

# Internodes

---

## XenoNET

### Does Mulder know about the "Why Files?"

<http://whyfiles.news.wisc.edu>

When do we ever have enough information? When homeowners call asking "Why...shouldn't I plant strawberry guava? Why...does what I plant in my yard have any impact on my region? Why...shouldn't I blindly buy from what's stocked in the local garden center?" Well, specific responses to these questions might need special attention, but it's surprising how many issues related to EPPC's mission can be found at the website called "The Why Files." Through weekly updates, this site aims to easily explain the science behind issues that are currently receiving media attention, or highlight new developments in the wide-ranging fields of scientific investigations. The focus isn't heavily plant-oriented, but useful material abounds.

Also, "Why Files" has lots of downloadable images to accompany their topics. Who knows, these could really be lifesavers when you're trying to illustrate an article or presentation. They also provide an on-line forum for open discussions, which can be infor-



Let us hear about your favorite exotic websites! E-mail the locations of cool sites (preferably sites that focus on exotic plants) to [mbodle@sfwmd.gov](mailto:mbodle@sfwmd.gov). Include a brief description of the site in your message.

mative, especially if you're feeling chatty. – Mike Bodle

### Planet Science can rock your world!

[www.newscientist.com](http://www.newscientist.com)

While on the subject of excellent sources of general science websites, few sources approach the level of currency and authority of "New Scientist Planet Science." This website for the British magazine "New Scientist" concisely and understandably reports the latest news in science. It's surprising how frequently the general media pick up stories from "New Scientist" articles, probably because they are accessible and creatively written. The body of past articles and editorials available on the site comprises a valuable archive for reference.

Also, anyone seeking jobs in the sciences should consult the site's international science job listings. On a recent check, they listed more than 650 jobs! – Mike Bodle

## Join the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council!

Annual Membership Dues Include:  
Quarterly magazine, *Wildland Weeds* • Quarterly newsletter  
Legislative updates regarding exotic plant control issues.

### Membership:

INDIVIDUAL  
Student - \$10  
General - \$20  
Contributing - \$50  
Donor - \$51-500

INSTITUTIONAL  
General - \$100  
Contributing - \$500  
Donor - \$501-\$10,000  
Patron - \$10,000 or more

*Wildland Weeds* subscription - \$15/year (does not include other membership benefits)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership type: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **Dan Thayer,**  
3301 Gun Club Rd., West Palm Bch., FL 33406

## Mark Your Calendar

If you know of additional meetings that would be of interest to WWs readers please contact Ken Langeland at [kal@gnv.ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:kal@gnv.ifas.ufl.edu).

12th Australian Weeds Conference, West Point Hotel, Hobart, Tasmania. September 12-16, 1999. Contact: [www.cdesign.com.au/tasweed/twsweb01.htm](http://www.cdesign.com.au/tasweed/twsweb01.htm).

Society for Ecological Restoration Annual Symposium: Reweaving the world - restoration, community, culture, San Francisco, CA. September 23-25, 1999.

Soil and Crop Science Society of Florida. Hyatt Sarasota on Sarasota Bay. September 22-24. Contact: Jerry Bennett 352/392-1813, [jmbt@gnv.ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:jmbt@gnv.ifas.ufl.edu).

Reflection Riding Arboretum & Botanical Garden - 1999 Fall Native Plant Sale. Chattanooga, TN. September 25-26. Contact Margaret Frederick 423/821-9582, [rriding@chattanooga.net](mailto:rriding@chattanooga.net).

Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, Daytona Beach, FL. October 5-7, 1999. Contact John Rodgers 813/744-6163.

Aquatic Nuisance Species: A Focus on the Southeast. Charleston, NC. October 12-14, 1999. Contact: Steve Dekozlowski 803/734-9114.

California Exotic Pest Plant Council Annual Symposium. Sacramento Inn, Sacramento, CA. October 15-17, 1999. Contact: Sally Davis 949/487-5427, [sallydavis@aol.com](mailto:sallydavis@aol.com).

Landscaping with Florida Native Plants, sponsored by Serenoa Chapter, Florida Native Plant Society, Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, FL. October 23, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Frank Melton 941/722-4524, [fmmces@aol.com](mailto:fmmces@aol.com).

Southern Weed Science Society Annual Meeting, Adams Mark, Tulsa, OK. January 24-26, 2000. Contact: L. L. Whatley 609/716-2283, [whatley1@pt.cyanamid.com](mailto:whatley1@pt.cyanamid.com).