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# *The* **Suncoast Grapevine**

*Newsletter of the Suncoast Native Plant Society, Inc.*



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**June 20 Meeting**

## **GARDENING FOR FLORIDA'S BUTTERFLIES**

**By Pam Traas**

This is the title of Pam Traas's excellent book, and our June meeting will feature a slide presentation by the author herself. Pam has educated herself thoroughly on the requirements of our native butterflies, and will share her extensive knowledge with us. Her long time interest in butterflies and our native wildflowers was rekindled when she was asked to install a butterfly garden at her daughter's elementary school. Since then she has become an activist in the promotion of butterfly gardening, through presentations to students, teachers, clubs, and the general public, through articles in newspapers and other publications, and through assistance in butterfly garden installation.

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## Upcoming Programs for SNPS Monthly Meetings

- **June 20** – Pam Traas (Butterfly gardening)
- **July 18** – Kristin Wood (Backyard herpetology)
- **August 15** – Craig Huegel (Brooker Creek Preserve)
- **September 19** – Dr. Wunderlin (Endangered asters)
- **October 17** – Debbie Butts and Joe Sumner (Plant-Animal Connection)
- **November 21** – Paul Martin Brown (Orchids)
- **December** – no meeting

## Plant Sale Table

For the next few meetings, we are going to try a plant sale in place of the plant raffle. Members are encouraged to contribute their extra native plants as usual. Please label the plants and drop them off at the plant table. The plant table person (Steve Dickman) will group the plants by price (\$0.50, \$1.00, and \$2.00) and will give a brief description of each plant at the conclusion of the speaker's presentation. The plant sale and refreshment period will take place at the same time. All proceeds from the plant sale will go to the Suncoast Native Plant Society.



# Suncoast Calendar

**June 9-10** Butterfly and Herb Fair. USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

**June 11** 7:30 p.m. Good Bugs/Bad Bugs by SNPS member **Ardell O'Neal**, Master gardeners plant clinic, Bruton Memorial Library, 302 McLendon Street, Plant City, Call 813-757-9216 for information.

**June 16** Successful Vegetable Gardening for Florida by Brian Schatz. USF Botanical Garden. Call 813- 964-2329 to register.

**June 20** 7 p.m. **Monthly membership meeting. Program on Butterfly Gardening by Pam Traas.**

**June 23** Rain Barrel and Water Wise Workshops. Hillsborough County Extension Service, 5339 County Road 579, Seffner. Call 813-744-5519, x145.

**June 26-August 13** Native Upland Plants, Hillsborough County Community College course ORH-1523 Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30-7:20 pm, Plant City campus, telephone registration from May 21 to June 28. Call 813-247-2944 to register. Call Fred Webb at 813-757-2105 for information.

**July 14-15** Tropical Plant Fair. USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

**July 18** 7 p.m. **Monthly membership meeting. Program on backyard herpetology by Kristin Wood. Combined meeting with the National Audubon Society and the Sierra Club.**

**July 21** Composting: Getting back the Gardening Gold. USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

**July 28** Rain Barrel and Water Wise Workshops. Hillsborough County Extension Service, 5339 County Road 579, Seffner. Call 813-744-5519, x145.

## Library Update

By Vicki Sinclair

Three new books were added to the Suncoast Chapter collection. They are:

Chafin, Linda G., 2000, *Field Guide to the Rare Plants of Florida*, Florida Natural Areas Inventory, Tallahassee, Florida.

Schaefer, Joe and George Tanner, 1998, *Landscaping for Florida's Wildlife*, University Press of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 1998, *Florida Wetland Plants: an Identification Manual*, University Press of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

The following books will be added to our library:

Bell, C.R. and B.J. Taylor, 1982, *Florida Wildflowers and Roadside Plants*: Laurel Hill Press, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 308 p.

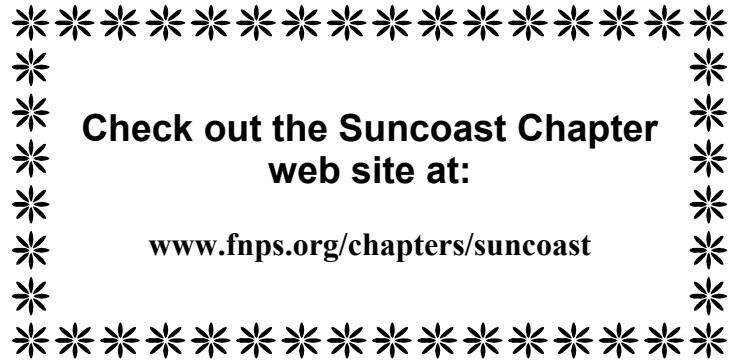
Nelson, Gil, 1994, *The Trees of Florida*, Pineapple Press, Sarasota, Florida.

Nelson, Gil, 1996, *The Shrubs and Woody Vines of Florida*, Pineapple Press, Sarasota, Florida, 391 p.

