

A Series on Native
Florida Wildflowers
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Wildflowers: What's Blooming

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Yellow-eyed Grass (*Xyris* spp.)

Members of this genus have flowers with three yellow petals that sit on a scaly, cone-like spike and a leafless stem. Only one species has white petals with yellow stamens. Leaves are flat and grass-like. Find this North American native blooming from spring through fall in moist pinelands and other wet areas.



Pipewort (*Eriocaulon* spp.)

Also commonly called Hat Pins, this water loving plant grows in moist pinewoods, ditches, and marshes throughout the state. Tiny white flowers form hard, button-like heads in spring which mature to black by fall. If you have this rush-like plant growing on your property, the flowers work well in dried floral arrangements.

Yellow-star Grass (*Hypoxis* sp.)

This Florida native grows in pinewoods throughout the state and features star-shaped, yellow flowers that bloom year-round. With hairy stems and small yellow flowers, similar species in this genus are often differentiated by the width of their narrow leaves.

