

# Florida's Native Bromeliads:

## Bartram's Airplant

Scientific name:

*Tillandsia bartramii* Elliott

Former names:

*Tillandsia juncea*; *Tillandsia myriophylla*

Status in Florida:

Not threatened



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Distribution: Florida, Georgia, Caribbean, Mexico

Distribution in Florida: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Franklin, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Manatee, Marion, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Volusia, and Wakulla Counties

Occurrence in Florida: Frequent

Habitat: Hammocks and pinelands

Description: Epiphytic; grows to 10-30 cm (4-12 in.) tall (20-40 cm [8-16 in.] when flowering); plants densely clustered; thin, leathery, grayish leaves (15-30 per plant); simple flower spike or with 1-5 side branches; pink to red floral bracts with flowers 2.5 cm (1 in.) long (5-20 per plant); seed capsules up to 3 cm (1 1/8 in.) long

Time of flowering: Spring - summer (especially spring)

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