

FNPS Pawpaw Chapter Florida Native Plant Garden Tour: Ponce Preserve

4401 S. Peninsula Dr. Ponce Inlet

History

Ponce Preserve is a 60-acre river-to-ocean natural preserve obtained through Florida Communities Trust in 1998. It includes Green Mound, an archeological shell midden.

Highlights

The Preserve consists of three vegetative communities: Coastal Strand, Maritime Hammock, and Tidal Marsh.

Spotlight Native

Passion Vine, Maypop - *Passiflora incarnata*

Size: Stems 3-10 ft long, sprawling

Life Span: Short-lived perennial

Flower Color: Blue, purple

Phenology: Deciduous, winter dormant

Blooms: spring-fall

Noted for: Larval host plant for butterfly species: Zebra Longwing, the state butterfly of Florida, and Gulf Fritillary. It also is host to the Crimson Patch Longwing, Red-banded hairstreak, and Julia Heliconian butterflies.



Top 10 Native Plant List at Native Garden of Ponce Preserve

- Coral bean - *Erythrina Herbacea*
- Beauty berry - *Callicarpa americana*
- Coontie: - *Zamia pumila*
- Dune sunflower: - *Helianthus debilis*
- Yaupon holly - *Ilex vomitoria*
- Marlberry - *Ardesia escallonioides*
- Live oak - *Quercus virginiana*
- Saw palmetto - *Serena repens*
- Simpson stopper - *Myrcianthes fragrans*
- Wild coffee - *Psychotria nervosa*



**Complete Native Plant List
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