



Florida-Friendly / Waterwise Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt

Balancing wellness and connection to nature can be accomplished with a walk in your community while using your observation skills. If you live in a rural area some of these items may not be observable. This scavenger hunt has incorporated observable items often resulting in protection of our water resources. After seeing some of these items in your community you may be interested in incorporating some into your yard. You can learn more about incorporating these water-protecting features into your landscape or learn more about why they are important through our website.

SEEK by iNaturalist is a great app for your smart phone that can allow you to identify plants and animals you may come across. It will allow you to learn more about that organism as well.



Florida-Friendly plants and animals

- Native plants (www.fnps.org/plants)
- Pollinator plants and butterflies (www.fnps.org/plants/butterflies)
- Bees (<http://ow.ly/yHdk50AIMBZ>)
- State tree: Sabal Palm
- State wildflower: Coreopsis
- State butterfly: zebra longwing
- State bird: Mockingbird
- Native mammal

Waterwise techniques

- Rain barrel
- Microirrigation (this can take many forms)
- Turf alternative (Perennial peanut, Asiatic jasmine, Sensitive briar, etc.)
- Less than 50% turfgrass
- Drought-tolerant turf like Bahia grass
- Trees providing greater than 50% shade to landscape
- More than 10 species in a yard. (Try to avoid standing and pointing at your neighbor's yard for too long!)

Water resource protection

- Stormwater swale
- Stormwater pond
- Conservation easement
- Stormwater control structure
- Forested wetland
- Herbaceous (without woody stems above ground) wetland
- Stream or river

Don't forget: Have fun, bring water and wear sunscreen!