

Pine Flatwoods



A healthy flatwoods habitat at the edge of a housing development. Here the palmetto is kept low enough to allow wildlife and wildflowers to thrive.

Fire plays a major role in maintaining this ecosystem. Although this is the most extensive land ecosystem in Florida, these familiar landscapes are in danger of disappearing due to fire suppression and land development.

As we develop wild areas for human uses, this and other natural habitats are not only destroyed, but the essential fires needed in nearby natural areas are typically suppressed.

Unfortunately, this lack of fire results in the slow strangulation of the Pine Flatwoods as plant and wildlife species diversity is lost and many invasive exotics thrive.