Flowers Underfoot

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A world of rainbow colors grow beneath our feet, unseen by those who hurry by; a world of beauty invisible to eyes that do not look. We seldom see these tiny plants that grow in jagged lawns and carpet berms along the way. They sprout along dusty trails and live to paint the soggy swales.

We must look down to see these living greens with their pretty, pastel petals that smile back at the few who see the glory in their artistry. Still their beauty spreads wide with every color since time began, bright hues seldom seen by man. But first we must pause… Stop! And look at flowers underfoot.
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Official definition of native plant:
For most purposes, the phrase Florida native plant refers to those species occurring within the state boundaries prior to European contact, according to the best available scientific and historical documentation. More specifically, it includes those species understood as indigenous, occurring in natural associations in habitats that existed prior to significant human impacts and alterations of the landscape.

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