Mark Your Calendar


- Invasive Plants: Perspectives, Prescriptions and Partnerships, Mid-Atlantic EPPC Annual Meeting and Biannual Symposium (co-sponsored by the Morris Arboretum), August 16-17, 2005, Philadelphia, PA. http://www.ma-eppc.org/

- 1st Annual Symposium of the Tennessee Exotic Pest Plant Council, September 8, 2005, Patterson Community Center, Murfreesboro, TN. A morning of speaker sessions and afternoon workshops covering topics such as assessment and monitoring, regional strategies, management plans: homeowners to wilderness areas, and data gaps. Watch for registration information on http://www.tneppc.org/ or contact Pat Parr at 865-576-8123.


Nodes of Interest

- Putting it simply: “These weeds are not just garden nuisances; they are changing the way natural areas function, and they are costing all of us money.” Taken from the Mississippi EPPC membership brochure.

- Natives for your Neighborhood – Check out the new and innovative native plant website by the Institute of Regional Conservation at: http://www.regionalconservation.org/beta/nfyn/. The mission is to be “A resource to help change what is now a backyard hobby for a few into a powerful conservation tool of many.” The site facilitates and encourages the use of native plants specific to an area based on the user’s zip code or county. Once a county name is entered, the user is taken to a list of native plants that provides both common and scientific names. All are linked to photographs and detailed information about the plant. Also indicated is whether the plant is available at local nurseries or widely cultivated and readily available. Users may also simply search the site using a scientific or common plant name. The site is a beta version so all counties are not yet represented. The current scope is south Florida. This is a worthy effort!

Publications

- Aquatic, Wetland and Invasive Plants in Pen-and-Ink (DVD). High resolution TIF scans of 175 line drawings that include common and rare, native and non-native species of Florida and the southeastern U.S. UF/IFAS Publ. No. DVD-347. $100. ifasbooks.ufl.edu, 800-226-1764

Pocket-sized Field Guides

- Freshwater Plants in the Southeastern United States, UF/IFAS Publ. No. SP-348. A recognition guide for 133 plants, similar in design to a folding road map, laminated with full color photographs and key identifying characteristics. Includes an insert with botanical drawings of approximately 80 of the plants depicted.

- Invasive and Other Non-Native Plants Found in Public Waters and Conservation Lands of Florida and the Southeastern United States, UF/IFAS Publ. No. SP-349. A recognition guide for 90 non-native plants targeted for control by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Folded size is 4” x 9”, convenient for pockets, glove boxes, knapsacks and hand carrying in the field. For hikers, bikers, birders, boaters, eco-managers, homeowners, realtors, teachers, scientists and students of all ages. Essential plant characteristics are pictured, with brief text descriptions where needed. Laminated for protection from the elements and made to last for many field trips. By V. Ramey, University of Florida, IFAS, Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants (2005). $11.95 each. UF/IFAS Publications: ifasbooks.ufl.edu, 800-226-1764.