

# UPLAND PLANT COMMUNITY: SCRUBBY FLATWOODS

## A. DESCRIPTION:

Occurs on sterile, well drained relic dune soils subject to occasional fires. Plants occur in scattered clumps of trees and shrubs with open sandy areas. More fire tolerant species occur here than in the xeric oak scrub community.

## B. FUNCTION:

✓ WILDLIFE HABITAT  
✓ BIOTIC DIVERSITY  
STABILIZATION  
✓ ENERGY CONSERVATION

✓ UNIQUE FEATURE  
✓ LANDSCAPE  
RECREATION  
✓ AESTHETICS

FLOOD PROTECTION  
WATER QUALITY  
✓ WATER QUANTITY  
CLIMATE MODIFIER

## C. SPECIAL CONCERNS:

✓ ENDANGERED FLORA  
✓ ENDANGERED FAUNA  
SYSTEM DESTRUCTION

✓ LIMITED RESOURCE  
REGIONAL RESOURCE  
✓ UNIQUE FEATURE

JURISDICTIONAL  
SEASONAL FLOOD

## D. COMMENTS:

Usually associated with pine flatwoods communities. Habitat of many rare and endangered flora and fauna.

## E. TYPICAL DOMINANT PLANTS:

### TREES (UPPER STORY)

1. Slash pine (*Pinus elliotti var. densa*)
2. Sand live oak (*Quercus virginiana var. geminata*)
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### SHRUBS (MIDDLE STORY)

1. Rosemary (*Ceratiola ericoides*)
2. Torflower (*Besleria racemosa*)
3. Myrtle oak (*Quercus myrtifolia*)
4. Saw palmetto (*Serenoa repens*)
- 5.

### GROUND COVER (UNDER STORY)

1. Grassleaf golden aster (*Heterotheca graminifolia*)
2. Broomsedge (*Andropogon virginicus*)
3. Gopher apple (*Chrysobalanus oblongifolius*)
4. Deer moss (*Cladonia spp.*)
5. Coontie (*Zamia spp.*)