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NOVEMBER 2 PROGRAM —

Deborah Green, author of

Central Florida:

Extraordinary for the Naturalist

Central Florida's parks are home to a broad diversity of plants and animals. In her new book, *Central Florida: Extraordinary for the Naturalist*, Deborah Green profiles 32 places within a 2 to 2 1/2 hour ride from Orlando. Combining the local history of Timucuan and Seminole populations with the more recent subjects of logging, preservation of natural lands and prescribed burning, Deborah presents her thesis of why Central Florida is so extraordinary. With slides and anecdotes, she showcases some of these special places and illustrates why the area is so rich in preserved nature.

Deborah Green is a natural history writer and environmental science instructor who has published three books on local preserved areas. She has worked for in the water conservation field for the past 12 years developing literature and demonstration landscapes featuring drought-tolerant native plants. Deborah has been an FNPS member since 1987 and is the state representative for the Cuplet Fern Chapter.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

December 7: Dennis Giardina on the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve and... join us for our December Bazaar!

January 4: Landscape maintenance tips from Troy Springer of Springer Environmental

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP *by John Cento*

Wekiva River State Park:

A Multi-Generational Adventure!

Saturday, November 13th

Deborah Green is a local expert and author of the natural wonders and history of this nearby state park. She will share her knowledge of both the park's flora and fauna with Tarflower Chapter members and guests on Saturday, November 13th. Bring your children, nephews, nieces, grandma and grandpa. . .



With the prolonged heat and urban sprawl, we often need to travel far and meet early to botanize, but this November is a rare opportunity to experience a society field trip closer to town and in the afternoon. You can still sleep in!

We will meet at the Sand Lake parking lot at 2pm for a relaxing, slower pace walk around the lake, with Deborah highlighting plants and animals along the way. The hike will be about 1 mile, with an optional 1 mile boardwalk hike by the Spring later.

Bring a snack for camaraderie and chat after the walk and get to know the people of the Florida Native Plant Society. Future members are also invited!

Wekiva River State Park is on the north side of metropolitan Orlando, midway between Altamonte Springs and Apopka. Park entrance fees apply. The Sand Lake parking area has facilities and restrooms.

Please contact John Cento at 407-913-2417 or jcentocpa@hotmail.com for further information.

RETURN TO THE WAREA TRACT *by Pete Dunkelberg*

Warea amplexifolia is truly a rare beauty. On October 9, a group of about 21 of us returned to see the plants blooming at the aptly named Warea tract, where few have been since our last visit in October, 2005.

In addition to *Warea*, blazing stars (*Liatris*) yellow buttons (*Balduina*) and lopsided Indiangrass were blooming all over the tract, as well as bluecurls and skullcaps. The diminutive *Paronychia patula* were also there — if you looked for them. The Warea Tract in early October is truly a feast for the eyes.



Forester Mike Martin speaks to the group
(Photo: Pete Dunkelberg)

Another great feature of our field trips is the comradeship. It is very rare for any problems to arise, but this time Cheryl Peterson (visiting from Bok Tower) got a flat tire. It was soon fixed by Tarflower member Glenn Miller. After the “main” part of the trip, many of us often extend the day by having lunch together and perhaps stopping at another site on the way home. This time, we went first to a popular restaurant on the lake in Mineola. The place was so popular that we faced a long wait for a table. Finally, a group of us went to a different restaurant in Mineola. Then, since we were not too far from the Centos’ home, John invited us to see the native plants in his yard. It was after 5pm when some of us finally got home after a very satisfying day.



Relaxing at the Centos’
(Photo: Pete Dunkelberg)



Warea amplexifolia
(Photo: Carolina Lane)



Warea amplexifolia and Asclepias tuberosa
(Photo: Paul Eisenbrown)



Balduina, taken on the Warea Tract, subsequent to the field trip. The tract is closed, but I was able to go there a few other times, including to help with a seed collecting effort by Bok Tower Gardens. (Photo: Pete Dunkelberg)



Butterfly on Liatris
(Photo: Paul Eisenbrown)



Lopsided Indiangrass (Sorghastrum secundum) (Photo: Stacey Matrazzo)

FWC SEEKS INFORMATION ON LISTED SPECIES BY NOV 1

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is conducting biological reviews on all species on the state's list of threatened species and species of special concern. The FWC seeks specific information on these species from the public.

After new rules were adopted in September for conserving and managing threatened species in Florida, FWC began compiling information on the 61 listed species that have never had reviews completed, or the reviews were done so long ago that the information is no longer current. The list of species is available at MyFWC.com/ImperiledSpecies (follow the link under "Latest Updates").

FWC staff needs information on population size and trends, distribution and range, and threats to the species.

"We want to make sure we have the best available scientific and commercial data as we conduct these reviews," said Dr. Elsa Haubold, leader of the FWC's Species Conservation Planning Section. "That is why we are requesting information about these species from the public. We also will research published studies and contact known experts for information.

