

Day 1	Tuesday, December 8 th , 2026 - Class and Field Trip at American Beach Community Center
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome, introductions, course overview, pretest
9:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Introduction to Invasive Plants presentation - Dave Hébert
12:15 – 1:15 PM	Lunch on your own. Reconvene at Community Center
1:15 – 2:15 PM	Explain and start on student projects
2:15 – 2:50 PM	Russian Thistle presentation
3:00– 3:30 PM	FIELD TRIP: Scout for Russian thistle on the beach. Bring a hat/sunscreen, sunglasses, plastic bag, and ater bottle. Meet at American beach access.
ON YOUR OWN 2-3 Hours	Student Projects: <u>Saving Nassau County's Greenfly Orchid: A Conservation Grant Challenge:</u> Students will act as conservation biologists applying for funding through the Florida Statewide Endangered and Threatened Plant Conservation Program . Using the greenfly orchid (<i>Epidendrum conopseum</i>) as their target species, each student will develop a conservation grant proposal that identifies threats, outlines conservation actions, and includes a project budget. After presenting their proposals, students will evaluate and discuss which projects would provide the greatest benefit to the orchid and which projects are most cost-effective.

Day 2	Wednesday, December 9 th , 2026 – Class at American Beach Community Center and PM Field Trips
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Plant Morphology presentation - Beth Strawbridge
12:00 – 12:05 PM	Prepare for bus tour. Bring sack lunch - we will not stop. NOTE: This is a 1-hour drive. Transportation in a large 15-passenger van provided.
12:05 – 1:30 PM	FIELD TRIP Site 1: Observe Water Hyacinth Outbreak @ Thomas Creek / US Hwy 1 (Closest address is 540118 U.S. 1 Callahan, FL 32011).
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Restroom break @ Callahan Extension Office (543350 US Hwy 1, Callahan, FL 32011)
1:45 – 2:30 PM	FIELD TRIP Site 2: Observe Natural Area Infestation of Wild Taro and Chinese Tallow @ NEFL Fairgrounds (North of Parking Lot). Learn to spot-pull seedlings of Chinese tallow tree
2:30 – 3:30 PM	FIELD TRIP Site 3 Observe Hack n’ Squirt Demonstration on Adult Chinese Tallow @ US Hwy 1 and Rocking Horse Ln Callahan, FL 32011
3:30 – 4:50 PM	Windshield Tour: Observe Cogongrass Before/After (on the way back) – Observe cogongrass with and without herbicide treatment after a few years post-treatment

Day 3	Thursday, December 10 th , 2026 - Class at American Beach Community Center and PM Field Trip
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Aquatic Invasive Plants presentation - Dave Hébert
1:00 – 3:00 PM	FIELD TRIP: Observe Littoral Zone Plants, Insects, and Animals @ 1110 N 15th St. Pond and eat sack lunch. Head back to Community Center
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Pond Ecology presentation

Day 4	Friday, December 11 th 2026 - Class at American Beach Community Center
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Upland Invasive Plants presentation - Dave Hébert
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch & learn (Invasive species and ecology videos). Please bring sack lunch.
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Share, evaluate, and discuss student projects
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Post test, evaluations, and certifications