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# The Rhexia

Paynes Prairie Chapter  
 Florida Native Plant Society  
 April 2006

## NATIVE PLANT SALE

**Morningside Nature Center**  
 April 7 - 8

**Attend the Spring Native Plant Sale at  
 Morningside Nature Center in  
 Gainesville on Friday, April 7th and  
 Saturday, April 8th!**

Friday hours for Native Plant Members are 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday hours for the public are 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This is the largest native plant sale in North Central Florida, featuring nearly every native plant vendor in one convenient location. Bring your list or yard layout to find plants or get consulting and advice from the Native Plant Society.

Shopping is made easy, all you have to carry is a form as you pick your plants, then pay in one location and drive around to our Park-A-Plant where we load them into your car for you.

Florida Native Plant Society and Friends of Nature Parks members can come to the preview sale Friday evening. If you are not a member, you can join at the sale and bring friends back on Saturday.

For more information call 334-2170 or visit [www.natureoperations.org](http://www.natureoperations.org)

## MONTHLY MEETING

April 11, 2006

PLANTING YOUR LOOT FROM THE  
 NATIVE PLANT SALE

Now that you have those hard to find natives in your hot sweaty hands, find out how to plant and maintain your plants to grow faster and live longer.

The speaker this month will be Erick Smith, a local native plant society member who enjoys planting a wide diversity of species in his yard.

The trees, shrubs, wildflowers and groundcovers that you carefully picked out at the Morningside sale belong in the ground not in a pot. The presentation will cover the basics of planting any type of plant, picking a good location, soil amendments, mulching, watering to establishment, aftercare, and potential problems.



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| <b>Some plants you might find at the Native Plant Sale:</b> | Lusterspike Indigobush |  |
|   | Peppervine             |  |
|   | Groundnut              |  |
|   | Fringed Bluestar       |  |
|   | Eastern Bluestar       |  |
| Boxelder  | Wild Columbine         |  |
| Red Maple   | Devil's Walkingstick   |  |
| Silver Maple  | Green Dragon           |  |
| Florida Sugar Maple   | Wiregrass              |  |
| Yarrow  | Virginia Snakeroot     |  |
| Southern Maidenhair   | Wholly Dutchman's-pipe |  |
| Fern  | Swamp Milkweed         |  |
| Red Buckeye   | Butterflyweed          |  |
| Pipestem  | Whorled Milkweed       |  |
| Florida Hobblebush  | Slimleaf Pawpaw        |  |
| Common Serviceberry   | ...and many more!!     |  |
| Indigo-bush   |                        |  |



# BRANCH OUT WITH SPRING PLANTINGS

It has now been nearly 18 months since hurricanes ripped into our landscapes and natural areas. Some places look like they are healing nicely, but many other sites still have that “wind blown” look. On April 7 and 8, there will be a great chance to help nature heal itself. The semi-annual native plant sale at Morningside Nature Center has provided me with some great treasures throughout the years, many of which are thriving in my yard.

I would like to urge you folks out there to think a little outside the box this year. We seem to be great at replacing live oaks and red maples, but many plants are excluded from our landscapes due to destruction, oversight, and/or ignorance. After we bulldoze all of the plants from our building sites and construct our domiciles, we select plants that we know to replace them. Who can miss the bark of a sycamore or the bite of sweet gum seeds as you walk on them? But what about those other plants that you could not identify before they were destroyed by the implements of destruction or nature’s gale force winds?

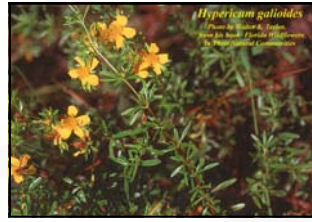
Right now is your chance to put these plants back in your landscapes and natural areas. I have had such great luck growing a wide variety of natives on my very dry property that I give myself few bounds when purchasing precious new species to plant, and I urge you to do the same. Plants like leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*) and corkwood (*Leitnaria floridana*) are normally found in wet forests like Waccasassa, but they do quite well in dry areas after mulching. In fact, I have seed setting this year on the leatherwood.



