

WGC Membership Meeting Wellington Community Center Monday, February 2, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Speaker: Scott Davis

Topic: Ethno Botany (foraging a meal in your backyard)

Ever wonder if those pesky weeds growing around the house are useful? Edible and medicinal plants are all around us! South Florida is an ethnobotanical hot spot for wild edible and/or medicinal plants. Many of these plants have regained so much popularity in the last few years that numerous niche markets have emerged in response to rising demands for foraged, wildcrafted foods. These plants are widespread, readily available, and absolutely free! Ethnobotany studies the relationships that exist between plants and people, bringing the sciences of anthropology and botany together. This presentation is a real eye-opener. You'llbe astounded by the quantity of useful plants allaround you! Scott is a professional botanist and director of the Milkweed Foundation, an non-profit organization dedicated to plant conservation and sustainability. Scott is a native of South Florida, but currently calls Apalachicola and Lake Placid his homes. Scott has over 25 years of experience in plant ecology and field biology, and holds a BS in Environmental Science and a BA in Philosophy from Florida State University. Scott will be bringing plant samples for us to view, but you'll have to look fast before he eats them!