

## September 2025 Newsletter

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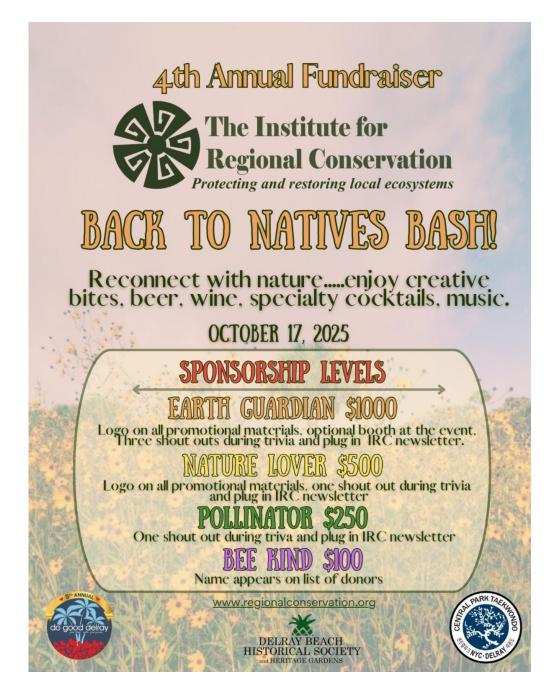
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### You're invited! Join us at IRC's Annual Fundraiser!



# **Buy Tickets Here**

## **Looking for Sponsors!**



Become a Sponsor - Click Here!

**IRC 4th Annual Fundraiser Sponsors** 



## Knowledge. Stewardship. Culture.

We would like to thank <u>Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach</u> as a Nature Lover Sponsor for our annual fundraiser.

The mission of the The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach advocates, educates, and invests in the community to protect the architectural, botanical, and cultural heritage of Palm Beach.

BEE KIND SPONSORS: Maria Rowley

Thank you for your support!

### **Upcoming Events**



### Saturday, October 25th -Ecological Restoration Day at Gopher Tortoise Preserve

Join IRC for an ecological restoration volunteer event with the City of Boca Raton at the Gopher Tortoise Preserve. At our second volunteer event at this new site, we will be planting native scrub species and removing some invasive species. With the help of our staff and volunteers, we will be adding more biodiversity to help influence a healthy habitat and revive urban nature.

We hope you will come volunteer with us and help install native plants. To sign up for this event, visit here. (Sign up here)

### Pine Rockland Conservation Team Acknowledgement

IRC's Pine Rocklands Initiative is proud to be recognized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a

2024 Champion Award for the southeastern United States as part of the Pine Rocklands Conservation Team. This highly collaborative team aims to restore and manage the Pine Rocklands where many federally endangered plant and wildlife species are in need of protection. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has awarded this hardworking team that consists of public and private organizations who have made an important impact on the Pine Rocklands.

The Pine Rocklands Conservation Team collaborators are Miami-Dade County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, Zoo Miami and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Florida Ecological Services Field Office Pine Rockland Recovery Team. The nonprofit partners are Bat Conservation International, Center for Biological Diversity, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, The Institute for Regional Conservation, The Nature Conservancy and Tropical Audubon Society.

Thank you to our partners for all their outstanding work!



### **Recent Events**

### Saturday, September 6th -Ecological Restoration Day at Red Reef Park, Boca Raton

Thank you to our volunteers and support from the City of Boca Raton as we close out our last volunteer event for the season. With over 20 volunteers, we installed over 100 native beach dune plant species. Over the span of three volunteer events this restoration site at Red Reef is coming along nicely and the growth has exploded! By installing native coastal dune plants we can enhance biodiversity and build a healthy dune ecosystem.

In addition, our volunteers helped remove nonnative St. Augustine grass from encroaching in the healthy native plants established here. Thank you to all of our volunteers for being a part of the important work with IRC! A special thank you to Michael Kohner for his continued support and donations of native plant species.



Stay tuned for more volunteer events next season (late 2025- early 2026).





**Thank you** to all who have supported IRC's programs with a \$20 or larger donation in the last month: Leah Materna-Laurel, Karyn Allman.

Thank you to our **Monthly Sustainers** who donate \$25 or more each month: John Campanola, James Duncan, Maria Rowley, Lindsay Boehner and Valerie Seasholtz.

A special thank you to all our event sponsors and ticket purchasers!

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.

Consider supporting our efforts which 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. Click the button below.

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

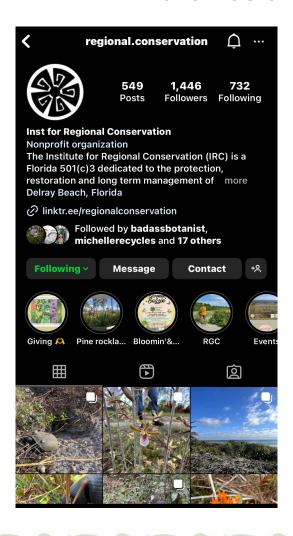
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<u>Dalea floridana</u> (Florida prairieclover)

Special Thanks to Michael Kohner for his continued support and donation of native plants for our events! Your donations empower us to enhance our free online resources, safeguard rare plants and animals, restore native ecosystems, and champion more effective public policies for conservation.

### 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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