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## Welcome to the Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants (CAIP) Information Office

Our mixed responsibilities have us collecting and disseminating information about plant species of increasing concern and/or interest in Florida, the United States and the world, including:

- aquatic & wetland plants (native and non-native) and
- invasive plants (aquatic and upland).

We've been working for more than 30 years to provide a wealth of educational resources to researchers (academics, industry, graduate students, etc.), agency managers, field personnel, county Extension agents, park rangers, science teachers, students of all ages, environmental groups, media, and tax-paying citizens.

Most of our information is shared via three websites, as well as a comprehensive literature database, the Aquatic Plant Information Retrieval System (APIRS).

- <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu>

Our main website has been online since 1995 and includes, among other things, photographs and information on more than 500 plant species.

- <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/guide>

This website explains why and how aquatic plants are managed in Florida's freshwater environments.

- <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/education>

Designed for teachers, this website includes presentations and lessons for upper elementary, middle and high school students; all lessons meet the Sunshine State Standards.

- <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/APIRS>

This is a searchable bibliographic database with nearly 80,000 annotated citations for scientific articles and reports on uncounted species of aquatic, wetland and invasive plants. Unlike other databases, this one is free!

Additionally, we create a variety of educational publications, field guides, audio-visual programs, photo displays/murals, and learning activities. As you work to learn more about Florida's environment, we invite you to use our information services and resources.



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