Taylor, Walter Kingsley, 1992, *The Guide to Florida Wildflowers*, Taylor Publishing Company, Dallas, Texas, 320 p.

Taylor, Walter Kingsley, 1998, *Florida Wildflowers in Their Natural Communities*, University Press of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, 170 p.

If you wish to borrow a book from the Suncoast Chapter library, please contact the Chapter Librarian, Vicki Sinclair. **Please note that borrowing privileges are available to current chapter members only.**



**Check out the Suncoast Chapter web site at:**

[www.fnps.org/chapters/suncoast](http://www.fnps.org/chapters/suncoast)

## **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 FNPS also entitles you to membership privileges in the Suncoast Native Plant Society, Inc. and a subscription to their monthly newsletter The Suncoast Grapevine. Contact the membership chair, Nona Elder at (727) 815-3479.

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### **Suncoast Native Plant Society**

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## PLANT PROFILE

**Common name:** Yellow passion-flower

**Botanical name:** *Passiflora lutea*

**Family:** Passifloraceae (Passion-flower)

**Growth habit:** Perennial climbing or trailing vine

**Mature size (h):** 10 ft.

**Leaves:** Alternate, shallowly and bluntly 3-lobed, entire, petioled; tendrils

**Flower:** Yellow-green flowers in leaf axils, 1-in. diameter with 5 petals and 5-lobed calyx

**Bloom period:** June-July

**Fruit:** Black berry

**Light:** Part sun to shade

**Water:** Drought tolerant after establishment

**Soil:** Well-drained soils

**Salt tolerant:** ?

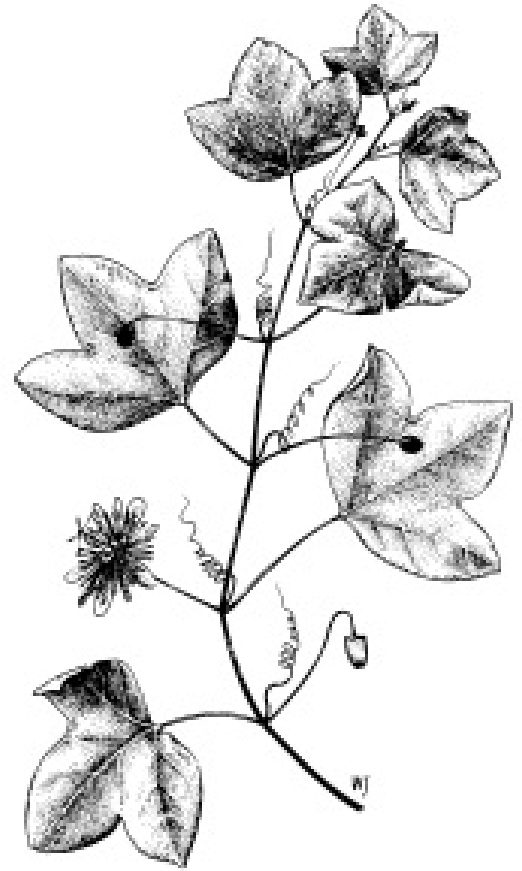
**Propagation:** Seed, stem cuttings

**Florida zones:** N, C

**Landscape uses:** In the butterfly garden as a ground cover or climbing vine for a fence or trellis

**Native habitat:** Thickets, woodlands, and disturbed areas

**Note:** Larval food for Gulf Fritillary and Zebra Longwing butterflies. Other native passion-vines are *Passiflora suberosa* (Corky-stemmed passion-vine) and *Passiflora incarnata* (Passion-vine).



**Information compiled by George Kish**

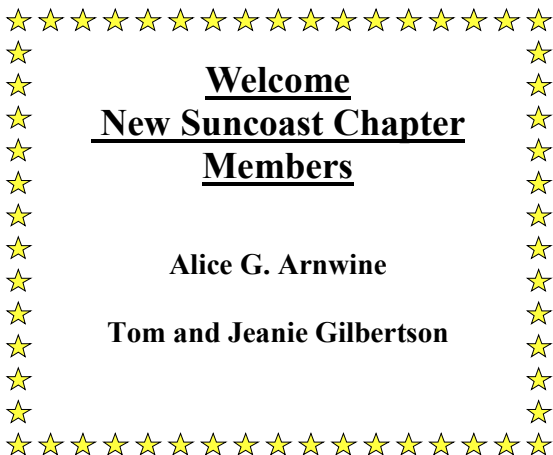
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Traas, Pamela F., 1999, *Gardening for Florida's Butterflies*, Great Outdoors Publishing Co., St. Petersburg, Florida, 134 p.



**Welcome**  
**New Suncoast Chapter**  
**Members**

**Alice G. Arnwine**

**Tom and Jeanie Gilbertson**



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# Landscaping with Natives in Hillsborough County - June

By Sally Sun

For the month - Average temperature range: low of 72° to high of 90°

Average rainfall: 5.48 in.

