

Florida Natural Areas Inventory, (850-224-8207), www.fnai.org

- www.plantatlas.usf.edu has lists of native plants naturally occurring in each county in Florida.
- Florida now has its own wildflower and native plant industry. The Wildflower Seed and Plant Growers Association now has Florida grown Florida native ecotype wildflower seeds available for sale (850-539-6602)
- Florida native ecotype seeds are seeds that came from flowers that originated from naturally occurring wildflower colonies in Florida. Genetically they are from original true Florida wildflowers.
- We now have seeds from the following Florida native ecotype species available:
 - Coreopsis basalis* (Dye Flower)
 - Coreopsis leavenworthii* (Leavenworth's Tickseed)
 - Rudbeckia mollis* (Soft Hair Coneflower)
 - Rudbeckia hirta* (Black-Eyed Susan)
 - Gaillardiapulchella* (Blanket Flower)
 - Phlox drummondii* (Drummond Phlox)
 - Flaveria linerais* (Yellow Top)
- Sow wildflower seeds from late September through January
- Wildflower seedlings are frost tolerant
- Wildflowers do not like much fertilizer, if you must fertilize use less than full strength and a low nitrogen (0-10-10 or a very low first number).
- There are four areas of wildflower involvement, all equally important:
 - 1) Hunting and identifying
 - 2) Preservation of threatened and endangered species
 - 3) Private planting on personal property
 - 4) Civic planting, parks, schools and Roadside beautification
- * If we can preserve native wildlife, we can maintain the essential bond between people and nature that fosters a sense of stewardship for the land and its living creatures. We can all do our part whether we are in a residential or rural environment by planting Florida native species and protecting our existing native plants.