

# Association of Florida Native Nurseries Policy

## Listing of Cultivars in the Native Plant & Service Directory

The Association of Florida Native Nurseries (AFNN) philosophically supports the increased use of regional seed source plant stock for regional restoration and landscape projects, when possible. Further, AFNN supports the use of Florida native species for Florida planting projects.

Many Florida native species and their cultivars naturally occur beyond the Florida political boundaries. AFNN does recognize that certain ecoregions, as defined by The Nature Conservancy, namely the South Atlantic Coastal Plain and the Eastern Gulf Coastal Plain, extend beyond Florida's boundaries (refer to map below). Additional Florida ecoregions are the Florida Peninsula and Tropical Florida. Ecoregions are defined as areas of relatively homogeneous climate, topography, geology, and vegetation.

AFNN finds naturally occurring cultivars of Florida native species originating within these ecoregions acceptable for listing in the annual AFNN *Native Plant & Service Directory*. The customer should be informed that differences in latitude, soils, and microclimate make some plant selections and their cultivars more or less suitable for their location. To benefit those consumers shopping only for Florida seed source plant stock, all directory-listed cultivars shall be footnoted with a distinct symbol and the geographical source of each cultivar shall also be named. Mechanically hybridized plant stock shall be excluded from directory listing. AFNN members should know the origin of their directory listed stock and provide consumers this information upon request.

Policy formulated by Cultivar Committee members Nancy Bissett, David Drylie, and Brightman Logan, with consultation by Richard Moyroud. Approved by the AFNN Board of Directors on December 2, 2006.

[This policy supercedes statements made in prior AFNN publications. When origin information is not available, cultivar listing questions are resolved by David Drylie and Richard Moyroud.]



The map presents the Florida ecoregions defined by TNC's U.S. ecoregional planning teams, to provide ecological context and planning units for TNC conservation projects. TNC

also has maps showing the range of all 92 ecoregions identified for the US. Map produced for AFNN by Kathy Freeman, GIS Technician, TNC Florida Chapter Office.