



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

COME GROW WITH US!

OCTOBER 2023

Member of Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (www.ffgc.org) and National Garden Club (www.gardenclub.org)

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE THE 2ND THURSDAY DURING THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY FROM 11:30AM TO 1:30PM - ALSO SOME SATURDAYS TO ACCOMMODATE OUR WORKING MEMBERS - MEETINGS ARE HELD AT NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY AND FIELD TRIPS ARE HELD AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS - PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE IN THE NEWSLETTER AND ALSO ON OUR WEBSITE.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT JERI DECKER

Dear Members,

This month I reported on our activities to the District. I wanted to share my "bragging" with you and also let our new members see how active we are.

None of this could be done without all of you. Your generosity of time, money, plants, etc. is amazing. Thank you!

Jeri

REPORT OF OUR PRESIDENT TO THE DISTRICT

This year we started having meetings beginning in September and had various activities during the summer. We will be offering a Horticultural series open to the public at our public library.

We have started many new community projects. In a joint effort with the Coral Springs Wellness center, we present horticultural therapy with our senior citizens quarterly.

We continue working with three youth groups - one high school, one middle school and one elementary. Students are being helped with education and with donated plants to enhance their school gardens. We also continued the presentation of terrariums at local elementary schools.

But that's not all! We have completed planting 1,100 native orchids back into our city, exceeding our original goal. Members continue with the upkeep of our Native Garden and the Blue Star Memorial Garden. Our volunteers assist with the maintenance of the gardens of The Sawgrass Nature Center and Wildlife Hospital.

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What would you like to see in our newsletter? Please email suggestions to dmolski@bellsouth.net.
Membership in the Garden Club is open to all regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity or religious affiliation.

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We teamed up with the city's Environmental Sustainability Committee planting trees in our parks and at bus stops. We are also helping to qualify our City as a Monarch City, planting milkweed and native plants in our parks.

Our members are busy scouring our City and sister cities for beautiful yards. Owners are presented with a certificate they can frame and a sign that can be displayed in their yard as our Yard of The Month. We also posted photos on our website and featured the gardens in our Newsletter.

New members have started a plant exchange booth in one of our local parks. Neighbors can drop off and trade plants from their gardens. It has been a great success. Plans are in the works to build one in a second city park.

We have five members who attend and assist the Coral Springs Environmental and Sustainability Committee's monthly meetings. We also attend the monthly Chamber of Commerce meetings.

We continue collecting pennies for penny pines, corks for forest and oceans, eyeglasses and medicine bottles for Doctors Without Borders.

We are calling vendors and sponsors for our annual GardenFest, which has grown since we joined ArtFest. We see over 30,000 visitors in the two days. Money raised from GardenFest goes towards our scholarship program.

This is just the stem of our blooming club. We have planted many seeds to continue blooming into spring. Keep buzzing around for the final garden finale.

Planting a tree to shade the bus stop



Planting Native Orchids



Plant Exchange at the Rotary Garden



Penny Pines

Submitted by Jeri Decker

This year, our Club has donated 3 times to Penny Pines and we're about to donate two more times. Thank you, **Les**, for donating your jar of change and orchid sales of \$125.00. Thank you, **Sherry**, for rolling all of that change! Please read the following to learn more, particularly if you wish to donate in memory of someone.

Saving Forests \$68 At A Time

NGC and the USDA Forest Service are proud to have formed a partnership sustaining our national and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program.

Your Garden Club can participate in a meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing \$68.00 to a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to a particular damaged area. Whether by fire or by other natural catastrophe, pine trees and other trees are replaced. You may designate a specific state you wish to have benefit from this contribution.

Under a conservation agreement, the forest service will do the planting, using your donation together with federal funds, and will provide to the plantation the same protection from fires, insects, and disease given other forested areas. The plantations are a part of the regular national forest reforestation program planted on burned-over and brush-covered areas which are potentially productive timberlands. Planting sites are selected by the supervisor of each national forest. These plantations provide soil protection, watershed protection, soil stabilization, future harvestable timber, as well as beauty and shade for recreation.

States, regions, districts, clubs, and/or individuals may participate in this program by donating in multiples of \$68. A \$68 donation may be made in honor or in memory of ONE individual, organization, or theme.

A certificate like that to the right is sent in acknowledgement of a donation of \$68. What a great way to honor or memorialize an individual.



