

IN MEMORY OF  
**Harold J. Nett**

The Volusia County Pawpaw Chapter of FNPS sadly announced the death, on October 5th, 1996, of Harold Nett, a long-time member of the Florida Native Plant Society. Harold was born in Michigan in 1909 and was interested in Michigan wildflowers in the 1930s. Career responsibilities took over for a time, but Nett again took up the study of wildflowers in 1959. He joined the Southeastern Chapter of the Michigan Botanical Club in 1962 and was their trip leader from 1965 through 1972. He moved to Florida in 1973 and began studying birds, as there was "no botanical club." Nett joined the Florida Botanical Club [sic] almost at its start, and from 1979 through 1987, took up the study of Florida wildflowers more seriously, finding nearly 370 flowering plants a year. Nett identified 600 species in Volusia County. After health problems in 1988, his efforts were "reduced" to finding about 200 a year. Nett was also active in the Audubon Society, having served as President of the Halifax Audubon Society and as an officer in Audubon in Michigan. The Pawpaw chapter newsletter noted that "Harold was the member we turned to when we couldn't identify a plant, a flower, or a bird — he always knew the answer. He also wrote poetry, and was a member of the Tomoka Poets Society."



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