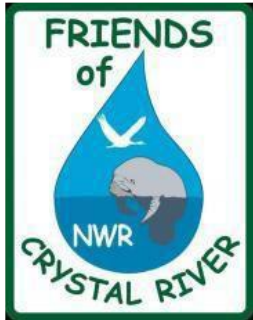
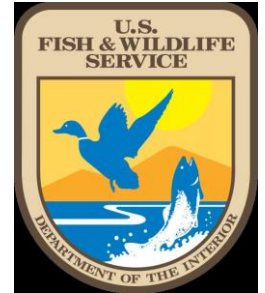


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**Lawn to Wildflowers: A nation-wide movement to create pollinator friendly wildflower habitat**



**Nash Turley, Ph.D., University of Central Florida**

Lawn to Wildflowers is a citizen-science project focused on converting lawns to pollinator-friendly wildflower habitat and engaging the public in collecting data on plants pollinators. Dr. Turley and other researchers at UCF are developing a mobile app to educate the public on pollinator natural history and lawn restoration techniques and make it easy to purchase native plants and seeds.

Topics in Nash's presentation include:

- Overview of wildflower and pollinator biology and natural history
- The extent and ecological impacts of mowed grass lawns around the nation
- The importance of converting lawns to native wildflowers
- Overview of the Lawn to Wildflowers organization
- Demonstration of mobile app tools for pollinator ID and data collection



Nash Turley is a plant and insect ecologist, he is the co-founder of Lawn to Wildflowers and a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Biology Department at University of Central Florida. Nash's background in biology is broad having conducted research on plant-insect interactions, evolutionary biology, and restoration ecology of prairies and longleaf pine savannas. Now Nash's work with Lawn to Wildflowers focuses on working with the public to convert lawns to pollinator friendly habitat.

