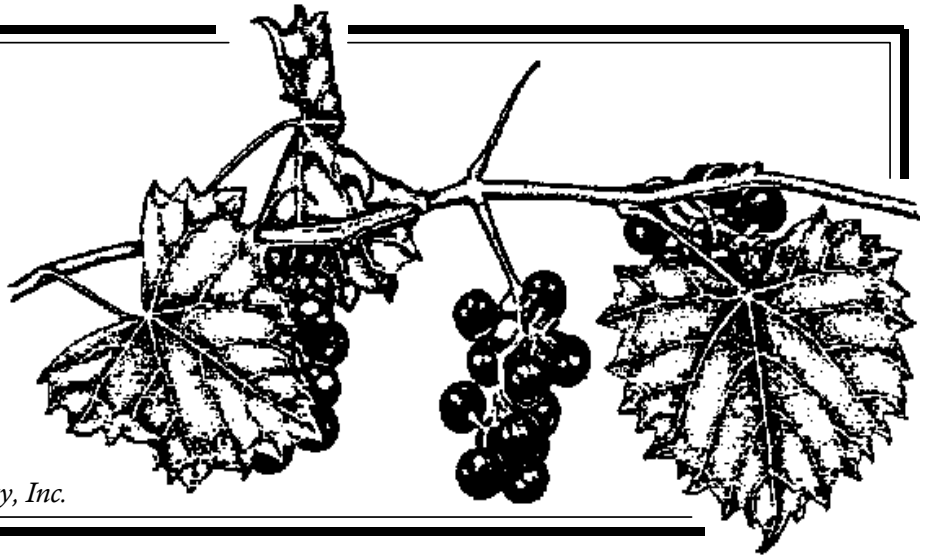


# The Suncoast Grapevine

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## Urban Landscape with Native Plants: Thirty Years of Do's and Don'ts

Presented by Brightman Logan on Wednesday, July 20th

*Note the location: Hillsborough River State Park*



This month's program will be by one of the biggest names in the native plant industry of Florida! Brightman Logan has been growing exclusively native plants for the landscape trade for 30 years. In that time, he has tried many different species of plants and has learned the many perils of gardening with natives.

Brightman is a founding member of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS), and the Florida Association of Native Nurseries (FANN, formerly AFNN). He is also the Vice Chair of the Florida Wildflower Foundation. Because of his years of experience and service, Brightman sits on the University of Florida Horticulture Curriculum Advisory Panel. This year he was awarded the first ever Mike Kenton award from FANN for his years of service in the native plant industry.

Brightman's newest venture is Magnolia Organics, a vegetable farm that is 100% USDA certified organic. Magnolia Organics is on the same tract of land that his landscape nursery, All Native LLC, is located on in Pasco County.

Join us as the Suncoast Native Plant Society hosts this year's Annual Joint Meeting along with the Tampa Sierra Club, and the Tampa Audubon Society at the Hillsborough River State Park. Admission will be free. There will be a guided walk starting at 5pm, a potluck dinner will be at 6pm (please bring a dish to share), and the program will start at 7pm.

- Submitted by Troy Springer



The Florida Native Plant Society was organized in 1980 to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. For more information about the Florida Native Plant Society, please visit our web site: [www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org)

## July Field Trip: Buying Trip to Hickory Hills Native Plant Nursery Saturday, July 23, 2011 @ 9am

Hickory Hills Native Nursery is located in Hernando County and specializes in Florida Native trees and shrubs. This is a rare opportunity for us to have a chance to buy some of their plants because this nursery is not typically open to the public.



*Zanthoxylum clava-herculis*  
Photo by Shirley Denton

In addition to butterfly and hummingbird host plants, some species which may be available include Spicebush, Sweetshrub, Snowbell, Sassafras, Big Winged Silverbell, Buckeye, Hercules Club (pictured) and Paw Paw.

If you plan on going, please call me at 813-951-0946. We will meet there at 9am. I can help arrange carpooling for those who are interested - we'll also try to make sure you have room for the shrubs or trees you may buy!

Directions: Take I-75 North to exit 293, then go west on Blanton Road to County Road 541 (Lake Lola Road). Head North on County Road 541 to Hickory Hill Road, and then east on Hickory Hill Road for about 0.9 of a mile. The nursery will be on the south side of the road. The official street address is 27212 Hickory Hill Road, Brooksville, FL. Their phone number is 352-754-9701.