"Specific aspects of the species' life history that may influence the range and status of the species in Florida will help us make well-informed decisions on whether to continue listing each species."

After gathering information from the public and completing the research, biological review groups, appointed by the Commission, will evaluate the information this fall, using the newly approved listing process. Based on these reviews, staff will then make recommendations to the Commission on whether the species should be on Florida's threatened list. Before a change in status is made, no matter if the species is listed or not, all reviewed species will have a management plan developed that will outline the conservation goal and objectives needed to improve or maintain the species. The management plans will be developed with extensive public and stakeholder input.

Information and data on any of the 61 species should be sent to Biological Status Reviews, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian St., Mail Station 2A, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600 or e-mailed to Imperiled@MyFWC.com. RESPONSES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 5PM ON NOVEMBER 1.

If providing information on more than one species, send a separate, clearly identifiable section of the response devoted to each species.

SEND US YOUR LANDSCAPE PHOTOS!

The FNPS Education Committee is seeking photos of residential native landscapes. We are in the process of building an online photo database of landscapes populated with native plants to show homeowners and others how they can incorporate native plants into their own yards and public spaces. Grouped geographically, the database will show what your neighbors are doing with native plants. It will also provide links to plant information pages so you can find out more about the plants you might like to consider for your own landscape design. When possible



or available, landscape design plans will also be posted

If you have or have seen a landscape design using native plants, please send photos along with plant lists identifying the plants in each photo. (If you are sending photos of a landscape that is not your own, please obtain the owner's permission before taking or sending photos!)

Photos can be sent via email to Stacey Matrazzo, FNPS Education Committee member at stacey@impactpress.com.

To watch our progress, check out what we have so far at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/floridanativelandscapes/sets/>. Be sure to check back often as we continue to add to this growing database.

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Download the GoodSearch - Florida Native Plant Society - Melbourne toolbar at www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/florida-native-plant-society-melbourne and FNPS will earn money every time you shop and search online — even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first!

BE A VOICE FOR FLORIDA BLACK BEARS — *An Action Alert from Defenders of Wildlife*

Florida black bears are in the process of recovering across the state, but new potential threats could threaten their future.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is currently considering adopting a new black bear management plan. This plan offers a lot of positive steps to full black bear recovery, but it also includes some language that could harm Florida black bears.

A major part of the plan involves addressing the unique needs of the bear in different geographic regions of the state. Bear management units with citizen assistance committees (Black Bear Assistance Groups) will advise the FWC and help the public to understand how to live responsibly with black bear needs.

Unfortunately, the scientific basis of the proposed plan is undermined by letting the public's tolerance for bears and the number of bear conflict reports drive the FWC decision on how many bears there should be in the state.



A grave concern with the proposal is that it also opens the door for black bear hunting. The Florida black bear is still recovering across the state and acts as an important umbrella species whose protection also benefits numerous other species. Hunting does not solve human-bear conflicts but threatens the future of bears across the state.

The FWC is seeking comments on the draft bear management plan which includes habitat protection and public outreach. Tell the FWC that black bear management needs to be based on scientific studies and addressing public concerns but not eliminate bears because of human “social carrying capacity.”

The draft plan can be downloaded or viewed by visiting http://myfwc.com/WILDLIFEHABITATS/Bear_index.htm. Comments can be submitted through the FWC website.

To take action via the Defenders of Wildlife, visit <https://secure.defenders.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1917>.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS? FNPS HAS A BLOG?

Find out what the Jolly Bloggers are talking about at <http://fnpsblog.blogspot.com/>.
Visit it... Bookmark it... Subscribe to it...
Just check it out — and often!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2011 FNPS CONFERENCE!

The 2011 FNPS Conference, *Patios, Preserves and Public Spaces — Making Connections*, will be held in Maitland and will be co-hosted by the Tarflower chapter. Volunteers are needed to assist in the Chapter booth, with registration and field trips and with the youth program. Photographers and A/V room monitors are also needed. For details including time/shift commitments, please contact Jenny Welch, 2011 Conference Committee Chair at mwelch@cfl.rr.com or Phyllis Gray, 2011 Conference Committee Vice Chair at psgray@mactec.com. The next meeting of the conference committee will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at 10am at MACTEC (4150 N. John Young Parkway, Orlando, FL 32804).

CALL FOR SCIENTIFIC PAPERS AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS FOR FNPS 2011 CONFERENCE

The Florida Native Plant Society annual conference will be held at the Sheraton Orlando North, Maitland, Florida, May 19-22, 2011. The Research Track of the Conference will include presented papers on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21. Posters will be on display on Friday and Saturday and the poster session will be on Saturday afternoon.

Researchers are invited to submit abstracts on research related to native plants and plant communities of Florida including preservation, conservation, and restoration. Presentations are planned to be 20 minutes in total length (15 min. presentation, 5 min. questions).