<http://www.biologicalresearch.com>  
Andy Barth – leatherwood

If you have not added one of the absolutely stunning Ashe magnolias (*Magnolia ashei*) to your landscape, do not hesitate. If you have not seen one, it has very large deciduous leaves and flowers that are over a foot wide with the most amazing fragrance. I broke all of the rules when planting mine by putting them in dry places with full sun, and they have flowered and set seed for the last 3 years.

I am a huge fan of the St. John’s worts (*Hypericum sp.*), because there are so many species endemic to Florida, that there has to be one that will fit in your yard.



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These plants have beautiful yellow flowers and most bloom from Spring through Fall. I do not see people replacing canopy trees such as hickories (*Carya sp.*). These vital trees are slow growers, and most will not be fully mature in my lifetime, even if planted now. They provide shade, food for insects and other critters, and lovely fall color. Please consider one for your landscape. How many of you have planted a tupelo (*Nyssa sp.*) tree in your landscape? They come in upland and wetland species, so don’t be shy about trying one.

Instead of planting a red maple, why not try a Florida sugar maple (*Acer saccharum floridanum*)? This tree was responsible for sugar production many years ago, has beautiful yellow fall color, and does not lose its leaves after they turn brown, which provides a refuge for insects and other critters during those winter months. One native weeping shrub I rarely see in landscapes is the scentless mockorange (*Philadelphus inodorus*). I guarantee that you will notice this plant when it blooms, because it becomes a sea of white flowers with yellow centers, and it is one of the toughest plants in my yard.



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I guess my main point is to broaden your horizons this year. Install different plants in your landscapes and see how things work out. Be bold with your choices and be different from your neighbors who all probably have the same six plants in their yards. Your chance to find these plants and many more is coming up on April 7 and 8, and our rowdy crew of FNPS volunteers will be there to help you find the right plant for your precious space. Submitted by: Brian Quinn



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## March Plant Identification

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	Status
Corydalis micrantha subsp. australis	Smallflower Fumewort, Harlequin	Fumariaceae	Native
Galium aparine	Stickywilly, Spring Cleavers, Goose Grass	Rubiaceae	Native
Geranium carolinianum	Carolina Cronesbill	Geraniaceae	Native
Heterotheca subaxilaris	False Goldenaster	Asteraceae	Native
Houstonia procumbens	Innocence, Roundleaf Bluet	Rubaceae	Native
Lepidium virginicum	Virginia Pepperweed	Brassicaceae	Native
Linaria canadensis	Canada Toadflax	Veronicaceae	Native
Malus angustifolia	Southern Crabapple	Rosaceae	Native
Oenothera laciniata	Cutleaf Eveningprimrose	Onagraceae	Native
<b>Oxalis debilis var. corymbosa</b>	<b>Pink Woodsorrel</b>	<b>Oxalidaceae</b>	<b>Native</b>
Rubus argutus	Sawtooth Blackberry	Rosaceae	Native
Rubus trivialis	Southern Dewberry	Rosaceae	Native
Rumex hastatulus	Heartwing Dock, Hastateleaf Dock	Polygonaceae	Native
Salvia lyrata	Lyre Leaf Sage	Lamiaceae	Native
Stellaria media	Chickweed	Caryophyllaceae	Native
Clematis terniflora	Sweet Autumn Virginsbower	Ranunculaceae	Non-native
Phlox drummondii	Annual Phlox	Polemoniaceae	Non-native
Rosa laevigata	Cherokee Rose	Rosaceae	Non-native
Ulmus parvifolia	Chinese Elm	Ulmaceae	Non-native
Vicia villosa	Hairy Vetch, Winter Vetch	Fabaceae	Non-native

Submitted by: Paul Cohen

According to Marc and Maria Minno in "Florida Butterfly Gardening," *Lepidium virginicum* (Virginia Pepperweed) is host plant to the following butterflies: *Ascia monuste phileta* (Great Southern White), *Pieris rapae* (European Cabbage White), and *Pontia protodice* (Checkered White).

