

editor's note

As *Wildland Weeds* enters its second year of publication, readers will notice fewer Florida-focused articles. I hope this trend continues. When Florida EPPC decided to publish a magazine, the Board of Directors was overwhelmingly supportive of “crossing state lines.” We all recognize that invasive plants are not unique to any state, or region, or country – they are a global problem. Today, there are four North American EPPC chapters – California, Tennessee, Pacific Northwest and Florida. More chapters are sure to form as recognition of the problems caused by exotic pest plants continues to grow.

The choice of articles for the first volume was based on availability. Soliciting articles for a new magazine is not easy - the editorial board resorted to harassing the people we *knew* for material! The authors who contributed to early issues were, by and far, Florida EPPC members, and did so to help the magazine get off the ground. *Wildland Weeds* is based in Florida, but we hope to make this less obvious in future issues. Please feel free to contact us with articles from your region – alerting others to your weed problems will help prevent budding infestations elsewhere in the world!

— Amy Ferriter