- Submitted by Ron Huston, photo of *Zanthoxylum clava-herculis* by Shirley Denton

### Brief Announcements

- ☆ Thank you to **Barbara Fite** for providing the refreshments at the June meeting!
- ☆ Thank you to **Ron Chicone, Troy Springer, Bob Upcavage & Craig Huegel** for providing the plants for the June auction!
- ☆ We are still accepting submissions for a new SNPS t-shirt. Please see **Shirley Denton** at an upcoming meeting or email her at [ecotypes@verizon.net](mailto:ecotypes@verizon.net).
- ☆ If you wish to donate plants for the silent auction at our joint meeting in July, please bring as many "nursery quality" plants as you can.
- ☆ Longtime newsletter editor, **Shawna Everidge**, will be resigning from editing the newsletter & the Publicity Chairperson position when the new Board of Directors takes over for next year. If you are interested in learning about editing the newsletter, please email her at [severidge@plantcitygov.com](mailto:severidge@plantcitygov.com).
- ☆ Ideas for future programs, fundraisers, newsletter articles or any other suggestions for improving the SNPS are always welcome! Please speak to a member of the BOD at any upcoming meeting!



## Withlacoochee River Park Field Trip Synopsis: June 18, 2011

### Joint field trip with the Suncoast and Lake Beautyberry FNPS Chapters

**Lake Beautyberry Chapter attendees:** Nadine Foley and Jon Pospisil

**Suncoast Chapter attendees:** Daphne Lambright, Shirley Denton, Carmel Van Hoek, Carol Preslar, Bunny Worth, Vikki Sinclair, Ilka Baic, Barbara and Mike Fite, Jane Halil, and Devon Higginbotham

We started at the canoe launch and walked along the western edge of the Withlacoochee River on the Florida Trail through riverine forest and hammocks. We saw fringe trees, bald cypress, water locusts, shoestring fern (good job Vikki!), greenfly orchids, and other plants typical of wetland forests. Then we entered a large herbaceous wetland (of course, it wasn't wet) with several patches of flowering buttonbushes (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) covered with happy pollinators. We left the river heading to the observation tower and entered the drier sandhill habitat with long leaf and slash pines, turkey oaks, gopher apples, milkweeds, splitbeard bluestem, and much more. We ended the field trip talking with our fellow native-plant enthusiasts and eating our lunches under the shade of live oaks at the picnic shelter.

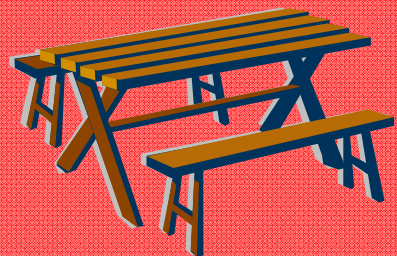


Many thanks to Katie MacMillen and Don Robinson with Pasco County Parks and Recreation who showed Carmel vanHoek and I the locations of some of the interesting, noteworthy plants in the Withlacoochee River Park and adjacent areas on Thursday, June 9th.

And **THANKS** to my co-field trip leader, Carmel vanHoek, who went on the preliminary scouting field trip with me, Katie, and Don and co-lead the June 18<sup>th</sup> Joint Field Trip. Based on all of our observations (June 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>), Carmel vanHoek has also compiled a preliminary plant list for the park which we are providing to Pasco County.

#### Noteworthy Species:

- Swallow-tailed kites (*Elanoides forficatus*)
- Fringe tree, fruiting (*Chionanthus virginicus*)
- Water locust trees, beautiful long, branched thorns (*Gledetsia aquatica*)
- Pignut hickory (*Carya glabra*)
- Turkey oak (*Quercus laevis*)
- Butterflyweeds (*Asclepias tuberosa* and *A. verticillatus*)
- Pawpaws (*Asimina obovata* and *A. reticulata*)
- Splitbeard bluestem (*Andropogon ternarius*)
- Greeneyes (*Berlandiera subacaulis*)
- Netleaf Leatherflower (*Clematis reticulata*)
- Greenfly orchid (*Epidendrum conopseum*)
- Shoestring fern (*Vittaria lineata*)
- Pitted Stripeseed (*Piriqueta carolinana*)
- Manyflowered Beard tongue (*Penstemon multiflorus*)



