



Thank You to Our Volunteers!

IRC recently held a Beach Restoration/International Coastal Clean Up Event at the public beach across from the Marriott in Delray Beach. This volunteer day was part of the **Green Grant** awarded to IRC by Waste Management through Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful. The event focused on restoring biodiversity within this beautiful dune system by planting native dune species and cleaning the area by removing trash and recyclables.

IRC's Chief Conservation Strategist George Gann and IRC's Education and Outreach Coordinator Cara Abbott worked with **nearly 50 volunteers** from Community Greening, CB&I, Delray Students First, Cub Scout Pack 315, Hileman Law, P.A. and the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce to make the restoration day a huge success! Plants added to the dune system include sea oats, indigo berry, saw palmettos and silver palms. Volunteers also collected over 75 pounds of trash and 54 pounds of recyclables off of the beach.



To see additional pictures from the event, view our Facebook album by [clicking here](#).

Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 pm** - George Gann will be giving an invited talk titled "Everglades Restoration and Rare Plants - Including a Critical Element of Biodiversity" at the University of Miami.
- **Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 pm** - Cara Abbott will be speaking at the Broward Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society's monthly meeting held at Secret Woods.

Four Pine Rockland Plants and One Insect Receive Endangered Listing

Four plants endemic to Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties are being listed as endangered and threatened starting October 31st. IRC has a long history of working with all four of these pine rockland plants. The three species receiving an endangered listing are [Linum arenicola](#) (sand flax), [Euphorbia deltoidea subsp serpyllum](#) (wedge spurge) and [Chamaecrista lineata var. keyensis](#) (Big Pine partridge pea). The plant receiving a threatened listing is [Argythamnia blodgettii](#) (Blodgett's silverbush). To read the

FWS news release, [click here](#).

The insect receiving an endangered listing is the Miami Tiger Beetle. IRC's Research Associate, Sandy Koi, assisted with the emergency petition back in 2014. To read the FWS news release, [click here](#).



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