

PART OF DESOTO STATE PARK'S
34TH ANNUAL WILDFLOWER SATURDAY



PLANTS & NATURAL HISTORY

MAY 2, 2026 ~ 7:00 PM DESOTO STATE PARK, FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA
CCC PAVILION, PICNIC AREA

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY'S DR. JIMMY TRIPLETT

DR. JIMMY TRIPLETT FROM JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY WILL SHARE STORIES ABOUT HOW PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES HAVE USED PLANTS FOR MEDICINE OVER THE YEARS. HE'LL TALK ABOUT TRADITIONAL REMEDIES PASSED DOWN THROUGH GENERATIONS AND HOW PLANTS HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN EVERYDAY LIFE. HE'LL ALSO SHOWCASE THE RICH VARIETY OF NATIVE AND REGIONAL FLORA FOUND IN OUR AREA, OFFERING INSIGHT INTO THEIR UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS AND THE IMPORTANT ROLES THEY PLAY IN OUR LOCAL ECOSYSTEMS.

GET A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON HOW PEOPLE, PLANTS, AND THE PLACES WE CALL HOME ARE ALL CONNECTED —AND HOW TRADITIONS FROM THE PAST STILL INFLUENCE THE WAY WE USE AND UNDERSTAND PLANTS TODAY. EXPLORE SIMPLE WAYS WE CAN HELP PROTECT THESE IMPORTANT PLANTS SO THEY CAN BE ENJOYED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.



DR. JIMMY TRIPLETT HAS BEEN TEACHING BOTANY AND BIOLOGY AT JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY SINCE 2010. HE'S ESPECIALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT THE BAMBOO GENUS *ARUNDINARIA*, AND HIS RESEARCH LOOKS AT HOW GRASSES EVOLVE—FOCUSING ON BAMBOO AND HOW PROCESSES LIKE HYBRIDIZATION AND POLYPLOIDY SHAPE PLANT DIVERSITY.

BEYOND HIS TEACHING AND RESEARCH RESPONSIBILITIES, HE SERVES AS CURATOR OF THE JSU HERBARIUM, WHICH HOUSES MORE THAN 70,000 PLANT SPECIMENS. HE IS ALSO CO-DIRECTOR OF THE JSU GREENHOUSE AND A COLLABORATOR ON THE ALABAMA PLANT ATLAS.

FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE! FOR ALL AGES. NO RSVP NEEDED

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