



Invitation to Join the Connect to Protect Network (Homeowner)

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden invites you to join the **Connect to Protect Network (CTPN)**. The network is designed to ensure the health and sustainability of Miami-Dade County's pine rocklands— a globally critically imperiled ecosystem that includes nearly 400 rare and common plant species. By planting native plants between existing pine rockland fragments, we can help ensure that birds, butterflies, and bees can find and disperse the pollen and seeds necessary for sustaining and improving the health of remaining pine rockland fragments. At the same time we'll be beautifying public spaces and our own gardens, while reducing water and fertilizer use.

If you have existing pine rockland species in your yard and/or would like to receive a pine rockland starter kit of 5 plants, and you are willing to maintain the species on your property for at least 2 years, then you are eligible to join the network.

Member benefits include:

- A pine rockland starter kit (5 plants),
- Opportunities to receive additional pine rockland plants as supplies allow,
- Expert advice from Fairchild's conservation horticulturist,
- Our monthly E-newsletter,
- Invitations to relevant workdays, conferences, and citizen science projects,
- An opportunity to give back by returning cleaned seed from your Connect to Protect garden, which we will use to propagate plants for more members, and
- Knowing that your property is part of a network dedicated to strengthening Miami's unique and imperiled pine rocklands.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Affiliation _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please return this form via email to ConnectToProtect@fairchildgarden.org, or mail it to: Connect to Protect Network, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd., Miami, FL 33156.