Composting Horse Manure

By Lynn Rochelle

Making compost has many benefits and few disadvantages. Some of the disadvantages are obviously the odor, the length of time it takes to process and that snakes, rats and bugs could be attracted. Do not place compost near a water source as it could leech into the water.

There are many more advantages to using this all natural fertilizer. One can save money and reduce the need for chemical fertilizers. It helps the animal owner to dispose of excess manure. It provides excellent nutrients for the garden. It is great to mix with soil and use to plant seeds and starter plants.

I am fortunate to have a friend with a horse who kindly donates item one of the following recipe so that I may make organic compost.

1 Cooperative horse and owner

2 Green leaf cuttings

3 Cut up kitchen scraps: like corn husks, egg shells, coffee grinds and veggie and fruit scraps. (Should be broken up)

4 Pet and People Hair (uncolored and unbleached)

5 Dryer lint



6 Newspaper or other paper pieces without plastic coating

7 Finely chopped nuts. Pistachios are good because they contain potassium and phosphorus.

8 Brown Material

9 Some soil to mix in

10 Let it marinate for two months

DO NOT USE: Meat, bones, dairy, grass clipping, oil, plastic or plastic coated products, styrofoam and anything treated with chemicals.

For my purposes, since I don't have much available space, I am using a small tub. I keep the tub covered with aluminum foil so that the heat, a necessary element in composting, will build up. I turn it every 3 days to aerate and keep it moist.

I have 3 shoebox size tubs of manure and an unending supply. If anyone wants a starter kit, please text me at 954-303-4507.

Meet the Member Olivia Creary

Alton Brown was the inspiration for Olivia Creary to start growing fruits and vegetables, believe it or not! His mantra "your food will only be as good as the ingredients you put in it" has sent her on a journey of making an edible garden at her home. Olivia is also heavily involved with the Coral Springs Community Garden Club. She oversees their Seed Exchange Program. Often, we have a difficult time consistently finding good quality produce and fruit, so she has learned how to grow things herself. She is a recent graduate of the Master Gardener Program and really loves learning new things. She states "Honestly, I find that the more I learn the more there is to learn."

Originally from Jamaica, West Indies, she immigrated to New York. Her extended family moved to Florida, and she followed after completing her Master's Program and getting married. She wanted their children to have a sense of family support. She has been here for 25 years and joined our Garden Club about 2 years ago.

When Olivia is not getting her hands dirty in the garden, she loves to cook and read, although she works a lot. She is on a quest to learn as much as she can about gardening in South Florida.

Happy to know you, Olivia!



Please consider helping others, including Mother Earth, by recycling the following products.

COLLECTION ITEMS:

Towels for the horses: Bit by Bit/Horses for heroes

Tabs from soda cans, pet food cans, vegetable cans etc.-money earned is used to buy bullet proof vests for police dogs & to train seeing-eye dogs in Florida

Prescription Bottles with Caps and labels removed – they go to the country of Columbia – the doctors have the medicine but need containers to put them in

American Flags in poor condition – the American Legion accepts them & they are

Corks. Donate to Whole Foods who will recycle into clothes and other useful items.

Pennies for Penny Pines our pennies go toward reforestation.

Eyeglasses

The Garden Club of Coral Springs Schedule of Events 2023-2024

(Events and Speakers subject to change.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
October 12 (Thursday)	Field Trip to Tree Amigos Vegetable Gardens
October 14 (Saturday)	Field Trip-Home Garden Tour
October 19 (Thursday)	11AM to 3PM - District XI Luncheon FFGC 100th Birthday
October 28 (Saturday)	10:30 AM By Laws Revision Meeting
November 4 (Saturday)	Field Trip to Anne Kolb Nature Center
November 7(Tuesday)	11:30 AM Humana Senior Center "Pizza Garden"
November 9 (Thursday)	Meeting - 3 Park Naturalists speak about "Wildlife in the Park"
November 11 (Saturday)	Veterans' Day Memorial Program at Veterans' Park, Coral Springs
December 2 (Saturday)	11:30AM to 2:30PM Holiday Luncheon at BJ Restaurant
December 14 (Thursday)	Claudia Alzate, Environmental Program Manager, speaks to "Composting and Recycling"
January 11 (Thursday)	Field Trip to Shark Valley for Tram Tour
January 13 (Saturday)	Meeting - Master Gardener speaks to Flowering Plants for Shaded Areas and Patios plus seed and pot exchange
January 19 (Friday)	Arbor Day Plant a Cypress Tree at 11 AM at Sawgrass Nature Center
February 8 (Thursday)	Meeting - Dr Bennett speaks to Edible and Medicinal Plants also Trash to Treasures
February 10 (Saturday)	Field Trip to Wakodahatchee Wetlands guided tour by Kristen Hoss of YEA
February 14 (Wednesday)	CS Fireman/Police Appreciation
March 14 (Thursday)	Meeting - "Fun with Flowers" presented by Designer Frank DiGiovanni from Hearts and Flowers
March 16-17 (Sat& Sun)	10 AM - 5PM GardenFest
April 11 (Thursday)	Meeting - Presentation on Sea Turtles and Seed Exchange
April 27 (Saturday)	9 AM - 12PM Earth Day at Sawgrass Nature Center
May 9 (Thursday)	11AM - 3PM Scholarship Luncheon
June 15 (Saturday)	Lunch
July 11 (Thursday)	Lunch
August 17 (Saturday)	Lunch



