



April 2022 Newsletter

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Hardwood Reduction at Sunny Palms Pineland

As part of our Pine Rockland Initiative, we have been working to restore Sunny Palms Pineland in Miami-Dade County. This 40-acre pineland is managed by Miami-Dade County, is part of the county's Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program, and is home to one endangered (*Galactia smallii*) and one threatened (*Euphorbia deltoidea* subsp. *pinetorum*) federally listed plants and 8 endangered and 20 threatened state listed plants.

Take a look below to see the progress made at this site!



Above: Before hardwood reduction was started. Although native, the hardwoods were thick and began to shade out smaller understory plants.



Above: After hardwood reduction. The understory has recovered and more diverse mosaic has been developed.



Above: Species that benefited from this effort include the federally endangered *Galactia smallii* (pictured left) and federally threatened *Euphorbia deltoidea* subsp. *pinetorum* (pictured right).



Thank you to all who have supported IRC's programs with a \$20 or larger donation in the last month: Kimberlee Duke Pompeo, Amy Atkins, Teresa Jabour, Leslie Roach, Jose Medina,

IRC received a special donation towards our 20-year review of Rare Plants of South Florida.

This donation is made in recognition

Lillie Hileman, Jose Garcia, and Dianne Lennon.

Thank you to our **Monthly Sustainers** who donate \$25 or more each month: Barbara McAdam and Valerie Seasholtz.

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Northern Parula. Photo by Beryn Harty.

of **Louise Kimball Ames**, a life-long supporter of conservation and environmental education. She knew the musical calls of a hundred birds and could lure them out of the branches; and she also knew the natural history of the branches themselves – how out of light and air they formed habitat. There was always a found nest, shell, snakeskin, or wildflower on her windowsill, and just enough of a story about each (usually scrawled on a yellow sticky note) to spark an interest to learn more. Louise could lead a tromp through the woods; work a ballroom; or turn friends and strangers into environmental stewards. There was no sitting around. Through her formidable intelligence and charm, she inspired each one of us to stand a little straighter, notice a little more, get our facts right, and to give to the organizations doing good work. She changed us; she made us do better.

--The Kimball-Murley Family

We're Hiring!



Our Pine Rockland Initiative is growing and we are looking to hire two additional field technicians to our wonderful team based in Miami-Dade County. If you know of any recent graduates who are looking to get their foot in the door doing on the ground restoration work, send them our way! Interested candidates can contact Cara Abbott (abbott@regionalconservation.org) for more information about the position.

We are also looking to hire a part time intern for the second phase of Restoring the Gold Coast in Palm Beach County! To see the full job description, [click here](#).

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Recent Events

Pine Rockland Landowner Workshop

With support from National Parks Conservation Association and donations from Give Miami Day donors, we held a virtual workshop on April 20 with pine rockland landowners. At the workshop, we discussed the top issues that landowners face while managing their pinelands and brainstormed ways we can help. We would like to thank each landowner and our partners from Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for collaborating with us on this workshop.

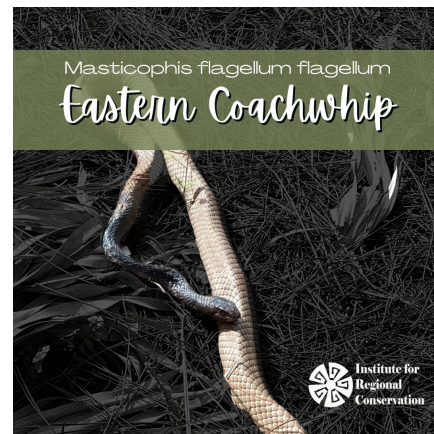


Earth Day Celebration

On Saturday, April 23, IRC's Education & Outreach Coordinator, Cara Abbott, and Administrative Assistant, Atea Anderson, participated in Boynton Beach's Earth Day Celebration where they handed out native seeds and promoted upcoming work with our Restoring the Gold Coast project.

Follow Us On Social Media

If you don't already follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#) then you're missing out on tons of content like this post about the Eastern Coachwhip! Where did our crew come across this sunning beauty? Give us a follow to find out and learn more about the various plants and animals we are working to conserve.



Upcoming Events

"Going Home" event in Everglades National Park

"Before the land was drained and the water sent away, before the land grab, before the imbalance, there stood a pine, among many others. It was a mighty pine! It had grown slowly in the pine rockland of



the Miami Rock Ridge, with dense pitch to shield it from the harsh elements.”

This performance art piece event honors the journey of a 16-foot floor beam cut from a Dade County pine, which was salvaged 100 years later as the home where it was used was demolished. Now the beam will “go back home ... Its journey an atonement ...” as rotating groups of pallbearers carry it 2.5 miles to deposit among the pines standing in Long Pine Key in Everglades National Park. A modest ceremony will include a Land Acknowledgment delivered by a Miccosukee tribal member.

For more information, [click here](#).



Volunteer Day at Florida City Pineland

IRC will be holding a public volunteer day at Florida City Pineland on Saturday, June 11 from 9am - 12pm.

Volunteers will help hand-pull invasive species and pick up trash to help restore this imperiled habitat. This event is part of the Society for Ecological Restoration's "[Make a Difference Week](#)".

Spots are limited. Anyone interested in participating can reach out to Cara Abbott (abbott@regionalconservation.org) for more information and to RSVP.

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