## Flaunting flowers:

*Asclepias perennis*, white swamp milkweed; white  
*Asclepias verticillata*, whorled milkweed; white  
*Bacopa caroliniana*, lemon bacopa; blue  
*Bacopa monnieri*, water hyssop; white  
*Berlandiera subacaulis*, green eyes; yellow  
*Bidens alba*, Spanish needles; white  
*Borrchia frutescens*, bushy seaside oxeeye; yellow  
*Canna flaccida*, canna; yellow  
*Callicarpa americana*, American beautyberry; pink  
*Cephalanthus occidentalis*, button bush; white  
*Clematis crispa*, swamp leather flower; purple  
*Coreopsis leavenworthii*, tickseed; yellow  
*Crinum americanum*, string lily; white  
*Dyschoriste oblongifolia*, twinflower; purple  
*Eleocharis interstincta*, spikerush; white  
*Equisetum hyemale*, horsetail; mustard yellow  
*Eryngium yuccifolium*, button snakeroot; white  
*Erythrina herbacea*, coral bean; red  
*Gaillardia pulchella*, blanketflower; red with yellow tips  
*Glandularia maritima*, beach vervain; purple  
*Glandularia tampensis*, Tampa vervain; purple  
*Hamelia patens*, firebush; red  
*Helianthus debilis*, beach sunflower; yellow  
*Heliotropium angiospermum*, scorpion tail; white  
*Heliotropium polyphyllum*, pineland heliotrope; white, yellow  
*Hibiscus coccineus*, scarlet hibiscus; red  
*Hymenocallis sp.*, spider lily; white  
*Hypericum hypericoides*, St. Andrew's cross; yellow  
*Iris spp.*, blue flag and prairie iris; blue and yellow  
*Juncus effusus*, soft rush; brown  
*Justicia angusta*, water willow; purple  
*Kosteletzkya virginica*, salt marsh mallow; pink  
*Licania michauxii*, gopher apple; white

*Lonicera sempervirens*, coral honeysuckle; red  
*Mimosa strigillosa*, powderpuff; pink  
*Nymphaea odorata*, fragrant water lily; white  
*Passiflora suberosa*, corkystem passionflower; green  
*Phlox nivalis*, trailing phlox; pink-purple  
*Phyla nodiflora*, fog-fruit; white  
*Physostegia purpurea*, false dragonhead; purple  
*Phytolacca americana*, pokeweed; white  
*Pluchea rosea*, saltmarsh fleabane; pink  
*Polygonum punctatum*, dotted smartweed; white  
*Pontederia cordata*, pickerelweed; purple  
*Psychotria nervosa*, shiny wild coffee; white  
*Ptilimnium capillaceum*, mock bishop's weed; white  
*Rhexia mariana*, pale meadow beauty; pink  
*Rivina humilis*; rouge plant; white  
*Rudbeckia hirta*, black-eyed Susan; yellow  
*Ruellia caroliniensis*, wild petunia; pale purple  
*Sabatia grandiflora*, marsh pinks; dark pink  
*Salvia coccinea*, tropical sage; red; pink  
*Sambucus canadensis*, southern elderberry; white  
*Sophora tomentosa*, necklace pod; yellow  
*Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*, trailing porterweed; purple  
*Tradescantia ohiensis*, spiderwort; blue  
*Trichostema dichotomum*, blue curls; blue  
*Tripsacum dactyloides*, eastern gama grass; brown  
*Tripsacum floridanum*, dwarf fakahatchee grass; brown  
*Teucrium canadense*, wood sage; pale pink-purple  
*Uniola paniculata*, seaoats; tan  
*Utricularia subulata*, bladderwort; yellow  
*Vernonia gigantea*, ironweed; purple  
*Xyris sp.*, yellow-eyed grass; yellow  
*Zephyranthes atamasco*, rainlily; white

## Bearing berries:

*Acacia spp.*, acacias; brown pods  
*Ardisia escallonioides*, marlberry; black  
*Forestiera segregata*, Florida privet; black  
*Ostrya virginiana*, eastern hophornbeam; green catlin

*Passiflora suberosa*, corkystem passionflower; black  
*Rivina humilis*, rouge plant; red  
*Uniola paniculata*, seaoats; tan seedheads

## Wildlife to watch for: (no migration activity this month)

Most parent birds have fledged the first batch of youngsters; and are chasing their first brood away and beginning on a second brood.

- Red admiral, sulphur, cassius and ceraunus blue butterflies flitting
- Black swallowtail caterpillars munch carrot family members

(Bird information supplied by Dave Bowman)

- Giant swallowtail caterpillars munch on citrus
- Gulf fritillary and zebra long wing caterpillars munch passion flower

What's happening in your yard? Please give us your input. Call Sally Sun, 935-1312, with additions to this list.

## Directory

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**June 26**

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## Meeting Location

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Inc. meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Westside Conference Center, first floor, located on the USF campus at Banyan & Cypress. Entrance is at the north end of the building.

## SNPS Address

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