

Hearscientists discuss new ways to save rare Everglades plants



DAVID ADAME, AP Research suggests one in four South Florida native plant species are either critically imperiled or extinct.

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A landmark report on rare plant species at Everglades National Park is being released March 2. And you're invited to its unveiling.

Representatives from the park and the Institute for Regional Conservation, the private nonprofit that drafted the report, will discuss their findings on the status of 59 rare Everglades plants, as well as recommendations for protecting them. The presentation is set for 7-8 p.m. at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road in Coral Gables.

Institute research suggests one in four South Florida native plant species — some that are found nowhere else in the world — are either critically imperiled or extinct. The report took 10 years to complete.

There is no garden admission fee for the presentation. Those attending should come through Fairchild's south "staff only" entrance and park in the employee lot. A reception will follow.

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