



# Institute for Regional Conservation

## July 2022 Newsletter

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### Get Involved with **Restoring the Gold Coast**

We are excited to begin Phase II of our popular Restoring the Gold Coast (RGC) Program in Palm Beach County thanks to funding from the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties and New York Life! As we plan out our events and schedule for this year, we wanted to let you know ways you can get involved.

- **Volunteer With Us:** keep an eye out on our social media and website for public volunteer opportunities where you can get your hands dirty while helping us restore coastal biodiversity. For example, be on the lookout for details on our **RGC Phase II Launch Event** which will be posted online very soon. Are you looking for something with more hours to fulfill a school requirement? Talk to us about weekly watering opportunities at our planting sites.
- **Book a Presentation With Us:** we offer educational RGC programs catered to all age groups. If you know of a club or organization that would like to learn more about coastal conservation, reach out to IRC's new Coastal Biodiversity Restoration Intern, [Kelly McLoughlin](#).
- **Schedule a Private Site Assessment:** we have partnered with Adopt-a-Dune to offer site assessments and personally curated plant bundles to private landowners with coastal dune habitat on their property. [Click here](#) for more information on pricing and logistics.
- **Sponsor an Event:** we are looking for up to 10 community partners to sponsor or co-sponsor coastal restoration events this fall. Reach out to [Kelly McLoughlin](#) for more information.



IRC Education & Outreach Coordinator, Cara Abbott, presenting about coastal conservation to a local high school class.



Students participating in a field restoration event at the beach in Delray Beach.



**Thank you** to all who have supported IRC's programs with a \$20 or larger donation in the last month: Stephen Pearson, Luis Garcia, Lindsay Bohner, Brian Kittle, Walter Wallenstein

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

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

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.



Faithful Beauty Moth. Photo by Jennifer Possley.

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## "Meet Our Team" Spotlight

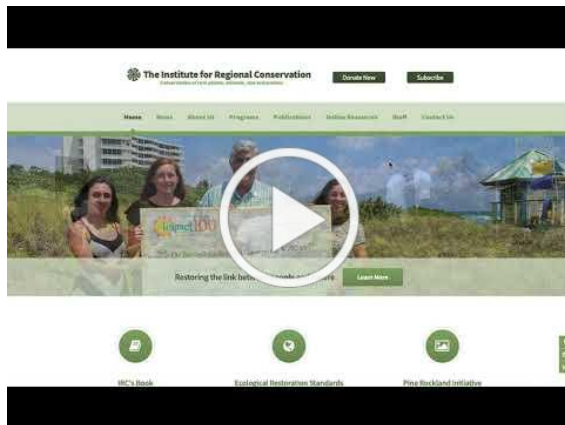
### IRC Hires New Intern

Kelly McLoughlin joined IRC as our Coastal Biodiversity Restoration Intern in July of 2022. She graduated from the University of Miami with degrees in Marine Science and Biology, intent on serving coastal ecosystems. As a passionate environmentalist with experience in coral conservation, benthic, and marine mammal research she is excited to join and contribute to our Restoring the Gold Coast program.

Welcome to the team, Kelly!



## 5 Tips For Using Natives For Your Neighborhood



IRC Education & Outreach Coordinator, Cara Abbott, explains 5 TIPS to use our free online database, Natives for Your Neighborhood in this short [YouTube video](#) which will cover:

1. ZIP Code Search
2. Advanced Search
3. Wildlife Interactions
4. Search by Plant/Animal
5. Wildlife Pages

## Upcoming Events

### Climate and Art Delray Beach 2022

Save the dates - September 2 and September 3!

IRC is honored to be participating in this year's [Climate & Art event](#) in Delray Beach. Stay tuned for more details on where and when.



## Tropical Audubon Ambassador Program

Check out the 2022 Tropical Audubon Ambassador Program which features online classes about Pine Rocklands, the Everglades, and Biscayne Bay. Registration is open through the end of August and the program starts the first week of September.

Here is [more information](#) on this year's program.



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