

**The Plant Conservation Alliance (PCA)** is a collaboration among 15 U.S. Federal Agency Members (Federal Committee) and more than 400 Non-Federal Cooperators (Non-Federal Cooperators Committee). Since 1994, we have worked together to address native plant conservation and habitat restoration needs across the United States. Our strength comes from the expertise of a nationwide network, pooling resources and working together to protect, conserve, and restore our national plant heritage for generations to come.

# To protect native plants by ensuring that native plant populations and their communities are maintained, enhanced, and restored.

## **About the PCA Federal Committee**

The PCA Federal Committee identifies and recommends, as appropriate, priority conservation needs for native plants and their habitats and programs for addressing those needs. It serves as a forum for coordination and implementation of a national native plant conservation activities, including public education and outreach, research, conservation actions, native plant materials development, databases and information exchange, and international programs. Federal Committee members are encouraged to take appropriate action within the limits of their respective authorities, policies, and budgets. The PCA Federal Committee is chaired by Patricia De Angelis, Ph.D., Botanist at the Fish & Wildlife Service.

## **About the PCA Non-Federal Cooperator Committee**

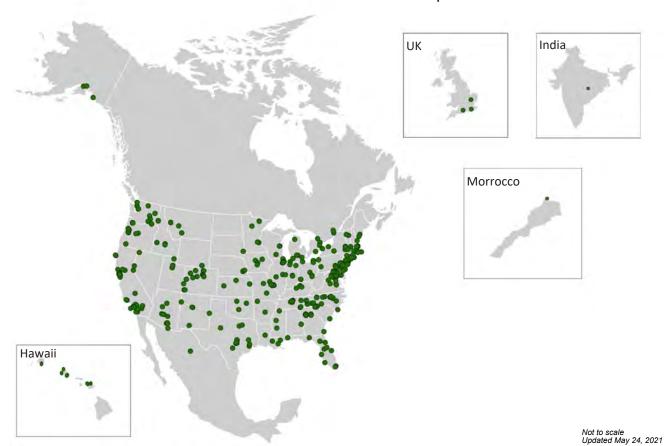
The PCA Non-Federal Cooperator Committee (NFCC) partners with the Federal Committee and others to advance plant conservation, promote native plant community restoration, and conduct plant conservation research. It represents the interests and ideas of more than 400 non-federal organizations including botanic gardens, universities, educational groups, state agencies, businesses, professional societies, trade associations, native plant societies, and garden clubs. Cooperators participate in PCA bi-monthly meetings and other activities, including nonfederal outreach and education to raise awareness about the importance of native plant conservation. The PCA Non-Federal Cooperator Committee is chaired by Kayri Havens, Ph.D., Senior Scientist at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

#### **Achievements**

- Developed the National Seed Strategy (2015) to address widespread shortages of native seed for habitat restoration and rehabilitation. In its first five years, at least 380 Federal, Tribal, state, and nongovernmental partners reported progress toward the Strategy's goals across 52 states and U.S. territories, implementing projects across more than 10 million acres.
- Administered a matching grant program with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to support conservation and restoration of native plants and their ecosystems throughout the United States. From 1995 to 2012, more than 300 projects were funded, investing \$19.1 million in plant conservation.
- Created the National Framework for Progress in Plant Conservation (1995) to provide a coordinated approach to plant conservation in the United States. Six focal areas continue to inform our activities and bi-monthly speaker series: collaborative conservation; education; restoration; research and development; sustainability; and data sharing, inform our bi-monthly speaker series.



# Non-Federal PCA Cooperators



## You're Invited to Join our Effort!

## Why should my organization become a PCA Cooperator?

Join the PCA Non-Federal Cooperator Committee to connect your organization to an international network dedicated to U.S. native plant conservation and restoration. Receive information on activities and national plant conservation information to incorporate as you see fit into your organizational outreach and activities. There are no costs associated with becoming a Cooperator.

## How can my organization become a Cooperator?

- 1. Visit www.plantconservationalliance.org to make sure your organization isn't already a Cooperator.
- 2. If your organization is not yet a Cooperator, the primary contact at your organization (usually a director or equivalent) can apply for Cooperator status by visiting www.plantconservationalliance.org to fillout our online form.
- 3. To stay in touch, join the native-plants email listserv and join the PCA Facebook group. links at www.plantconservationalliance.org

## How can my agency become involved with the PCA?

U.S. Federal agencies, please contact the Chair of the Federal Committee, see below. International agencies or non-federal agencies are invited to become a PCA Cooperator, as described above.

For more information on the Plant Conservation Alliance Non-Federal Cooperator Committee, contact: info@plantconservationalliance.org or visit www.plantconservationalliance.org

For more information on the Plant Conservation Alliance Federal Committee, contact:

Patricia De Angelis, US Fish & Wildlife Service, via Maggie Park, margaret\_park@fws.gov or visit www.blm.gov/pca

