



Sea Rocket



Florida Native Plant Society ~ Sea Rocket Chapter ~ Serving North & Central Brevard County

JANUARY 2010

The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010 7:00PM

DR. WALTER KINGSLEY TAYLOR

The Sea Rocket and Conradina Chapters are pleased to host an evening with Dr. Walter Kingsley Taylor. Dr. Taylor will be speaking in the auditorium at the Brevard Zoo on Thursday evening, January 14th. The program will begin at 7:00pm sharp. Dr. Taylor will be speaking about his recently published book entitled ***A Guide to Florida Grasses***.

Dr. Taylor, professor emeritus of biology at the University of Central Florida, is the author of several books, including ***Florida Wildflowers In Their Natural Communities*** and ***The Guide to Florida Wildflowers***. In ***Florida Grasses***, Dr. Taylor offers an introduction to this vital and frequently neglected plant family. The book includes over 500 color images with complete details pertaining to the identification, structure, distribution and uses of more than 200 of the most common grasses found in Florida.

Environmentalists, hikers, and nature lovers of all ages can take this book into the field with them or enjoy it at home. It provides an invaluable resource for both the professional and casual plant enthusiast.

Dr. Taylor has lived in Florida for over 30 years and has led numerous wildflower identification field trips. He has presented innumerable programs about Florida's natural history to a wide variety of organizations. Dr. Taylor's easy manner, sharp wit, and knowledge of Florida and its native plants makes his presentations memorable. Please join FNPS Chapters Sea Rocket and Conradina in a delightful evening with Dr. Walter Kingsley Taylor.

**This program is free and open to the public.
Contact Deb Springer at 321-745-2192 for more information.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

UPCOMING EVENTS & THINGS TO DO

Friday, January 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Every Thursday in January	Sea Rocket Nursery Workday, 9:30 am, Contact Suzanne Meyer, 321-264-4922
Wednesday, January 6	Florida Trails Association Hike, Cruickshank Loop Trail, 9:00 am Contact 321-453-1586 for information
Saturday, January 9	Sea Rocket Hike, Pine Island Conservation Area, Dr. Paul Schmalzer, 9:00 am, contact Dr. Schmalzer at schmalzp@digital.net
Wednesday, January 13	Florida Trails Association Hike, Doris Leeper Trail, 9:00 am Contact 321-453-1586 for information
Thursday, January 14	Sea Rocket/Conradina Meeting, Dr. Walter Kingsley Taylor, 7:00 pm Brevard Zoo, Contact Deb Springer, 321-745-2192
Saturday, January 16	Project Wild Workshop, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary REGISTRATION REQUIRED , Joan Faulls, 321-264-5185
Wednesday, January 20	Florida Trails Association Hike, Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area, 9:00 am, contact 321-453-1586 for information
Friday, January 22	Oyster Mats, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 12:00 noon Joan Faulls, 321-264-5185
Wednesday, January 27	Florida Trails Association Hike, Bulow Creek Trail, 9:00 am Contact 321-453-1586 for information
January 27 thru February 1	Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival, BCC North Campus, Titusville Contact Neta Harris, 321-268-5224
Saturday, January 30	Indian River Flute Circle, The Enchanted Forest, 10:00—12:00 noon Contact Joan Faulls, 321-264-5185



Mystery Plant of the Month ***Do you recognize this Florida native plant?***

E-mail your best guess to jclark109@cfl.rr.com

***If your identification is correct you will receive a prize
at Sea Rocket's February meeting!***

YOU MUST BE AT THE MEETING TO COLLECT...GOOD LUCK!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

January Field Trip

Pine Island Conservation Area
Saturday ~ January 9, 2010 ~ 9:00am

Pine Island Conservation Area (PICA) is a joint project of the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program. The vegetation is primarily flatwoods and marshes, and it is the site of a major wetlands restoration project.

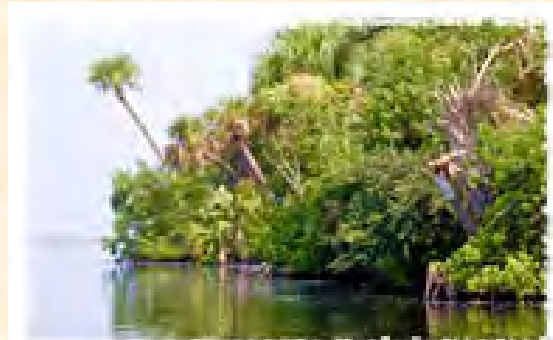
Dr. Scott Taylor, Central Region Land Manager for the EEL Program, will be joining us on this hike and providing an update on the wetlands restoration project. We will also have the opportunity to visit a recently burned flatwoods habitat.

Directions:

(1) SR 528 East to Merritt Island, exit on SR3 and go North for about 5 miles, turn left on Pine Island Road and proceed West about 2.5 miles to entrance gate at end of road, OR

(2) SR 405 East to Merritt Island/Kennedy Space Center, turn right on Space Commerce Way (new road) to SR 3, turn South (right) on SR 3 to Pine Island Road, then right on Pine Island Road and proceed West to entrance gate.

Don't forget: bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and insect spray



Sea Rocket Announces New Meeting Location

Beginning in February 2010, Sea Rocket's monthly meetings will be held at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary's Education Center in Titusville.

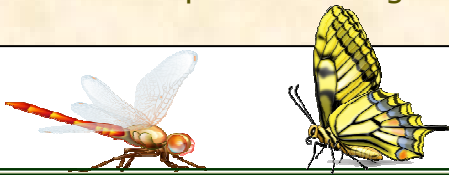
The EFS Center has a large meeting room with kitchen facilities, which offers Sea Rocket more flexibility in programming.

Look forward to some fun and informational programs in 2010!

Sea Rocket meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary is a Brevard County EEL Program Sanctuary and is located on SR 405 (aka Columbia Blvd) approximately 1/4 mile west of US1, and 5 miles east of I-95.

Please contact any member of the Sea Rocket Board if you have questions. A map with driving directions will be printed in the next newsletter.



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Sea Rocket Needs a Photographer!

The Chapter is seeking a
volunteer with a digital camera
who is willing to photograph

Sea Rocket activities and members.

As our chapter continues to expand its
educational outreach activities in the
community, photographs will help
chronicle our efforts.

If you are interested, or have a family
member or friend that loves photography,
please contact any member of the
Sea Rocket Board for details!

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DON'T MISS THIS PROGRAM!

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BREVARD ZOO ~ 7:00 PM

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