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Press Release

Good News, we do not have to go to Mars! Humans are turning our green Earth into a lifeless Mars! OR Plants are critical to ALL life on Earth. Let's plant more!

Why waste a Climate Crisis?

Easy solution: Let's Plant lots of native trees and plants and reduce the sod and turf on our yards.

Goal: Plant 100,000 Native Trees & Plants in our County to Save our Birds, Us & Earth

To restore our bare or grass-only lands, PIAS has distributed to the community **6,761** native plants under our **Trees for Life/Plants for Birds** projects. See GPS maps (<https://pelicanislandaudubon.org/home-page/trees-for-life-plants-for-birds/>) of over **2,129** trees of 9 species and **4,632** native plants of 30 species. Come out Sundays, Wednesday, or Fridays from 9 am-noon to enjoy the fun of gardening, watering and potting plants. You can also come these times to pick up a free tree (Southern Live Oak, Mahogany, Bald Cypress) and for \$5 a pot 30 other native vines, flowers, ground covers, palms, shrubs. These will all help restore our natural environment and wildlife, essential for our enjoyment and survival.

Let's all work together to restore our planet to save our rapidly disappearing species.

Let's replace turf with native plants and trees for a healthy Lagoon and our precious waters. Staggering Wastefulness of our American Lawns:

- In FL, 64% of drinking water goes to irrigation. (In summer 88%)
- 3X more water than corn! No one eats it!
- 800 Million gals. gas for Lawn Equipment
- 41 Billion lbs. CO2 emitted from Blowers & Mowers
- 13 Billion lbs., Toxic & Carcinogenic Air Pollutants
- 100 Million lbs. Pernicious Lawn Chemicals & Fertilizers
- \$45 Billion Lawn Care

Bring birds to your yard; plant native trees and plants available now.

Contact:

Pelican Island Audubon Society

772-567-3520 or email

piaudubon@yahoo.com

or visit PelicanIslandAudubon.org

Why Plant Trees?

Human Well-being:

- Provide food and shelter.
- Kids play outside more—less ADHD, asthma, obesity, harmful sun exposure.
- Know your neighbors, get exercise, better health.
- Produces oxygen & eliminates CO₂.
- 50% less crime
- Reduces noise pollution & reduces speeding.

Economic Benefits:

- Property values 5-20% higher.
- Save 60% in asphalt-maintenance costs over 30 years.
- Customers stay longer, increase property values and

increase worker satisfaction.

- Cut cooling costs 30-50%.
- Cools parking lots, cars, rooftops and cities.
- Slows evaporation and runoff
- Save much water.

Environmental Health, including the Indian River Lagoon:

- Reduce soil erosion and filter oil, chemicals, and gas runoff
- Retain organic material that will form muck.
- Absorb odors, ammonia, sulfur dioxide, and ozone.
- Reduce fertilizer and herbicide use and runoff.

This will not begin to replace all we have paved over, but we can save irrigation, water, fertilizer, CO2 from mowers, and bring back wildlife in our living areas. Let's discover how to be a part of nature and save Ourselves.

Planting native trees can help tackle all these problems. Let's Save Indian River County for Future Generations!

Trees for Life/Plants for Birds

Select Plants and pay Online

pelicanislandaudubon.org/trees-for-life-plants-for-bird-purchase-form/

Schedule Pickup at the Audubon House

195 9th St SE. (Oslo Rd), Vero Beach, FL 32962

Mask required.

Or: Call 772-567-3520 9 am-1 pm M-F & Request

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL: _____

\$5 x _____ = \$ _____

\$3 x _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Pay Via (CIRCLE ONE):

Credit Card Cash Check # _____

CC# _____

EXP _____ CCV _____

VISA/MC-3 digits on back / AMEX-4 digits on front

BILLING ZIP: _____

FREE PLANT

6-inch - FREE

FIREBUSH

\$5 - 1 gallon, 1.5 and 2.5 quart (Qt)

\$3 - 3-inch and 6-inch pots

#	size	VINES
	1GAL	Coral Honeysuckle
	1GAL	Cross Vine

#	size	FLOWERS/GROUND COVERS
	3-inch	Frogfruit
	3-inch	Sea-Purslane

#	size	PALM
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	1GAL	Cabbage Palm
	\$5 - 1 gallon, 1.5 and 2.5 quart (Qt)	
	\$3 - 3-inch and 6-inch pots	

#	size	FLOWERS
	6-inch	Blanket flower
	3-inch	Dune Sunflower
	1GAL	Horsemint
	6-inch	Lance-leaf Coreopsis
	3-inch	Leavenworth's Coreopsis
	3-inch	Stokes Aster
	3-inch	Tropical Salvia

#	size	SHRUBS
	1GAL	Beautyberry
	1.5 Qt	Coontie
	1GAL	Florida Privet
	1.5 Qt	Sea-oxeye daisy
	1GAL	Seagrape
	1GAL	Shiny Leaf Coffee
	1.5 Qt	Simpson's stopper

FREE TREES

Sign "Trees for Life" form

1 gallon - FREE

	BALD CYPRESS
	MAHOGANY
	SOUTHERN LIVE OAK

TREES - 1-gallon pots - \$5

	BUTTONBUSH
	DAHOON HOLLY
	GALLBERRY/INKBERRY
	LONG-LEAF PINE
	MYRTLE OAK
	SALTBUSH/GROUNDSEL
	SAND LIVE OAK
	SAND PINE
	SLASH PINE
	WALTER'S VIBURNUM
	WAX MYRTLE