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

Golden Bee Award

Nominated by members.

Awarded to a member who goes above and beyond.



This month's winner is **Debbie Strong** who has volunteered several times since she joined this year. Debbie single handily investigated which banks we're offering the best CD rates for our Club.

She has helped with raising plants and donating them to both our club members and towards our Senior Gardener's Therapy Groups. She collaborated in putting the kits together for the senior classes, attended both meetings and helped with the presentation.

Debbie is a definite giver and dedicated gardener! Thank you, **Debbie**, for your dedication!



OCTOBER



WHAT TO PLANT

Annuals/Bedding plants: Even though temperatures are still warm, begin planting for the cooler months ahead. Impatiens, alyssum, and dianthus are good plants for the fall/winter garden. See *Annuals*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_annual_landscape_plants

Bulbs: Plant agapanthus, rain lily, and Clivia lily now for blooms next spring or summer. Add organic matter to the planting bed for best results. See *Bulbs for Florida*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_bulbous_flowers

Herbs: A wide range of herbs can be planted from seed or transplants this month. Some to try include dill, fennel, parsley, and cilantro. See *Herbs*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_herbs

Vegetables: Easy crops that can be grown now include beans, broccoli, carrots, collards, lettuce, green onions, peppers, radishes, spinach, and tomatoes. See *Vegetable Gardening in Florida*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_vegetable_gardening

WHAT TO DO

Lawns: Control winter weeds in lawns before they appear. Preemergence herbicides must be applied at the right time to be effective. Apply when nighttime temperatures are 55°F–60°F for 4–5 days. Mow lawngrass at the recommended height; mowing too short encourages weeds and stresses the turf. See *Lawn Weeds*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_weeds

Ornamental trees and shrubs: Fertilize plants that are not performing as desired. This is the last month of the year to fertilize shrubs and trees. Controlled-release fertilizer provides nutrients over a longer period of time. See *Palm Nutrition and Fertilization*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_palm_nutrition and *Landscape Fertilization*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscape_fertilization

Lawn fertilization: Fertilize lawns if needed. See *Lawn Fertilizer*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_fertilization

Strawberries: Prepare beds and set strawberry plants this month. Strawberries also make a colorful and tasty container planting. Either way, water daily until plants are established. See *Strawberries*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_strawberries

Palms: Palms have unique nutritional needs. Select a fertilizer that contains controlled release nitrogen, potassium, and magnesium. See *Palm Nutrition and Fertilization*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_palm_nutrition

Oleanders: Control the oleander caterpillar, which is a year-round resident in south Florida, without harming beneficial insects by pruning off infested leaves or spraying with BT (*Bacillus thuringiensis*). See *Oleander Pest Management*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_oleander_ipm

Twig girdlers: Control twig girdlers by cleaning up and destroying fallen branches that young twig girdlers can use for harborage. See *Twig Girdlers*: https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_twig_girdlers

Happy Birthday

<u>Deb Weatherly</u>	<u>10/01</u>	<u>Lynn Rochelle</u>	<u>10/17</u>
<u>Julie Ogden</u>	<u>10/02</u>	<u>Sara Horwitz</u>	<u>10/23</u>
<u>William Holten</u>	<u>10/16</u>	<u>Sherry Mathieu</u>	<u>10/23</u>

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Coleus

Sun or Shade



Wicked Witch

Deep Burgundy to Chocolate foliage with a ruffled edge outlined in chartreuse with well-branched plants. Sun to shade tolerant and great in both landscapes and containers. It is late to bloom, which helps preserve the foliage presentation throughout the season.

