

## Where Wildflowers Grow

### ***Coastal Uplands***

Beaches, dunes, coastal hammocks, and shell middens are found along the coastline and barrier islands of Florida. Plants growing in coastal uplands must be tolerant of salt spray and drought.

### ***Hardwood Forests***

Wide variation in make-up, sometimes called hammocks and might be referred to as "woods," they occur on moist, well-drained but relatively rich soils. Typically, with a closed canopy but a diverse understory and a surprisingly large variety of wildflowers.

### ***Pine Flatwoods***

Poor drainage due to a clay hardpan may result in standing water during wet periods. Fire dependent for a healthy habitat and wide variety of wildflowers.

### ***Ruderal***

Disturbed sites such as lawns, vacant lots, fields, pastures, and roadsides are all ruderal sites. Wildflowers found here are sometimes referred to as "weeds." "In the eye of the beholder..."

### ***Sandhills***

Sometimes called savannas, these longleaf pine-turkey oak associations occur on sandy, well drained hills and ridges. Widely spaced trees permit ample sunlight to reach the ground. Plant and butterfly diversity is high. Fire dependent for a healthy habitat.

### ***Wetlands***

Wet prairie, marshes, swamps, floodplain forests, wet ditches, pond margins, stream margins. Some wildflowers either tolerate or require wet habitats.