

Resources, Organizations, and Local Businesses in the Greater Pensacola, FL Area

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Free Apps + Websites for Identifying Species

iNaturalist: <https://www.inaturalist.org/>

Our favorite and most accurate free app for identifying plants, animals, insects, fungi, and other species that you observe. Contributions help researchers through citizen science!

Merlin Bird ID: <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>

Free app with informational resources about birds and Sound ID to identify birds by their calls live in the wild.

EDDMapS IveGot1: <https://www.eddmaps.org/project/florida/>

Free app for documenting and reporting invasive species to Florida Fish and Wildlife personnel. Early detection can be crucial for managing invasive species populations.

Biota Of North America: <http://www.bonap.org/>

Comprehensive plant distribution maps based on data from herbariums. Searching for a species by its Latin name will show the documented native distribution ranges.

Nonprofits + Local Groups

Build community and get involved with likeminded folks!

Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS): <https://www.fnps.org/>

Non-profit organization with chapters across the state of Florida working to promote research, conservation, and advocacy of native plants and plant communities. Resources on the main website include information about preservation, conservation, management and restoration, research, education, policy, landscaping, and citizen science. Free webinars can be found on their youtube page: <https://www.youtube.com/@floridanativeplantsociety>

Longleaf Pine Chapter: Our local FNPS chapter <https://longleafpine.fnpschapters.org/>

The Longleaf Pine Chapter of the FNPS meets on the second Thursday of every month from 5:45 PM - 7:30 PM at the Pensacola MESS Hall, 418 E Wright St. Pensacola, FL 32501 with a virtual Zoom meeting link available. This chapter hosts monthly lectures with guest speakers and field trips on the last Saturday of the month. They can be found at the Palafox market on the second Saturday of the month from 9 AM - 2 PM.

Francis M. Weston Audubon Society: <https://fmwaudubon.org/>

Our local chapter of the national non profit, promoting wildlife and environment preservation through advocacy, education, and volunteer projects. This group hosts monthly meetings at 7:00 PM at Pensacola State College Baroco Science Center (West) Bldg. 21, Room 2142, Pensacola, FL 32504. The FMW Audubon also hosts events including field trips, bird walks, and Birds and Brews.

'From the Ground Up' Community Garden:

<https://www.fromthegroundupgardenpensacola.com/>

Organic community garden located near downtown Pensacola. They host volunteer opportunities and events including free concerts.

Pensacola Organic Gardeners: <https://www.facebook.com/PensacolaOrganicGardeners/>

Group of community members who like to grow organic fruits, flowers, and vegetables. Monthly meetings have various educational topics. Meetings are on the 4th Monday of the month from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM at 750 College Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32504.

Ocean Hour Cleanup: <https://www.oceanhourfl.com/>

Non-profit organizing weekly Saturday morning one-hour beach cleanups at multiple locations in Pensacola, Gulf Breeze, and Fort Walton Beach. All ages are welcome!

Emerald Coastkeeper <https://www.emeraldcoastkeeper.org/>

Local non-profit advocating for swimmable, fishable, and drinkable water in our community. They organize cleanups of Carpenter's Creek, a culturally and ecologically important at-risk creek in Pensacola.

Florida Wildflower Foundation: <https://www.flawildflowers.org/>

Non-profit organization focusing on protecting, connecting, and expanding native wildflower habitats through education, research, planting, and conservation. A purchase of their license plate includes membership with access to field trips across the state.

Learn about becoming a volunteer "Wildflower Watcher" for their partnership with FDOT roadside wildflower projects: <https://www.flawildflowers.org/roadsides/>

Free educational webinars can be found on their youtube page:

www.youtube.com/@FlaWildflowers

Local Businesses:

Florida Native Landscapes: fnativelandscapes.com

Pensacola based native landscaping consultation, design, installation, and maintenance services. Native landscaping inspiration and services can be found on their website.

Crazy Native Plant Lady: <https://www.crazynativeplantlady.com/>

Native plant nursery that can be found at various events and markets in the greater Pensacola area. Open by appointment.

East Hill Edible Gardening: <https://easthillediblegardening.com/>

Locally grown organic vegetable and herb plants free from GMO and synthetic pesticides. Gardening consultations and classes centered around vegetable growing in our area. They can be found weekly at the Palafox market every Saturday from 9 AM - 2 PM.

East Hill Organics: <https://easthillorganics.com/> Organic vegetable plant nursery located in Pensacola. Services include organically grown plants, garden bed installations, garden consultations, and landscape design.

Beyond the Garden Gate: <https://beyond-the-garden-gate.com/>

Educational resources and a community event calendar on their website. They host gardening and nature events around the Pensacola area including garden tours.

Wild Birds Unlimited: <https://pensacola.wbu.com/>

Pensacola's first bird centered nature store. They have educational resources on their website and host free events including Bird Walks and presentations.

Maeday Farm: <https://maedayfarm.com/find-our-food/csa/>

Community-supported agriculture (CSA) Farm - Food distribution system that delivers organic vegetables once a week during select seasons. They deliver to Pensacola, Cantonment, Molino, and Atmore, Alabama and accept volunteer inquiries on their website.

Online Resources

Homegrown National Park: <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/>

Non-profit organization promoting adding native plants and removing invasive ones everywhere that we live, work, learn, pray, and play. Resources can be found on their website about planting natives, removing invasive species, and adding your project to their impact map.

Free recorded talks from Dr. Doug Tallamy, co-founder and author of Bringing Nature Home and Nature's Best Hope (we highly recommend adding these to book club rotations!)

National Wildlife Federation: <https://www.nwf.org/>

Non-profit organization focusing on conservation since 1936. Educational resources on their website and how to get your garden recognized as a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

Keystone Plants for our Ecoregion:

<https://www.nwf.org/-/media/Documents/PDFs/Garden-for-Wildlife/Keystone-Plants/NWF-GFW-keystone-plant-list-ecoregion-8-eastern-temperate-forests.pdf>

Xerces Society: <https://www.xerces.org/>

International non-profit organization focusing on the protection of the natural world through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitats. Key program areas include pollinator conservation, endangered species conservation, and reducing pesticide use and impacts. Educational resources on their website and yard signs for sale

Florida Invasive Species Council: <https://www.floridainvasives.org/plant-list/>

Non-profit organization that updates their Watchlist and Invasive Species lists for Florida every two years with contributions from experts across the state. Free resources on their website about invasive species removal and management strategies.