Hardiness Zones: 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b

Garden Height: 24 - 40 Inches

Spread: 18 - 36 Inches

Proven Winners



SOME OF THE MANY VARIETIES OF COLEUS

The love of Gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.

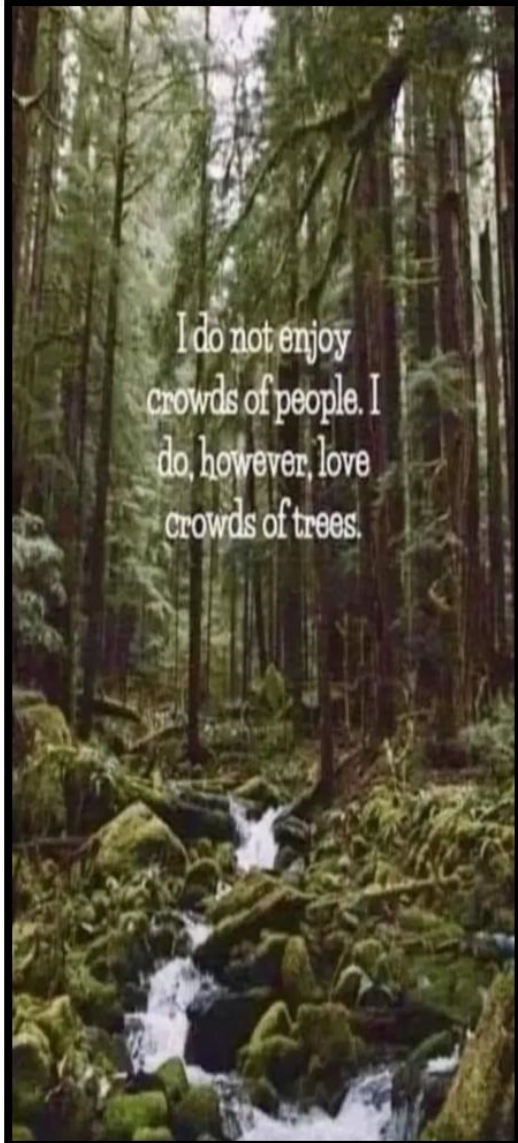
The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.

-Gertrude Jekyll



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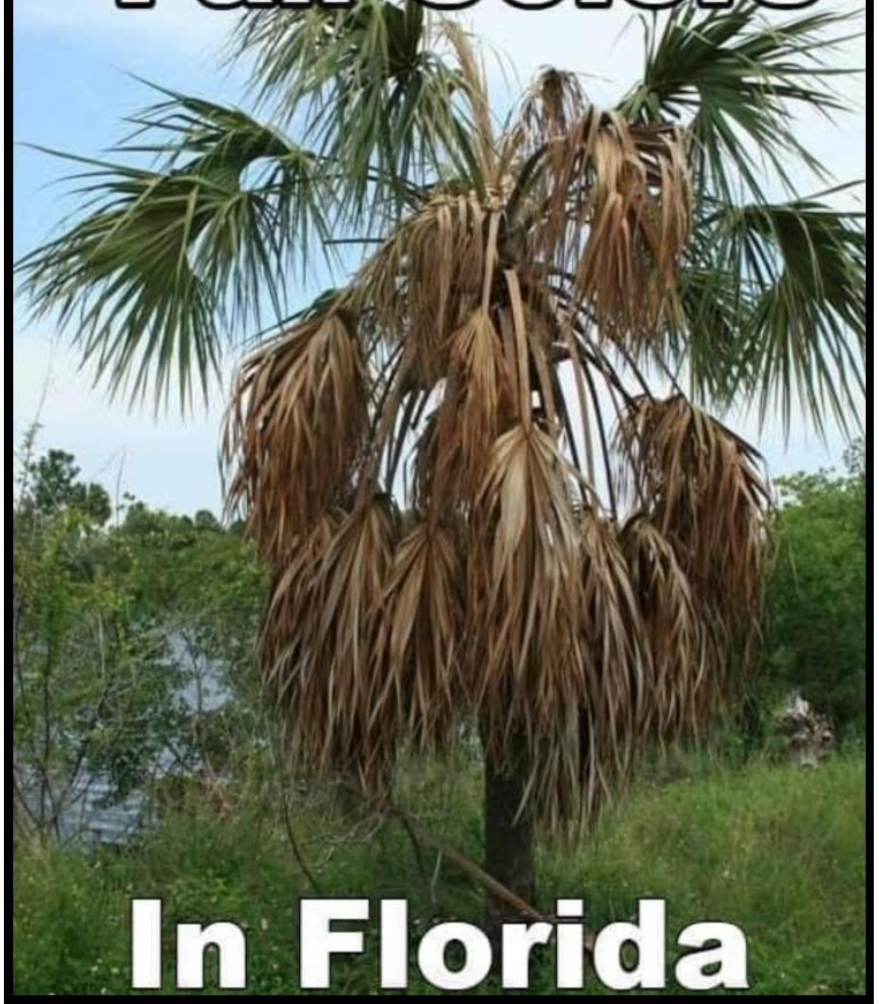
**October Birth
Month Flower:
Marigold**



