragile items** for pick up only.

Contact Jenny Welch, FNPS silent auction chair.
407-319-2488, flnaturegirl@yahoo.com

MORE NEWS and THINGS TO DO

Dade Native Plant Workshop - at the MDC Kendall Campus, See nativeplantworkshop.ning.com/. All are welcome. Please bring at least 3 plants, which needn't relate to the topic. **Join on the website** (free) to post photos for ID, share, and receive email reminders. Also follow Steve @HoboBotanist.

- **Feb. 15, 5:00 PM: Moraceae** (Mulberry family).

Florida Keys Native Plant Workshop virtual meeting.

- **Feb. 15, 5:30 PM:** Laurie Brooks presents on Malvaceae (Mallows revisited). For notifications, Zoom link, questions: FKNPW@outlook.com.

Miami-Dade Environmentally Endangered Lands workdays.
www.miamidade.gov/environment/endangered-lands.asp or email



eel@miamidade.gov. Registration required. Earn community service hours. For all ages (youth under 15 with adult). **Mar. 19:** Larry & Penny Pineland Preserve

Come to the Dade Native Plant Workshop to learn more about Mulberry family, which also includes *Ficus* species (figs). If you can't come, or just want to read in advance, here are suggestions:

- https://nautil.us/issue/111/spotlight/the-incredible-fig?utm_source=pocket-newtab
- <https://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/trees-and-shrubs/trees/mulberry.html#:~:text=Black%20mulberry%20trees%20are%20more,just%20may%20fit%20the%20bill.>



A SUNNY SUNDAY IN THE DUNES January's field trip to Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park

By Patty Phares
Photos by Jennifer Stine

A small but hardy group joined Park Biologist Elizabeth Golden on January 30, perhaps the coldest day of 2022. The parking lot was empty, iguanas were falling, and only residents from nearby condos were walking the beach. It was a perfect time to visit this normally jam-packed park. We were warmed by the sun and sheltered from the wind.

While you slept in, we headed across a boardwalk to the beach and onto the dunes (allowed because we were escorted by Liz). These are some of the last natural dunes left in the county, and this stretch is intact and large enough to call a "coastal grassland." In the [interdunal swale](#) (photo above) we found plants that grow in the presence of fresh water, such as Starrush



whitetop ([Rhynchospora colorata](#)). This swale is formed between dune ridges when storms shift the sand around. Rain water collects underground in a freshwater lens, and saltwater pushes it to the surface.

◀ Here we also found tracks of Marsh rabbits (which perhaps shelter in the thickets of seagrass), birds and other creatures. The bare sand revealed an active animal population.

This photo also shows the diminutive Beachstar ([Remirea maritima](#) or [Cyperus pedunculatus](#)),

which is usually only 2 to 3 inches tall.

Membership and email

- FNPS sends printed membership renewal notices (postal mail) only to members with no email address on file. The easiest way to renew is to call FNPS at 321-271-6702!
 - 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 see email from FNPS and the Dade Chapter: Move FNPS or DCFNPS email out of junk/spam/promotions and into your inbox, and add those sender addresses to your email contacts.
 - ▶ Please add DadeFNPS@gmail.com to your contacts list. ◀
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These dunes were largely spared by Hurricane Andrew in 1992, which destroyed other areas of the park, including large stands of exotic Australian pines. However, some plant species have been reintroduced, including Beach-creeper ([Ernodea littoralis](#)) and Beach clustervine ([Jacquemontia reclinata](#)). Both are thriving.

◀ Beach clustervine has recruited widely from plants installed years ago.

Liz reports that the dunes are in good condition, and she doesn't need to survey them often to look for invasive plants.

The next time you are at the park, admire the dunes from the vantage point of the boardwalk or beach (but don't walk onto the dunes).

Thank you to Liz for the great job she is doing to preserve the dunes and for a wonderful tour.

Thanks to the [Institute for Regional Conservation](#) for Online Resources referenced in this report.