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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 2022

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 7:30 p.m.
Pinecrest Gardens, 11000 SW 57 Ave. (Red Road), Miami
(Also live-streamed on YouTube)
Free and open to all!

Come early or stay late to socialize and browse the merchandise and raffle table. The raffle follows the program. (Refreshments are still on hold.)

Thank you for your contributions of raffle items (native plants, non-plant items such as books, etc.)! **Please label your raffle plant donations** - at least with the common name, but more information is welcome, including the donor's name.

A short **Annual Chapter Meeting** will be held before the program to elect certain board positions and conduct other chapter business as needed. **The proposed slate and bios will be sent by email prior to the meeting. Only those present in person will be able to vote.**

"Creating Rain Gardens, Bioswales and Ponds: Soak Up the Rain in Your Garden"

– **Barbara McAdam**, Urban Hort. Program Specialist
UF/IFAS/Extension Miami Dade County Office
Miami Dade County Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces

Learn how to create your own garden rain soaker features, big or small. We will share the information on plants to use that will help filter and clean the rain to recharge the Biscayne Aquifer. Creating rain soakers in your garden will prevent rain from becoming stormwater and will protect Biscayne Bay!

Barbara McAdam has been dedicated to the Florida Yards & Neighborhoods and UF/IFAS Extension programs since her first contact while attending the Master Gardener Training at the Extension in 2005. Today she coordinates and conducts the Rain Barrel/Water Conservation Workshops held each month and also takes the program to schools, libraries, corporate lunch-n-learns and more. She maintains her own



Florida Friendly Landscape at her home irrigated with collected rain water (if needed) from three rain barrels. She is the hands on/hands in the dirt "green thumb" member of the team. Barbara is also a member of FNPS.

Calendar

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

May 15 (Sun.): Field trip – County Line Scrub
May 20-22: FNPS 41st Annual Conference (virtual only)
May 24 (Tue.): Chapter meeting and election of board
June 28 (Tue.): Chapter meeting

Other events of interest

May 17: Dade Native Plant Workshop
May 21: EEL workday – Camp Matecumbe/Boystown
May 29: "Going Home" event in Everglades National Park
See more events, news and photos in the newsletter.

Online viewing: Live-streamed on YouTube and recorded.
www.youtube.com/channel/UCmassuC5-OsAX2KsRYQ6X5A

Note: You will see only the computer-based portions of the meeting (on-screen announcements and presentation), not the raffle and other input from the room. Chat will be enabled.

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

June 28: "Beekeeping and Pollinators" - Daniel Calzadilla, owner and founder of Bee Wranglers. An introduction to beekeeping, coupled with how and why to support all pollinators.

Past presentations: See the DCFNPS [YouTube channel](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmassuC5-OsAX2KsRYQ6X5A) (or at DadeFNPS.org, see links to YouTube). **Click the Videos tab** to see all recordings since June 2020, including this month's and **April's program:** "Conservation of the Miami Blue butterfly in Florida" - Sarah Steele Cabrera

FIELD TRIP: COUNTY LINE SCRUB

Sunday, May 15, 2022

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



County Line Scrub is a 15-acre Miami-Dade County **Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) preserve** predominantly consisting of scrubby flatwoods community, situated on the Dade side of the border with Broward County. It is one of two county preserves containing this plant community, which is sandy upland with Dade county pines (*Pinus elliottii* var. *densa*), six different kinds of oak

MORE NEWS and THINGS TO DO

(*Quercus* spp.), and many species not ordinarily observed in southern parts of the county such as Common pawpaw (*Asimina reticulata*) and Tarflower (*Bejaria racemosa*). We should see the tail end of the spring wildflower season. This preserve contains over 140 native plant taxa.

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: Moderate, open, sunny, hot habitat; generally along sandy trails, which may be overgrown in some places.

Bring/wear: Drinks, sun protection. The habitat is quite open, but sturdy close-toed shoes are always recommended. Long pants recommended for walking out of the open areas.

Notes: Restrooms NOT available. Pets are not allowed.

Plant list from The Institute for Regional Conservation, www.regionalconservation.org – Online Resources - Floristic Inventory of South Florida



FNPS 41st Annual Conference

May 20-22, 2022

“Gateway to Florida’s Biodiversity”

(Virtual only this year)

Registration and details:

www.fnps.org/conference/2022



You’re still sure to find something of interest, and you can even watch programs later. Plus, there’s **Game Night, the Plant ID contest** and **Silent Auction** as always!