I do not enjoy
crowds of people. I
do, however, love
crowds of trees.

[A spell for you](#)

Fall Colors



In Florida

THE GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS
YARD OF THE MONTH
BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT



Please help us acknowledge the beautiful yards and gardens in our community of Coral Springs and surrounding areas. We are fortunate to be able to garden year-round due to our semi-tropical climate.

If you, or someone you know, would like to be nominated for our

Yard of the Month Award

contact

gardenclubs2020@yahoo.com

with name and address of property to be nominated

HAPPY GARDENING!!

YARD OF THE MONTH GUIDELINES

Yard of the Month starts up again in October. Nominations are made by members. PLEASE review the following rules and keep this in mind as you drive around our area.

Yard of the Month guidelines were determined by Ken, Mary Anne, Carol J, Nancy D, Casey and Jeri.

Nominations for Yard of the Month are for the front and back yards.

Areas covered are Coral Springs, Parkland, Tamarac, Coconut Creek, and Margate.

Anyone can nominate a yard to the club, even yourself. This nomination is sent to gardenclubs2020@yahoo.com.

No patios or condos are considered.

Pictures of said nominations are sent for approval and a google earth search is completed by Jeri.

Jeri will send photos of the nominations to the committee, but everyone wins unless the yard is not suitable.

After the nominations are approved, Ken or Jeri will call and set up an appointment around the 15th of every month.

Emails are then sent to the committee for presentation of the sign with a date, time and addresses of the winners. The garden is then visited by the committee and/or other club members and the sign is presented along with a laminated certificate.

Mary Anne makes up the certificate and there are 4 signs.

Nancy photographs the yard during the visit and then a collage is made and put on Facebook. Photos from Facebook are then sent to Mary Anne and Dotty to be added to the newsletter. Yard of the Month winners will also be uploaded to the club's web site.

Thirty days after placing the sign in the yards, they are picked up and taken to the next winners by various committee members.

Any exceptions to the above guidelines are to be determined by the committee.



The Garden Club of Coral Springs

ORCHID LEVEL

ROSE LEVEL

Jeri & Ken Decker

AZALEA LEVEL

BEGONIA LEVEL

Les Corbin

DAISY LEVEL

Carol Johnson

Dot Molski



BOUQUET OF GIVING

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Orchid:	\$1000
Rose:	\$ 500
Azalea:	\$ 250
Begonia:	\$ 100
Daisy:	\$ 50

PATRON DONOR INCENTIVES

		<u>GCCS*</u>	<u>FFGC*</u>	<u>PATCH</u>	<u>BADGE</u>	<u>MSHIPS ,EVENTS</u>
ORCHID	\$1000	X	X	2		3 (M/E) for 2 people
ROSE	\$ 500	X	X	1		2 (M/E) for 1 person-
AZALEA	\$ 250	X	X	1	1	1 (M/E) for 1 person
BEGONIA	\$ 100				1	1 (E) for 1 person
DAISY	\$ 50			1	1	

*GCCS: THE GARDEN CLUB OF CORAL SPRINGS

*FFGC: FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

<u>*MEMBERSHIPS</u>	American Orchid Society	\$ 81 each
	Bonnet House	\$ 65 each 2/\$100
	Butterfly World	\$ 70 each
	Fairchild Tropical Gardens	\$ 95 each 2/\$120
	Flamingo Gardens	\$ 65 each 2/\$115
	Mounts Botanical Garden	\$ 50 each 2/\$ 75
	National Wildlife Federation	\$ 75 Garden Tools
	Sawgrass Nature Center	\$ 30 each 4/\$ 50

