



Florida Native Plant Society

Pine Lily Chapter

News & Notes
January 2020

Plant Profile

Native Groundcover: *Coreopsis lanceolata*

- Grows in full sun to partial shade.
- Blooms intermittently all year long.
- Native plants provide food for butterflies and other pollinators.
- Low water requirements after plant establishment.



Native Plant Nursery

[Green Isle Gardens Native Plant Nursery](#)

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Groveland, FL 34736

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Next Chapter Meeting

January 23, 2020; 6:30PM

**Location: Hanson Walter Associates Office
at 8 Broadway in Downtown Kissimmee**

Due to renovations at our regular meeting location at the KUA building in Kissimmee, we will be meeting at the **Hanson Walter Associates office at 8 Broadway, Suite 104, Kissimmee, FL 34741 in January.**

Park in the lot adjacent to the Building on Ruby Street. The featured speaker will be Karina Veaudry "*Native Plant Landscaping for Bird Habitat*". A Landscape Architect for 31 years, she will describe the best plants and configurations to attract birds and provide nesting sites. The previously scheduled January speaker from the University of Florida Extension Office regarding Backyard Composting will be presented at the June 2020 meeting.



Bachman's Sparrow on Rusty Lyonia

We will return to our regular meeting location, the KUA Building at 1701 W. Carroll Street, Kissimmee, FL, on the 4th Thursday of each month February through October, 2020.

For more information, contact Karina Veaudry at (321) 388-4781.

Volunteers Needed for Phone Calling

The Pine Lily Chapter is starting to contact Presidents of Homeowner's Associations to seek to put an ad in their HOA newsletter or website to promote the chapter, events and speakers to expand the membership. We need volunteers to follow a script and help make these phone calls. If you have 30 minutes during the day or on the weekends, please contact Karina at kveaudry@nfclandscape.com or (321) 388-4781

New Website Coordinator

Welcome and thank you to Mike Jochum, new volunteer to coordinate the Pine Lily Chapter website. He will be updating the information for events and field trips. Let him know what type of articles and information you would like to see on the website! Email him at jochum.mike@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

- 🍃 **Thursday, January 23 : Chapter Meeting**
Karina Veaudry – *How to Install a Native Plant Landscape for Bird Habitat*
- 🍃 **Saturday, January 25 : Field Trip – Disney Wilderness Preserve, 2700 Scrub Jay Trail, Kissimmee, FL 34749**
Meet at the Visitor's Center.
To register go to the Pine Lily Chapter's EventBrite page: <https://pinelilyft012520.eventbrite.com>
For more information, see our Facebook [events page](#).
- 🍃 **Thursday, February 27 : Chapter Meeting**
Linda Wilinski - *Florida' Springs and Surrounding Native Plants and Wildlife*



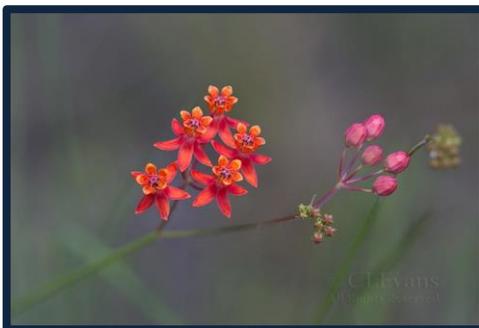
Diospyros virginiana
Persimmon

GROW NATIVE PLANTS AND CONSERVE WATER

Create a native habitat at your home and conserve water in the process.

Native plants require less maintenance, are less expensive and require little to no extra water or fertilizer compared to most exotics.

Watering non-native plants that aren't adapted to Florida's climate wastes energy as well as water, costs additional money and contributes to the pollution of surface water. Fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides used in landscape and lawn maintenance run off into streams and creeks, polluting these water bodies. To view plants that are native to Central Florida and your specific County, visit the Florida Native Plant Society website at www.fnps.org or ask your local nursery what plants are right for your home.



Asclepias
lanceolata –
Kissimmee Prairie
State Park

January Field Trip

Saturday, January 25, 2020

9:00am to 12:00pm



The Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve

2700 Scrub Jay Trail

Kissimmee, FL 34759

Phone: (407) 935-0002

Please register on our chapter's Eventbrite page so we know who plans to attend:

<https://pinelilyft012520.eventbrite.com>

Start the year with some exercise and a "nature bath." We will walk the 2.5-mile red loop to experience just a taste of this magnificent 11,500-acre property. Please join us!

"This Preserve began in 1992 as a partnership between The Nature Conservancy, the Walt Disney Company and other partners to restore and forever protect the 11,500 acres that today is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy as the Disney Wilderness Preserve."

Link to site information:

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/places-we-protect/the-disney-wilderness-preserve/>

Link to directions to site:

https://www.nature.org/content/dam/tnc/nature/en/documents/DWP_OverviewMap.pdf

Start Time of Field Trip:

8:45 check-in at the kiosk by Welcome Center flagpole. Field Trip begins 9:00 promptly.

