A Common Passion

MULTIPLE AGENCIES AND VOLUNTEERS
UNITE TO REINTRODUCE

Goatsfoot Passionflower

TO ROCKLAND HAMMOCKS
OF MIAMI, FLORIDA
The extreme southeastern tip of the continental US is home to South Florida Rockland—a unique ecosystem characterized by limestone outcroppings, a paucity of soil, and primarily tropical flora with a high degree of endemism (Snyder and others 1990). The 2 dominant plant communities of South Florida Rockland are rocky pine savannas known as pine rocklands and hardwood forests known as rockland hammocks. Since the early twentieth century, South Florida Rockland has

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**ABSTRACT**

We conducted a reintroduction program for rare goatsfoot passionflower (Passiflora sexflora Juss. [Passifloraceae]) that was possible only through the cooperative efforts of 4 different agencies, one private homeowner, and several volunteers. The reintroduction program included surveying for and collecting wild plants, nursery propagation, and reintroduction to 2 locations within the historic range of goatsfoot passionflower. Reintroductions tripled the known population size of this species. Early results show that 90% of transplants have survived to date, with more than one-third of these reproducing.


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**NOMENCLATURE**

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*Figure 1. Goatsfoot passionflower, Passiflora sexflora. Photo by Keith Bradley*