<u>*EVENT</u>	<u>MAY LUNCHEON</u>
	<u>HOLIDAY PARTY</u>

**Top two levels, 50% of money will go to Scholarship Fund

Patrons names will be acknowledged on Website, Facebook and Newsletter

WEB SITES FOR MORE INFORMATION:

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA:

<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/>
Native aquatic and wetland plants in Florida

<http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/>

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Pattern Book:
http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FFL_Book_Zone_10_081610.pdf

Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Plant Selection Guide:
http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide_v090110.pdf

NATIVES FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD—SOUTH FLORIDA

<http://regionalconservation.org/beta/nfyn>
Find out how to turn simple gardening into habitat restoration by using plants native to your specific area

<http://www.plantfinder.com>

<http://www.floridanativenurseries.org>

<http://www.fnqla.org/>

www.floridata.com

<http://flawildflowers.org>

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT:
www.sfwmd.gov

PUBLISHERS:
<http://upf.com>
(the scholarly publishing arm of the State University System of Florida)

<http://www.pineapplepress.com/>

NATIVE PLANT & OTHER BOOKS:

NATIVE FLORIDA PLANTS, Revised Edition
Robert G. Haehle & Joan Brookwell
(Amazon.com, Borders, Barnes & Noble carry this)

A GARDENER'S GUIDE TO FLORIDA'S NATIVE PLANTS
Rufino Osorio, University Press of Florida

FLORIDA'S BEST NATIVE LANDSCAPE PLANTS
Gil Nelson, University Press of Florida

THE GUIDE TO FLORIDA WILDFLOWERS
Walter Kingsley Taylor/ the book is color coded—very useful
(Amazon and possible Barnes & Noble)

FLORIDA WILDFLOWERS: A Comprehensive Guide
This is the 2013 update from Walter Kingsley Taylor and includes the newest scientific information about Florida's wildflowers. (Amazon and possible Barnes & Noble)

EVERGLADES WILDFLOWERS
Color coded. A great field guide
Roger L. Hammer, The Globe Pequot Press

FLORIDA KEYS WILDFLOWERS
Color coded—companion to **Everglades Wildflowers**
Roger L. Hammer, The Globe Pequot Press

ATTRACTING HUMMINBIRDS & BUTTERFLIES IN TROPICAL FLORIDA
Roger L. Hammer, University Press of Florida

NATIVE PLANT LANDSCAPING FOR FLORIDA WILDLIFE
Very well written and informative,
Craig N. Huegel, University Press of Florida

NATIVE FLORIDA PLANTS FOR SHADY LANDSCAPES
Craig N. Huegel, University Press of Florida

BRINGING NATURE HOME
How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife In Our Gardens
Douglas Tallamy: Timber Press

FLORIDA GARDENER'S GUIDE (REVISED EDITION)
Tom MacCubbin & Georgia Tasker
Cool Springs Press/ <http://coolspringspress.com>

NATIVE BROMELIADS OF FLORIDA
Harry E. Luther & David H. Benzing, Pineapple Press, Inc.

WILD ORCHIDS OF FLORIDA
Paul Martin Brown/A more compact update & field guide of the work of Carlyle A. Luer, University Press of Florida

FLORIDA'S FABULOUS BUTTERFLIES
Includes special chapter on moths &
FLORIDA'S FABULOUS INSECTS
2 separate oversize publications in the FLORIDA FABULOUS series. WORLD PUBLICATIONS/ www.allfloridabooks.com

FLORIDA BUTTERFLY GARDENING
Marc C. Minno & Maria Minno
University Press of Florida

ATTRACTING BENEFICIAL BUGS TO YOUR GARDEN
Jessica Walliser: Timber Press

ATTRACTING NATIVE POLLINATORS
Protecting North America's Bees & Butterflies
The Xerces Society: Storey Publishing

ATTRACTING BIRDS TO SOUTH FLORIDA GARDENS
James A. Kushlan & Kirsten Hines
www.kirstenNatureTravel/publications

THE BOOKS OF PAMELA CRAWFORD:
<http://pamela-crawford.com/pamela-crawfords-books/>

A Garden Diary:
A Guide to Gardening in South Florida ©
by Robert G. Haehle and M.E. DePalma
De Palma Enterprises

THE HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HERBS & THEIR USES
The Definitive Guide to the Identification, Cultivation and uses of Herbs
Deni Bown: Dorling Kindersley Publishing Staff