DADE CHAPTER and FNPS NEWS

Welcome new members! Amy Arbuckle, Luis Garcia Falcon, Duke Lamm

The Broward Chapter FNPS meets at Secret Woods Nature Center, second Wednesdays. broward.fnpschapters.org/. See online Dade & Broward [calendars](#). **May 11th meeting: Scientific Illustration with Deanna Derosia** (in-person and virtual)

Links and Resources from Sarah Steele Cabrera’s April 26 presentation – “Conservation of the Miami Blue Butterfly in the Florida Keys”

- Video about Miami blue butterflies and ants: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43vmltWoSdo&ab_channel=EntomologicalSocietyofAmerica
- Insect Conservation Resources: <https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/earth-systems/the-insect-effect/>
- Miami blue butterfly online exhibit: <https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/exhibits/online/miami-blue-butterflies/>
- Coloring books (PDFs in English and Spanish): <https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/discover-butterflies/brochures/>
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“Before the land was drained and the water sent away, before the land grab, before the imbalance, there stood a pine, among many others. It was a mighty pine! It had grown slowly in the pine rockland of the Miami Rock Ridge, with dense pitch to shield it from the harsh elements. Fires came and went and still the pine grew.”

This performance art event honors the journey of a 16-foot floor beam cut from a Dade County pine, which was salvaged 100 years later as the home where it was used was demolished. Now the beam will “go back home ... Its journey an atonement ...” as rotating groups of pallbearers carry it 2.5 miles to deposit among the pines standing in Long Pine Key in Everglades National Park. A modest ceremony will include a Land Acknowledgment delivered by a Miccosukee tribal member. For more information see <https://gilmoreworks.com/news.html>

Just getting started with native plants at home?

Watch the recording of “*A Beginner’s Guide to the Whats, Whys, and Hows of South Florida Native Landscaping*” presented on April 13th by DCFNPS president **Brian Diaz** for the UF/IFAS Conservation Conversations series. <https://youtu.be/Sj-u71SbGRI>

Dade Native Plant Workshop - at the MDC Kendall Campus. See nativeplantworkshop.ning.com/. This free public workshop meets every third Tuesday. Novices and experts alike are welcome! **May 17, 5:00 PM:** Vitaceae (Grape Family)

Miami-Dade Environmentally Endangered Lands workday. www.miamidade.gov/environment/endangered-lands.asp or email eel@miamidade.gov. **May 21:** Camp Matecumbe Boystown Preserve (planting)



An eye-catching display by board member Jeanne Rothchild at the April 16 art opening and environmental celebration at Biscayne National Park

DCFNPS IN THE FIELD

April 16th trip to Osteen Hammock trail in Everglades National Park led by Lydia Cuni

First we walked on a firebreak through wet pineland with quite a few nice flowers present, plus insects and birds.



Photos above by Jennifer Stine

(Left) Rockland morningglory, *Ipomoea tenuissima*

Native Range: South Florida and the Greater Antilles.

State of Florida Status: Endangered

Florida Natural Areas Inventory State Status: Critically Imperiled

IRC SOUTH FLORIDA Status: Critically Imperiled

-The Institute for Regional Conservation-regionalconservation.org

(Right) Leavenworth's tickseed, *Coreopsis leavenworthii*

The insect is only about 6mm long, so this photo was a great way to examine it resting on our state wildflower.

(Identified by Joe Montes de Oca on iNaturalist as Flat-headed Baldcypress Sapwood Beetle, *Acmaeodera pulchella*)

Then we thrashed our way into the hammock, where we found "bouncy" soil composed of decomposing leaf litter, and hammock tree species like inkwood and West Indian cherry, plus a big solution hole holding water!

We also saw an interesting State-endangered parasitic plant, **Parasitic ghostplant**, *Voyria parasitica*, photographed by Joe Montes de Oca. See

<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/111714980> for the photo. See the IRC species account for *Voyria parasitica*.

View more of Joe's iNaturalist observations on the trip [here](#). (And thank you to Joe for promoting DCFNPS in his postings!)

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• FNPS sends printed membership renewal notices only to members with no email address on file. Renew at www.fnps.org/home or call FNPS at 321-271-6702 (the easiest way!).

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▶ Please add DadeFNPS@gmail.com to your contacts list. ◀

Think you are missing email (from 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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Lydia Cuni's photo of the solution hole

You really needed to be there in person to feel the urge to jump right in.

