



Blánket Flower,
Gaillardia pulchella



Passion Vine
Passiflora incarnata

NatureScape Emerald Awards

The Annual NatureScape Emerald Awards are presented to model NatureScapes in the following categories: Homeowner, Business, Municipality/ Government/School, and Special Achievement.

Water Matters Day

Water Matters Day is an annual opportunity for residents to learn more about proper landscaping practices for water conservation, pollution reduction, and creating wildlife habitats. Visit broward.org/watermatters for more information.



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NatureScape Broward, creating sustainable landscapes that protect water quality and wildlife habitat.



Between Sawgrass and Seagrass



Stretching from the Everglades to the Atlantic – between sawgrass and seagrass – Broward County offers a uniquely South Florida lifestyle.

Unfortunately, these natural systems have become stressed due to the demands created by a growing urban population. But, with a little effort, we can each do our part to protect our natural resources and the quality of life we have all come to appreciate.



Tickseed, *Coreopsis leavenworthii*

In our yards, we can create "islands of green" that conserve water and naturally reduce pollution. These sanctuaries link together and make a chain of healthy green corridors that improve water quality and create habitat for urban wildlife. These are NatureScapes. The NatureScape Broward program encourages every home, school and business to become a NatureScape.

To Create a NatureScape:

- Determine how much grass you need and replace the rest with native and/or Florida-friendly plants.
- Conserve water: Follow water restrictions, irrigate efficiently, use rain shut-off devices and rain barrels.
- Create wildlife habitat to provide food, water and shelter for resident and migrating wildlife.
- Use integrated pest control, replacing hazardous pesticides with beneficial insects and non-toxic formulas.

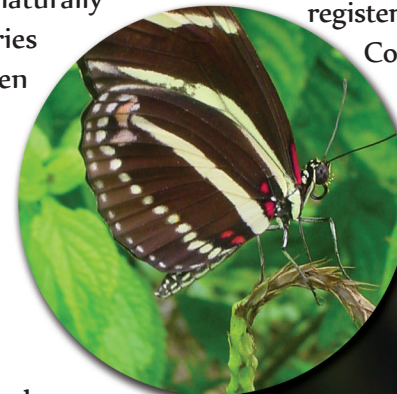
- Reduce storm water runoff by installing permeable pavers, rain gardens or bio-swales.
- Recycle yard waste into mulch and compost for healthier soil and plants.

Certify Your Yard

Certify your home, school, business, or place of worship as a backyard wildlife habitat: nwf.org/wildlife. Or visit the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Web site to see if your yard measures up as a Florida-Friendly yard: fyn.ifas.ufl.edu.

Community Wildlife Habitats

Improve the health of your community. Reduce heat island impacts by adding more native green spaces and creating wildlife habitat corridors throughout your community. Broward has many municipalities that are registered or certified National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitats.



Hummingbird with Pickerelweed, *Pontederia cordata*