

Why control invasive plants?

Without control our natural areas that
look like this...



Would look like this!



Invasive plants cause serious problems

Invasive plants are non-native species that
cause environmental and economic harm

- Cost nearly \$80M taxpayer dollars in 2005
- Diminish plant, insect, & animal diversity
in Florida's native ecosystems
- Contribute to major storm flooding
- Create breeding grounds for mosquitoes
- Reduce access to and recreational uses
of natural areas
- Increase risk and severity of forest fires

Data from "INVASIVE PLANTS IN STATE PARKS", UF/IFAS Center
for Aquatic and Invasive Plants <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/>
publications/invasive-plants-in-state-parks/ Accessed 1/20/16

How you can help!

Volunteer

We are looking for individuals or groups to help
us install, mulch, weed, and otherwise maintain
our plots. E-mail us or call and we will contact you
about volunteering.

Donate Plants

If you have uncommon native plants or seeds you
would be willing to share or information on where
we can attain these at discount let us know!

Spread the Word

Let your friends, schools, and other local organi-
zations know about the problems invasive plants
cause. Encourage the planting of native plants,
which are available at many locally owned
nurseries here in South Florida!

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**[www.ars.usda.gov/southeast-area/fort-lauderdale-fl/ipri/
docs/kind-garden/](http://www.ars.usda.gov/southeast-area/fort-lauderdale-fl/ipri/docs/kind-garden/)**

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K.I.N.D.



Keep It Native Demonstration

A Garden Collective of

Florida Native Habitats

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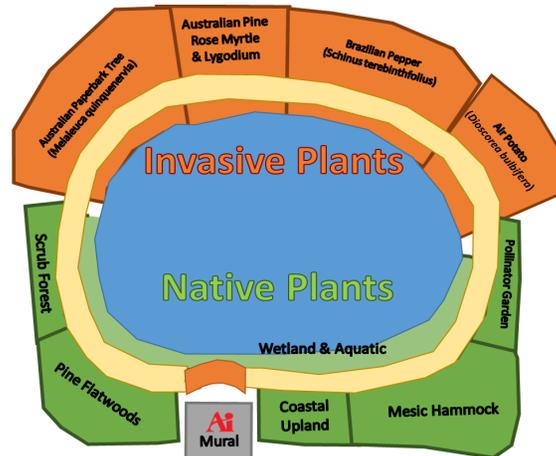
Exotic Invasive Habitats

What Is K.I.N.D.?

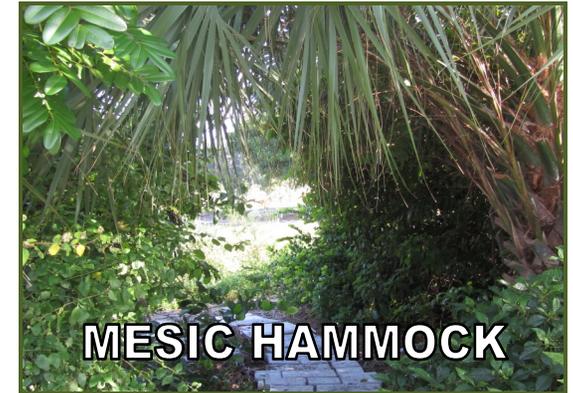
The Keep It Native Demonstration (K.I.N.D.) is a series of gardens that compare the differences between a variety of pristine native Florida habitats with habitats dominated by invasive plants.

The Purpose of K.I.N.D.

- Educational tours for schools and other public groups
- Reduce expenses by growing plants for research instead of purchasing
- Rearing biological control insects for study and release
- Research of biological control insects on invasive plants
- Providing food and shelter for native animals, birds, and insects
- Preservation of uncommon native plant species



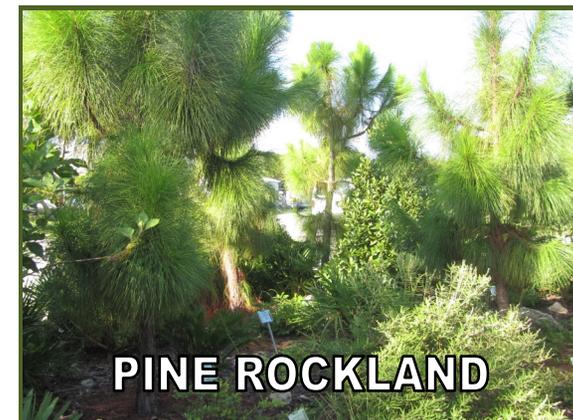
Samples of K.I.N.D. habitats



MESIC HAMMOCK



COASTAL UPLANDS



PINE ROCKLAND



Please enjoy our Florida habitats mural painted by students of Artist Tom De Vita.