- Photo and text submitted by Daphne Lambright

## Summer Fresh Markets

If you're a fresh food enthusiast like I am, you've no doubt noticed that the Lakeland Farmer's Market and the Sweetwater Farms Farmer's Market have both closed for the season. However, there are still some local options available:

### Fresh Market at Wiregrass Mall

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Every Month 10am- 3pm

Next Fresh Market - July 16th

The Fresh Market at Wiregrass features 50+ vendors located in the heart of the shopping center on Paseo Drive. A variety of Local, Certified Organic, Hydroponic and Conventional Produce, Florida Grown Plants, Herbs and Flowers, Organic Garden Food/Supplies, Locally Made Take-Home Foods such as Jams, Jellies, Salsa, Dips, Seasonings, Sauces and Oils, Local artists showcasing their creative efforts and Eco-Friendly products.

### Fresh Market at Ybor City

The Ybor Market is open 9am-3pm

EVERY Saturday, Year-Round

(Summer hours begin May 7, 2011, 9am-1pm)

You'll find gourmet food & sauces, fresh breads, coffee & teas, books, baked goods, herbs & plants, pet treats, honey, fine cigars, unique gifts, photography, artwork, jewelry, woodworking, bath & body products, candles, and more!!

FREE PARKING, FREE ADMISSION, PETS WELCOME!!

**Many local farmers offer pick-up** at their locations during the summer months. Join their mailing lists by simply sending them an email:

☆ **Scotty's Farm**, Peggy Campbell: [PegJeffCamp@yahoo.com](mailto:PegJeffCamp@yahoo.com)

☆ **EcoFarm**, Debbie Butts: [EcoFarmFL@yahoo.com](mailto:EcoFarmFL@yahoo.com)

☆ **All World Acres**, Thomas Carroll: [DawnLightSmile@yahoo.com](mailto:DawnLightSmile@yahoo.com)

All three of these are located near Plant City - send Shawna Everidge an email if you know of another farm that we can share with our membership: [severidge@plantcitygov.com](mailto:severidge@plantcitygov.com).

You may also check out [www.thebarefootgardener.org](http://www.thebarefootgardener.org) to find information on upcoming classes, sustainable living & more!

*-Submitted by Daphne Lambright & Shawna Everidge*

### Volunteers Needed at Bok Tower

In the first two weeks of August, Bok Tower Gardens will need many volunteers to assist with planting & watering 34,000 native sandhill plants into a 27 acre restoration area. Although it is sure to be hot outside, the work will not require tools or physical strength. Exact dates are to be determined. Please contact **Katrina Noland**, Bok Tower Gardens Land Steward at [knoland@boktower.org](mailto:knoland@boktower.org) to be added to the event email list for more details.

*- Submitted by Janet Bowers*

## Membership Information

March ~ May 2011

### New Members :

#### Welcome!

- ☆ Shelley Perfect
- ☆ Bruce Taylor
- ☆ Waterinterface

### Renewers & Rejoiners :

#### Thank you for your continued support!

- ☆ Barbara & Tom Aderhold
- ☆ Debra T. Backes
- ☆ Janet Bowers
- ☆ Cliff Brown
- ☆ Allen Burdett
- ☆ Debbie Butts
- ☆ Thomas & Ulrike Crisman
- ☆ Mary Cross
- ☆ Dan Duerr
- ☆ Margaret Evans
- ☆ Shawna Everidge
- ☆ Erin Givens
- ☆ Richard Gross
- ☆ Jane Halil
- ☆ Karen Hill
- ☆ JoAnn Hoffman
- ☆ Charles E. Holley
- ☆ Lucy Hoyt
- ☆ Joel & Barbara Jackson
- ☆ Vivian Kilgore
- ☆ Joanne Kitchen
- ☆ Mary MacArthur
- ☆ Mary McCahon
- ☆ Richard Rauscher
- ☆ Nancy Sappenfield
- ☆ Vikki Sinclair
- ☆ Nina Singh
- ☆ Alyson Utter
- ☆ Carmel C. Vanhoek
- ☆ Betty Wargo
- ☆ Rene Wiesner Brown
- ☆ Michael & Lu Ann Wilkins
- ☆ Leslie Zambito