Thank-you Richard Weaver in the Herbarium of the Department of Plant Industry for positive identification of *Vicia villosa* (Hairy Vetch). A very special thanks to all those who participated by either bringing in plants or helping to identify them. Nomenclature was derived from "Guide to the Vascular plants of Florida" (2003) by Richard P. Wunderlin and Bruce Hansen and verified on ([www.plantatlas.usf.edu](http://www.plantatlas.usf.edu)). Submitted by: Paul Cohen

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Trials being conducted evaluating new methods for monitoring and baiting subterranean termites. I am looking for buildings with live subterranean termites in or within 10 feet (in stumps, landscape timbers, etc) of the building. If you have a building (home, garage, barn, etc) that you are concerned about infestation by subterranean termites and would like to participate in the research trials, please contact for more information - Ellen Thoms, phone: 332-5682, e-mail: [emthoms@dow.com](mailto:emthoms@dow.com).

# MEETINGS, EVENTS, FIELD TRIPS

April 1 Event  
Ardisia and other exotics removal at San Felasco on the first Saturday of every month. Meet at the main parking area for the trail head off Millhopper Road at 9:00 a.m. Contact: Jason Ahern at [Jason.Ahern@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Jason.Ahern@dep.state.fl.us)

April 7-8 Event  
**Spring Native Plant Sale at Morningside Nature Center in Gainesville**

April 11 Chapter Meeting  
Planting Workshop with Erick Smith. Erick Smith, a local urban forester, will present a workshop on proper planting of native trees. Come with lots of questions!

April 15 Field Trip  
Orchid Stomp-Goethe State Forest with Paul Martin Brown. Goethe State Forest features an unusual number of terrestrial orchids. Don't forget to bring your copy of "Wild Orchids of Florida" We will meet at the Publix at 34th and Williston Rd. at 8:00, or at Goethe at 9:00. Directions on the website, fnps.org. Call Charlie Pedersen at 352.373.0507 if you have questions.

April 18 Meeting  
North Central FL Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association. DPI on SW 34th St. at 7:30 p.m. NABA national president Jeffrey Glassberg to talk about "Butterflying." Jeff has written a number of butterfly field guides in the "Butterflies through Binoculars" series, including one on Florida butterflies. For more information: [Zlongwing@aol.com](mailto:Zlongwing@aol.com).

May 2 Board Meeting

May 9 Chapter Meeting  
Fire and Natives—John Winn

May 11 Meeting  
North Central FL Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association. DPI on SW 34th St. at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Akers Pence will talk about specific actions you can take to preserve the locally rare Sweadner's Juniper Hairstreak and the other butterflies that share its habitat. For more information: [Zlongwing@aol.com](mailto:Zlongwing@aol.com)



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May 13 Field Trip  
LEAF restoration site—John Winn

May 17-21 Event  
2006 FNPS State Conference  
Daytona Beach  
"Growing Partnerships:  
From Backyards to Backwoods"

May 20 Event  
Master Gardener Plant Sale, at the Alachua County Extension Office, 2800 NE 39th Avenue in Gainesville. For more information, call 352-955-2402.

## **Outreach Programs for FNPS**

If anyone is interested in sitting in the FNPS information booth for a couple hours at upcoming festivals, please contact Claudia to sign up. (352-846-1070 or [clarsen@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:clarsen@ifas.ufl.edu))

- April 7-8, 2006 *Native Plant Sale* at Morningside Nature Center in Gainesville
- April 26, 2006 9am-4pm, *Gainesville Earth Day* at Florida Museum off SW 23 St.
- May 27-28, 2006 *Florida Folk Festival*

## **ARTICLE SUBMISSION AND ON-LINE NEWSLETTER**

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If you would like to receive the Rhexia via your e-mail, please contact Annie at: 377-9056 or [anniebret@bellsouth.net](mailto:anniebret@bellsouth.net). Indicate in the subject line: FNPS

**Deadline date is April 18, 2006  
to submit articles for the  
May newsletter.**

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**Next meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 11th**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
*(Plant ID Workshop at 6:30)*  
**Doyle Conner Bldg. DPI**  
**1911 SW 34th St.**  
**Gainesville, FL**

**Monthly Meetings**  
 Regular monthly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday  
 in September - November and January - May at 7:30 p.m. at the:  
 Doyle Conner Building  
 Division of Plant Industry  
 1911 SW 34 St., Gainesville

Plant ID workshops precede each meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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