



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Walk on the Wild Side at the 11th Annual CREW Wildflower Festival
Wildflower slide show and hikes showcase public lands at the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed



From left to right: marsh-pink, buttonbush, pickerelweed, horned bladderwort, marsh-pink, dayflower, airplant, catesbys lily.

WHAT: The public is invited to the 11th Annual CREW Wildflower Festival to enjoy a kaleidoscope of colorful wildflowers and learn about the role of the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) in protecting Southwest Florida's water supply.

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and its partners – representing businesses, environmental groups, landowners and governmental agencies – manage the watershed for its numerous benefits to water storage, wildlife preservation and public recreation opportunities. The 60,000-acre watershed spanning Lee and Collier counties includes a majestic 5,000-acre marsh at its headwaters and the famous Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

As the CREW Trust celebrates more than 20 years of preservation and education, festival visitors will be treated to an array of activities, including a slide show by local authors and wildflower experts and guided wildflower and butterfly hikes.

Access to public lands at CREW remains free. Wildflower Festival guided hikes are \$4 for CREW members and \$6 for nonmembers, while exhibits and presentations are free. Reservations are required for guided hikes.

WHERE and WHEN:

Wildflower Presentation

Bonita Nature Place
27601 Kent Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Friday, April 5, 2013

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Wildflower, Tree, Butterfly Hikes

CREW Cypress Dome Trails
3980 Corkscrew Road
Immokalee, FL 33928

Saturday, April 6, 2013

8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CONTACT: For more information and reservations, visit www.crewtrust.org or call (239) 657-2253.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.