
The Plants

Thirty-five federally-threatened or endangered plant species occur in South Florida. A majority of these species occur only in South Florida, predominantly in the Lake Wales Ridge and Pine Rockland communities. Other species, like *Chrysopsis floridana* and *Warea amplexifolia* occur in South Florida but are also distributed elsewhere in Florida. None of these species occur outside of the State of Florida.

This section of the Multi-Species Recovery Plan contains accounts of the threatened and endangered plant species of South Florida. These accounts detail the biology, ecology, status and trends, and management for each of these plant species. Each account is followed by the recovery needs of the species which outline the recovery objective, criteria that will be used to determine when the objective has been achieved (called recovery criteria), and the tasks that will be necessary to achieve the objective (called recovery actions). The recovery tasks are divided into species-level recovery actions that address species-specific conservation and biology, and habitat-level recovery actions that address habitat management, conservation, and restoration needs for the species. The habitat-level recovery actions form the basis for the multi-species/community-level restoration actions that are provided in the community accounts. For species that have distributions outside of South Florida, there are two sections to the recovery objective; the first is the recovery objective for the species throughout its range; the second section identifies how South Florida will contribute to the species' recovery throughout its range.

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