



Institute for Regional Conservation

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Upcoming Events

Ecological Restoration Volunteer Day at Orchard View Park in Delray Beach

Saturday, May 4th 9am to 12 pm.

Help us remove invasive plants at Orchard View Park in Delray Beach. Come learn about the importance of restoring native ecosystems and how invasive species can harm the native landscape.

It is a great way to gain community service hours. Please click here for more [information](#) and to sign up.

Restoring the Gold Coast Program
The Institute for Regional Conservation

**ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION
VOLUNTEER DAY**

With the City of Delray Beach

Help us remove invasive plants,
install natives & learn about
coastal ecosystem conservation!

Where: Orchard View Park
4060 Old German Town Rd
Delray Beach, FL 33445

When: Saturday, May 4th from 9am-12pm

Register at:
regionalconservation.org/ircs/Events.asp

A confirmation email
containing all the event
details will be sent to all
registered participants on
the day prior to the event.

Beach Jacquemontia Field Trip with IRC, FTBG, and Delray Beach Parks

Saturday, May 22nd 9am to 11am.

Join the IRC for a Field Trip opportunity to learn all about the State-Endangered Beach Jacquemontia at Delray Municipal Beach. This

is a collaboration of IRC, Delray Parks Sustainability Department, and Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden to provide an opportunity to learn about our efforts to conserve and restore habitat for Beach Jacquemontia.

We will have a brief talk and panel showcasing the work that has been on-going. Then we will walk the dunes to see the beautiful flowering plant in action.

Click here for more [details](#).



Thank you to all who have supported IRC's programs with a \$20 or larger donation in the last month: Fernanda Wolfson, Michael Poland, and Saralee Silverglade, .

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

While we get funding for some great projects, those funds rarely cover all of our costs, so we really do need your support to continue our important work.

Donations allow us to provide important conservation services such as improving our free online resources, increasing protection of rare plants and animals, restoring native ecosystems, and advocating for better public policy.

If you're interested in being a sponsor of Natives For Your Neighborhood, please reach out to **Katherine Hardial**.

IRC has an E-Trade account. Please contact us about giving gifts of stock.



Pricklypear flower
(*Opuntia mescantha*)

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Recent Volunteer Days at Red Reef Park, Boca Raton 4/1, 4/12 & 4/27

We hosted three ecological restoration days at Red Reef Park in Boca Raton in April alone! In just the month of April we have planted over 175 plants and had over 60 volunteers just this month!

Thanks to funding and support from the City of Boca Raton, IRC was able to enhance over 23 different native coastal species such as the state threatened Inkberry (*Scaevola plumieri*), and state endangered Beach clustervine (*Jacquemontia reclinata*) and Sea-lavender (*Tournefortia gnaphalodes*).



Volunteer installing Sea Oats

Invasive species pose a profound threat to the delicate balance of ecosystems, often outcompeting native species for resources, disrupting food chains, and altering habitats. This ultimately leads to biodiversity loss and reduced ecological stability. Thanks to our volunteers we removed over a hundred pounds of Oyster Plant and Beach Naupaka!

We truly appreciate everyone who came out to all of our events to get their hands dirty and make their community a greener place. Your efforts are making a real difference in restoring this beautiful habitat and coastal ecosystem.



Volunteer Event on 4/12

The last event of the month was a celebration with the City of Boca Raton for the City Nature Challenge. For this event participants took part in a guided nature tour and BioBlitz. Folks were educated about the importance of coastal conservation and had an opportunity to observe the different habitats while using the iNaturalist app to take part in citizen science.



On 4/27, 40 volunteers came to our BioBlitz!



Volunteers removing invasive Beach naupaka, creating space for future plantings.



Picture to the left: Participants learned about coastal conservation education and added over 50 observations on to iNaturalist.

Army Earth & Safety Day Event at USGC Richmond

The United States Army Garrison-Miami (USAG-Miami) organized a celebration for Earth Day on April 22nd. The day was to support Army Earth Day & Safety Day by encouraging active participation and education to raise awareness of the value of environmental protection, observation, and safety.

The IRC crew had a table and talked about the importance of the Pine Rocklands and the critical restoration efforts underway at the USGC property in the Richmond Pine Rocklands.

This event was a great way to offer DOD employees an opportunity to get together and enjoy a day of fun and provide educational awareness of safety, highlighting the issues and environmental challenges affecting our planet. This event increased knowledge and the importance of environmental protection and conservation through active involvement and education.

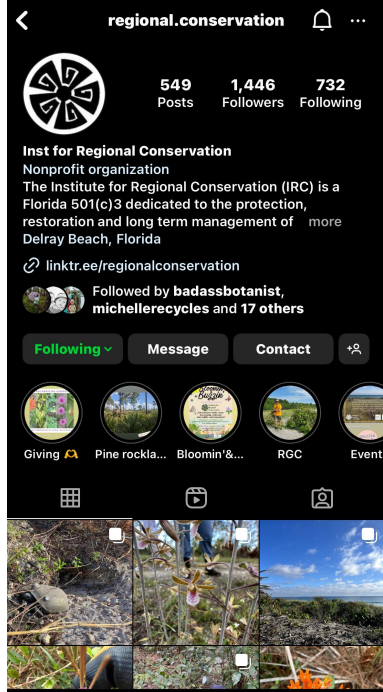


Follow us on Social Media

The best way to stay up to date on all things IRC is to follow us on social media! Every week we spotlight native plants for "Wildflower Wednesday" and give a glimpse into one of our many unique projects from our "From the Field Friday" posts. You can also follow our socials where we share our event photos and lots of relevant information

about the environment and beyond.

So, if you haven't already, follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#)!



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