Job: Invasive Plant Coordinator at the Florida Natural Areas Inventory

The Florida Natural Areas Inventory is seeking a qualified individual to serve as the program’s Invasive Plants Coordinator. Since 2001, invasive species and their impacts on native species biodiversity have been a fundamentally important part of FNAI’s focus. Our work has included systematic surveys of invasive plants statewide to inform and help prioritize land management decisions; the development of data standards and data collection protocols; and tools, such as iMapInvasives, to help support data collection, analysis, and management. FNAI has been involved with Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs) and the Florida Invasive Species Partnership (FISP) and wishes to do more through those relationships. FNAI works closely with the Upland Invasive Plants Management Section at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

FNAI is looking for a person with a high level of expertise in Florida invasive plants and familiarity with the community of organizations and people who are working with invasive plants. A significant part of the position will involve overseeing and completing compliance (effectiveness) inspections following invasive plant management efforts on public conservation lands; FNAI does not conduct spraying or other on-the-ground invasive plant management. We also want to grow our relationships with CISMAs and FISP and therefore seek someone with excellent communication and organizing skills, and a demonstrated ability to build and sustain productive partnerships. Additionally, the coordinator will also help plan and coordinate the activities of FNAI staff working on projects related to invasive species. The position will require frequent travel for fieldwork and meetings. The Invasive Plants Coordinator will work closely with FNAI’s Data Manager to incorporate invasive species data into FNAI’s programmatic databases, so it is desirable that the person filling this position have at least a basic understanding of databases.

Qualifications:

- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Attention to detail and strong organizational skills
- Ability to work collaboratively as well as independently
- Experience with invasive plant species issues
- Experience working with databases
- Experience in developing and managing projects

Desired Knowledge and Skills:

- Graduate degree in science-related field and two years of professional experience in natural resources conservation, botany, ecology or related field
- Experience with and/or course work in the flora, fauna, ecology and/or natural history of Florida or the Southeastern U.S
• Strong relationship-building skills.
• Demonstrated expertise in botany/ecology
• Experience with vegetation monitoring and evaluating results
• Ability to use and understand botanical technical manuals and identification keys
• Knowledge of invasive species issues in Florida
• Ability to communicate invasive species issues clearly to the lay public
• Knowledge of and appreciation for the power and usefulness of GIS
• Demonstrated flexibility to changing situations and priorities

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