



Institute for
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We Need YOU To Help Update The FISF!

- **What:** We have thousands of photos that need added to the Floristic Inventory of South Florida Database Online (FISF). The FISF is a free source that provides data on more than 2,500 vascular plants in the 10 southernmost counties of Florida (Martin, Glades, Charlotte counties south to the Florida Keys). [Check it out here!](#) The photos will also help update our other valuable resources like Natives For Your Neighborhood.
- **Why:** Our primary goals are to prevent local extinctions, restore depleted populations and ecosystems, and improve the conservation system upon which the native flora depends. The FISF is an important part of this goal!
- **How YOU Can Help:** IRC is looking for a volunteer intern to help us improve the FISF by downloading/uploading images from our Delray Beach office! Email admin@regionalconservation.org for additional information if you or someone you know may be interested. You can also donate to help us with other improvement costs associated with this free resource by clicking the button below or going through our [website!](#)

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Recent Events



Camp Choee Volunteer Day

IRC recently held a volunteer day at Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida's Camp Choee site. The Girl Scouts reviewed the invasive plants that were displayed and conducted a scavenger hunt at the Camp Choee pine rockland site. They also kept an eye out for butterflies using the pineland. For the Girl Scouts to earn the "Clean Jeans" patch, we had them remove invasive plants from the pine rockland. Together, they removed 20 trash bags worth of

Lake Ida Volunteer Day #4

Thank you to our 30+ volunteers that came out to the Lake Ida Parcel Saturday September, 15th! Our biggest turnout at Lake Ida yet! Volunteers helped us by planting almost 300 native plants, removing some invasives, and opening up some areas for the planting. We are thrilled with the progress made so far at the site and are looking forward to our next two volunteer days coming up this year thanks to funding from the [Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties!](#)

More pictures available on [Facebook!](#)



George Gann Presents at NatureScape

IRC's Chief Conservation Strategist, George Gann, gave a talk during the NatureScape Broward Meeting about climate change on Tuesday, September 18th. George discussed the issue of climate change and the effect it has on native plants and ecosystems. To see the full PowerPoint presentation, [click here](#).



Upcoming Events

- **Lummus Park Volunteer Day #2: Friday, October 5th from 9am to 12pm.** Join IRC and the City of Miami Beach as we work to restore portions of beautiful Lummus Park! We will be removing *Scaevola taccada* (an invasive plant), planting native sea oats in the dunes, and picking up trash throughout the park. More details on [Facebook](#) and our [calendar!](#)
- We would like to give a huge thank you to two wonderful organizations, the [Dade Chapter](#) of the Florida Native Plant Society and [TREEmendous Miami](#), for sponsoring this event!



- **Atlantic Dunes Park Volunteer Day: Saturday, October**

6th from 9am to 12pm. Join IRC at Atlantic Dunes Park located in Delray Beach for a fun morning of restoration activities! Over the last couple of years, IRC has held volunteer days at this park to help remove damaging invasive plants and add beneficial native plants. More details on [Facebook](#) and our [calendar](#)!



- We will continue this work thanks to funding from a [Conduent Foundation](#) Grant.
- **Lake Ida Volunteer Day #5: Saturday, October 13th from 9am to 12pm.** The fifth of six volunteer days at the Lake Ida Parcel. Volunteers will help IRC restore this important greenspace by planting native species that will increase biodiversity and support native wildlife and picking up trash/debris throughout the site. More details on [Facebook](#) and our [calendar](#)!

