

Pontederia cordata



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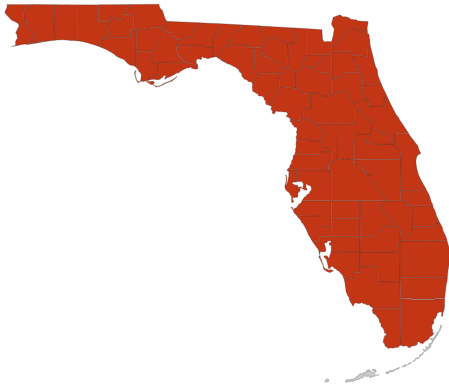
Pickerelweed

Pontederiaceae

Plant Specifics

- Size:** to 3-4 ft
- Life Span:** Long-lived perennial
- Flower Color:** Purple
- Phenology:** Winter dormant. Blooms spring to fall. Individual plants short-lived but it spreads vegetatively to form long-lived patches.
- Habitats:** Marshes, swamps, slow moving streams.

Natural Range in Florida



USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:



Landscaping

- Recommended Uses:** Wetland gardens and pond edges. Used in wetland restoration.
- Light:** ☀ Full Sun, ☁ Part Shade
- Moisture Tolerance:** Aquatic (always flooded) ----- to ----- Stays W
- Salt Water Flooding Tolerance:** Not salt tolerant of inundation by salty or brackish water.
- Salt Spray Tolerance:** Low/no tolerance of salty wind or direct salt spray
- Soil/Substrate:** Pond, lake, or stream bottom, Organic matter (muck)

Wildlife



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Ducks love the plants and a risk is that they might devour an entire planting.

Attracts butterflies and bees. Documented bee visitors include *Hylaeus schwarzi*, *Dianthidiuin floriense*, *Ceratina dupla floridaiza*, *Apis inellifera*, and *Xylocopa inicaizs* (Deyrup et al. 2002).