



# THE PAWPAW PRESS

*Newsletter of the Pawpaw Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society: September 2022*

## Plant swap gains ground for native flora

Warren counted 25 participants in this year's plant swap, which happened August 13 at Central Park in Ormond Beach. It was rewarding to see so many new member faces ... and especially nice to have all those native plants find their way to new homes!

Only Amy's keen photographic eye could have spotted that cool Parula Warbler nibbling up in the mistletoe! This photo alone redeems the much-maligned hemiparasitic mistletoe plant which we found hitchhiking on the Shumard's Oak tree. By the way ... Though this Shumard's Oak (*Quercus shumardii*) is more common in hardwood forests north of Florida (and this tree was probably planted by the park landscapers), I see that it is indeed vouchered in Volusia and 14 other counties. Volusia is its most southern location here on the East Coast.

*-- Sonya Guidry*

*(Editor's note: But wait, there's more! At the link below, you'll find 33 high-res images of people, plants, and wildlife at the August 13 plant swap. All photos, below and online, are by Amy Spies. [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eQUNKuRW4H8ue\\_OVliHqH8vpGdqLqtBh](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eQUNKuRW4H8ue_OVliHqH8vpGdqLqtBh) )*



### PAWPAW CHAPTER FNPS WELCOMES YOU!

- **Our meetings:** second Monday of the month, 7:00-8:30 pm. September meeting is on the 12th at Piggotte Community Center, 504 Big Tree Rd, South Daytona.
- **Our Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/PawpawChapter>
- **Our website:** <http://pawpaw.fnpschapters.org>

## Plant of the Month: Corkystem Passionflower — A quick-growing “kneeler/creeper”

Corkystem Passionflower (*Passiflora suberosa*) is a Florida native that you’ll want to get to know. It’s a versatile evergreen vine or groundcover that can be planted in loamy, sandy, or calcareous soils. Although its small green, yellow, or white blossoms are not as showy as those of its relatives (*Passiflora incarnata*, *P. multiflora*, *P. pallens*), it blooms spring through summer. Corkystem

Passionflower serves as a larval host plant for Zebra Longwing, Gulf Fritillary, and Julia Heliconian butterflies (the latter in South Florida), and birds love its berries. It’s quite drought-tolerant once established. Best of all, it is easily propagated from cuttings, seedlings that may sprout around the mother plant, and saved seeds. What’s not to love?

-- Kate Muldoon



## Upcoming events

**Saturday September 17:** Field trip: Washington Oak Gardens State Park

**Monday September 19:** Park of Honor native garden workday, 9am

--> For details about these events & more, visit our website <http://pawpaw.fnpschapters.org>

**Saturday October 8:** Native Plant Expo (see details below and on our website)

### **Native Plant Expo, Saturday October 8, Piggotte Community Center, 9am-1pm**

This year we expand our native plant sale to include workshops and a garden tour!

One of the biggest problems faced by people seeking to add natives to their landscapes is finding native-plant nurseries nearby. We hope to solve this problem by raising awareness of some local native-plant growers. Our expo will feature “The Lovely Weeds” by Gia Leigh, Mockingbird Natives by Jonathan Edwards, Natural Beauty Native Florida Landscapes by Katie Tripp, and Pawpaw Chapter Petal Pushers.

We’ll have 30-minute workshops inside the Piggotte Center with time for Q&A. Workshops will include Landscaping with Natives, Intro to Botany, Plants for Birds, Butterflies and “Spread the Word about Natives” fun selfie photo booth.

Other booths of interest will be Wild Florida Photography, by Paul Rebmann, Southeast Volusia Audubon Society, Be Floridian Now, and South Daytona Parks and Rec. We’ll also have volunteers at the Park of Honor to show off our demonstration garden of native plants.

Don’t miss this fun, informative event! At Piggotte Community Center, 504 Big Tree Rd., South Daytona.

# The Observatory



**Above:** Dave Anderson captured these August blooms “in a marshy area near Williamson Blvd.”

**Below, left & center:** Workday in the native plant garden Pawpaw Chapter cares for at the Environmental Discovery Center in Ormond Beach. (Left): Leslie, Paul, Martha, & Suzi. (Center): Leslie, Lisa, Martha, & Suzi.

**Below, right:** Black Swallowtail nectaring on Tropical Sage (by Leslie Nixon)



**Below:** A small group of us spent a sunlit, rather humid morning exploring the Pine Flatwoods with Rich and his eco-buggy. We were in search of the Pine Lilies that were transplanted from a roadside that was scheduled to be widened two years ago. We did not find any of those but found several other beautiful lilies growing in the Longleaf Pine Preserve. So many of the fall flowers were budding and blooming. We hope to make this an annual event (by Judi Van Horn)



—> Observatory photos continue on next page! You shutterbugs you!

## The Observatory (continued from previous page)



**Above:** August blooms at Canaveral National Seashore, all by Amy Spies; with IDs written by Sonya Guidry.

Collage 1 (left to right; top to bottom): Late Boneset (Lateflowering Thoroughwort) *Eupatorium serotinum*. Bushy Seaoxeye (*Borrichia frutescens*). Snowberry (in bloom)! *Chiococca alba*. Lanceleaved Blanketflower, *Gaillardia aestivalis*. (But I truly suspect this is a variant of *Gaillardia pulchella*). Moonflower (Morning-glory) *Ipomoea alba*.

Collage 2: Southern Beeblossom, *Oenothera simulans*. Ocean Blue Morning Glory, *Ipomoea indica*. Blanket flower, Firewheel (yellow form), *Gaillardia pulchella*.

**Below:** At the EDC; all by Paul Rebmann:

Suzie Shaeffer, Leslie Nixon, Georgann Meadows weeding the garden. American bumblebee on Starry Rosinweed flower. Starry Rosinweed lining the entrance to the EDC.

