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The Victoria lilies are in bloom again!

If you've ever wondered whether you knew Jack, you will know you know Jack after seeing him with (and on) his waterlilies. This Jack is a BIG lily fan. So, if you're in need of a chortle, go to www.h2olily.com/vic.html. See just how supportive an 8-foot leaf of a Victoria waterlily (*Victoria regia*) can be. You'll see leaf architecture that undoubtedly meets (and likely exceeds) hurricane-strength construction codes.

Then, regain your composure and look at some of Jack's links to other water lily resources. They include complete literature reviews of the waterlily family (Nymphaeaceae), research centers worldwide, and interesting tidbits, like the fact that the ironwork of London's Crystal Palace was, indeed, designed after the leaf venations of the Victoria lily. And a hefty design it is, too!

Where there's smoke...will there be fire?

If you've got an expanse of various grasses, vines, and shrubs, could you

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. Include a brief description of the site in your message.

predict how a wildfire would behave in the area? How should you plan a prescribed burn there? Would the plants be likely to sustain fire? Would any endangered plants survive? What could happen to the wildlife in such sites?



So many questions. Where to seek answers? One great resource is the Fire Effects Information System at <http://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis>. Well-organized information available here includes summaries of

about 900 plants, 100 animals, and 16 Kuchler plant communities found in North America. The emphasis of each summary is how fire affects each species, but backgrounds on taxonomy, range, basic biology and ecology are also included. The information is drawn from the expertise of several land management agencies which funded the original collection of materials and continue to support and maintain the database. Great site for firebugs and non-pyrophiles as well.

Mark Your Calendar

Second Eastern Native Grass Symposium. Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore MD. **November 17-19, 1999**. Contact: National Plant Materials Center 301/504-8175, <http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/bcs/links/eng.html>.

52nd Annual Southern Weed Science Society Conference. Adams Mark, Tulsa, Ok. **January 24-26, 2000**. Contact: L. L. Whatley 609/716-2283, Whatley@pt.cyanamid.com.

Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting. Westin Harbour Court Hotel, Toronto Canada. **February 5-10, 2000**. Contact: J. Breithaupt jlancaster@allenpress.com, <http://www.eext.agn.uiuc.edu/wssa/>; contact Alison Fox 352/392-1811, amfox@gnv.ifas.ufl.edu for specific information on Invasives section.

Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council Annual Meeting. North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill. **March 16-18, 2000**. Contact: John Randall jrandall@email.unc.edu.

Florida Native Plant Society Annual meeting, Miami Florida. **May 4-7, 2000**. Contact: Keith Bradley 305/247-6547, bradley@netrunner.net.

Ecosystems Restoration and Creation (formerly Annual Conference on Wetlands Creation). Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL. **May 11-12, 2000**. Contact: Frederick J Webb 813/757-2148, webb@mail.hcc.cc.fl.us.

Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council 15th Annual Symposium. Westin Beach Resort, Key Largo, FL. **May 16-18, 2000**. Contact: Ken Langeland 352/392-9614, kal@gnv.ifas.ufl.edu.

Third International Weed Science Congress. Foz do Iguassu, Parana, Brazil. **July 6-11, 2000**. Contact: P. J. Eventos 55/41/372-1177, pj@datasoft.com.br, <http://www.foxtur.com.br/iwsc>.

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