Abstracts of not more than 200 words should be submitted as an MS Word file by email to Paul A. Schmalzer at paul.a.schmalzer@nasa.gov by February 1, 2011. Include title, affiliation, and address. Indicate whether you will be presenting a paper or poster.

NOV 20 — UPCOMING PLANT RESCUE

The next plant rescue is planned for Saturday, November 20. We will meet at the Walgreens on the corner of Tilden Road and SR 535, at 8:30am and we'll caravan to the site at Pine Ridge. Please bring water, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, closed toe shoes, shovel, trowel, pots and water for the plants.

This will be a good time to take *Liatris* and maybe plenty of seeds from our upland flowering annuals such as summer farewell and lopsided Indian grass, among others. If you plan on attending, please contact Jackie Rolly at j.y.rolly@att.net or 407-620-6963. We don't want to leave anyone behind and will contact you if there is a change in plans.

DEC 3 — SCRUB LUPINE PLANTING AT WEKIWA SPRINGS

Mark your calendars! The Scrub Lupine Planting Partners are planning to plant the next batch of scrub lupines at Wekiwa Springs State Park on December 3. We will meet at the administration office at 9am. More details to come as we get closer to December. Spread the word to anyone who may be interested in helping. Please call Alice Bard at 407-884-2000 if you plan on coming.

Other upcoming plantings:

DEC 8 — TIBET BUTLER PRESERVE IN ORLANDO

We will begin at 9:00 am and will have about 350 seedlings to plant.

DEC 17 — MACKAY GARDENS AND LAKESIDE PRESERVE IN LAKE ALFRED (POLK COUNTY)

We will begin at 9:00am and will have about 400 seedlings to plant.

DEC 18 — LAKE BLUE SCRUB RIDGE RANGER WORKDAY

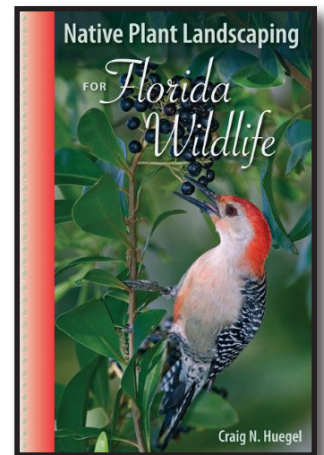
Volunteers will be helping with site maintenance and seed sowing for the next round of in situ germination trials.

Contact Juliet Rynear at jrynear@boktower.org or 863-676-1408, ext. 2241 if you plan on attending.

BOOK REVIEW by Mike Mingea

Wow, I've been waiting over a decade to see this new book from Dr. Craig Huegel, *Native Plant Landscaping for Florida Wildlife* (published by University Press of Florida). The color pictures are very vivid and show close ups of both the plants and animals and the text ties in the relationships in understandable terms. This book covers planning for habitat in landscapes; the plants, their foods and use for cover; and landscape design.

There are so many different plant species described in complete detail as to their vital role in creating an urban native plant habitat that anyone should be able to have all the critters they desire. There is even a separate chapter for landscape design.



Much to the credit of our local Tarflower chapter is the acknowledgement of four current or former members of our chapter and the influence they had on the author.

Dr. Huegel is a wildlife biologist, ecological consultant and lifelong gardener with a special interest in the relationship between plants and animals. He explains by example how to create an attractive landscape that is inviting to wildlife and he can help you discover how easy it is to redevelop your landscape into an attractive habitat for wildlife.

Please obtain a copy as quickly as possible and use its information to improve your own location.

Do you have a story you'd like to share with other Tarflower members? Is there an upcoming event you'd like to promote? Or maybe there's something you'd like us to cover in a future issue. Send your articles, events, ideas and suggestions to Stacey Matrazzo, *Tarpaper* Editor, at stacey@impactpress.com. The deadline to submit an article, event or announcement for the December issue is November 15.

Local Native Nurseries

BB Brown's Gardens
352-429-5566
Montevista Rd
Clermont, FL 34711

Biosphere Consulting Inc
407-656-8277
14908 Tilden Rd
Winter Garden, FL 34787
www.BiosphereNursery.com

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321-436-4932
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SOCIETY NEWS:

Chapter Meetings

Chapter meetings are held the first Tuesday each month at **HARRY P. LEU GARDENS**, (1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando). The next meeting is **Tuesday November 2 at 7:00 P.M.** See you there! (For directions, call 407-246-2620 option 1)

Executive Committee

The next board meeting will be November 10, 2010. For more information, contact Catherine Bowman. Members are welcome to attend.

Tarpaper Online!

Current and past issues of the Tarpaper can be viewed online by accessing the chapter web site through FNPS.org. Click on Chapters -> Tarflower and follow the instructions to the tarpaper!



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