### Joined Our Chapter :

- ☆ Carol Jean Miller

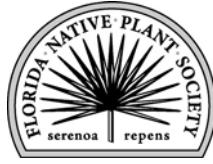


*Chamaecrista fasciculata*  
Photo by Shirley Denton



*Chamaecrista fasciculata*  
Photo by Bob Bierman

- Compiled & submitted by Janet Bowers, photos by Betty Wargo, Shirley Denton & Bob Bierman



## Florida Native Plant Society - Board of Directors Meeting Sheraton Orlando North, May 19, 2011

### **New FNPS President**

Due to the resignation of Ann Redmond (she has relocated out of state with her job), the nomination committee recommended that Vice President for Finance, Steve Woodmansee, replace Ann as FNPS President for the remainder of her term. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

### **FNPS Bylaw Changes**

The changes to the bylaws were posted before the annual meeting and during the conference. The bylaws were voted on and approved. Changes consisted of adding an Assistant Treasurer position, making email a viable option for a Board of Directors proxy vote and other miscellaneous similar changes. To view all of the bylaw changes that were recommended and approved, see the bylaws document on the Forum under Board of Directors – Meeting minutes.

### **New Chapters**

University of Florida Student Chapter, Santa Rosa County

### **Vice President for Finance - Steve Woodmansee**

Refer to extensive report, posted on the Forum.

### **Merchandizing - Sue Dingwell**

Sales on the online FNPS Store website are slower than hoped. FNPS needs more merchandise from individuals and chapters to sell.

### **Communications - Sue Dingwell**

The revised FNPS Handbook is completed and available for members and chapters on the Forum.

### **2012 Conference Committee**

The 2012 Conference Committee will be held at the Trinkle Center in Plant City (Hillsborough County - Tampa Region). Troy Springer is Conference Chair.

### **Conservation & Science Committees - Annie Schmidt & Paul Schmalzer**

Conservation and Endowment Research Grants were awarded for 2011. Results are on the Forum and will be published in the next Sabal minor.

### **Education & Land Management Partners Committee - Kari Ruder & Anne Cox**

These committees have been active. Refer to reports, posted on the Forum.

### **Membership Committee - Shirley Denton**

We now have 2,990 memberships (not individuals) + 60 new memberships associated with the conference.

### **Policy & Legislation Committee - Gene Kelly**

Volunteers needed for this committee. Our Society has taken a stand on issues - and more action is needed for future issues. Please contact Gene Kelly at [gmkelly@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:gmkelly@tampabay.rr.com) if you are interested in assisting.

☆ Submitted by Daphne Lambright

**New items have been added to the online store** – if you haven't looked at it in awhile, please check it out again! There's a great special right now; order Craig Huegel's book, [Native Plant Landscaping for Florida Wildlife](#), and you'll get a FNPS tote with the purchase!

☆ **View the sale here:** <http://floridanativeplantsociety.mybigcommerce.com/products/Native-Plant-Landscaping-for-Florida-Wildlife-%26-FNPS-Tote.html>

## PLANT PROFILE

**Common name:** Partridge Pea

**Botanical name:** *Chamaecrista fasciculata* (Michx.) Greene

**Family:** Fabaceae (Legume)

**Plant Habit:** Annual or short-lived, upright perennial

**Habitat:** Sandhills, open hammocks, Flatwoods, dunes, and disturbed areas

**Size:** Variable from 1-4 ft (h)

**Leaves:** Alternate, compound, feathery

**Bloom:** Yellow with reddish spots at base

**Flowering time:** Summer

**Fruit:** Dark brown seed pod

**Distribution:** Throughout Florida

**Growing conditions:**

**Light:** Light shade to full sun

**Water:** Dry to moist

**Soil:** Average

**Propagation:** Seed

**Motility:** moderately spreading as seeds are ejected from seed pod

**Maintenance:** Occasional removal of old plants after seeds have matured

**Availability:** Native plant nurseries

**Comments:** Seeds are excellent food source for birds; easy to grow; scarified seeds germinate in a few days



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## Florida Native Plant Society Membership Application

Membership in the Florida Native Plant Society enables you to receive their wonderful quarterly magazine *The Palmetto*. Joining the SNPS also entitles you to membership privileges in the Suncoast Native Plant Society and a subscription to their monthly newsletter *The Suncoast Grapevine*. Contact the membership chair, Shirley Denton, at 986-6485.

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