

Garden Notes

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Lawn Problems

Turf is still suffering from many stresses this summer. In addition to ground pearls in all grasses, we are seeing Take All Root Rot which affects roots and running stems. Turf care practices have to change to address this issue. [Read this good article](#) from a colleague about turf care with Take all disease.



Swallowtail Butterfly

The Eastern Tiger swallowtail can be found through the Eastern U.S., including Florida. Host plants include many trees like Sweetbay magnolia, Tulip tree, Black cherry, and Ash. Keeping native woodland areas is important to maintain this species.



Brazilian Plume

While looking for a shady spot in the demonstration garden, we notice the beautiful blooms of *Justicia carnea*, Jacobinia or Brazilian plume. This perennial grows about 2 feet in height with large green leaves. It forms clusters of tubular flowers that may be various colors depending on the selection. The pink version is a nice companion with hydrangeas, white shrimp plant, and peacock ginger.

Plants may freeze back in the winter depending on your location but will return from the roots. Planting in mass provides more of a show.