End Time of Field Trip: 12:00 noon

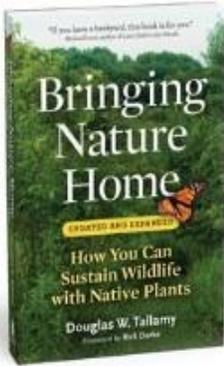
**Contact # Day of Event: Carolyn Chalifoux
(321) 218-2587**

**Field Trip Greeter: Carolyn Chalifoux, Pine Lily
Chapter Field Trip Coordinator**



Book Review: *Bringing Nature Home* by Douglas Tallamy, Ph.D.

By Karina Veaudry



As development and subsequent habitat destruction accelerate, there are increasing pressures on wildlife populations. But there is an important and simple step toward reversing this alarming trend: Everyone with access to a patch of earth can make a significant contribution toward sustaining biodiversity.

There is an unbreakable link between native plant species and native wildlife — native insects cannot, or will not, eat non-native plants. When native plants disappear, the insects disappear, impoverishing the food source for birds and other animals. In many parts of the United States, habitat destruction has been so extensive that local wildlife is in crisis and may be headed toward extinction. '*Bringing Nature Home*' has sparked a national conversation about the link between healthy local ecosystems and human well-being. By acting on Douglas Tallamy's practical recommendations, everyone can make a difference.

In the book, Dr. Tallamy states, 'Ninety-six percent of all terrestrial birds rear their offspring on insects, primarily caterpillars. To build 'a better bird feeder' on his property, he began to investigate which native trees and other plants host the greatest abundance and variety of insects so he could put in those plants after removing nonnative species.'

Only native plants are part of the food web – not exotics. For example, many caterpillars can only survive and reproduce in the presence of three or fewer native plant types! That's because those caterpillars have co-evolved in the presence of a specific plant to be able to digest its leaves despite the defensive toxins that the plant has developed to protect itself.

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Exotic insects that seek exotic plants have no predators (exotic plants in Florida are typically from China, Australia or India) in the U.S. and thus get out of control and completely destroy the plant without the use of pesticides – which are harmful to the rest of the environment.

The book teaches if multiple neighbours plant native plants in residential yards a wildlife corridor can be created.

Bringing Nature Home describes a study which examined six suburban sites in Pennsylvania. They were similar in size; total plant cover; number of plant species; presence of bird boxes, feeders, baths/water sources, and surrounding characteristics.

The only difference between paired sites was that one was landscaped entirely with native tree canopy and plants, while the other was a more typical suburban mix of native canopy and non-native shrubs and groundcovers.

The results were profound:

- The all-native plant sites had four times more caterpillars (an extremely important food source for birds, and the main source of food for nestlings)
- Birds were 54% more abundant in native sites.
- There were 66% more bird species in native sites.
- There were 77% more pairs of breeding birds in native sites (and 117% more native bird species on native sites)

Here's the bottom line:

By not planting native plants in our urban and suburban communities, we are reducing insect food availability for birds, butterflies and other wildlife. Non-native plants--whether they are invasive or not--are indirectly reducing bird abundance even in landscaped suburban areas.

Florida Arbor Day – The 3rd Friday in January

Happy Florida Arbor Day! The Third Friday every January is Florida Arbor Day. The Pine Lily Chapter will resume providing a classroom session about tree biology and the benefits of trees and a native tree planting at a different elementary school or middle school each year.



Acer rubrum – Red Maple

Pine Lily Chapter Leadership Team

- 🍃 Karina Veaudry – President
- 🍃 Christi Kapp – Secretary
- 🍃 Sandra Johnson – Treasurer and Publicity Coordinator
- 🍃 Tayler Figueroa – Chapter Representative and Membership Coordinator
- 🍃 Valerie Anderson – Policy & Legislation Committee
- 🍃 Sandy Webb – Conservation Committee Chair
- 🍃 Eleanor Foerste – Education & Outreach Coordinator
- 🍃 Laura Bennett-Kimble – Director at Large

February to October Monthly Meetings

Chapter meetings are the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Floor
Kissimmee Utility Authority Building
1701 W. Carroll Street, Kissimmee, FL

Doors open at 6 p.m. We hope to see you there!

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Thanks!



Florida Native Plant Society Mission

Promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

For information on FNPS activities in Central Florida and beyond, check out the [FNPS blog](#).

Let's keep in touch!

Click the icons below to visit Pine Lily Chapter Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages.



Pine Lily Chapter Website:
www.pinelily.fnpschapters.org

The [Pine Lily Chapter](#) of the Florida Native Plant Society serves all communities in Osceola County

Volunteer Positions Needed

- 🍃 Additional Field Trip Coordinator
- 🍃 Program/Speaker Coordinator
- 🍃 Membership Director
- 🍃 Newsletter Editor

