

CITRUS WEED SPOTLIGHT

Fumitory or earthsmoke (*Fumaria officinalis*)

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Season: winter herbaceous annual
Plant height: 7 inches to 2.5 feet



Leaves: alternate; stalked; blades deeply divided into narrow feathery segments

Stem: smooth and branching

Flowers: elongated masses along stem tips, pink or purplish, tubular shaped with four petals. Flowers in

winter and spring produce a spectacular mass of color

Fruit: almost spherical capsule that is approximately one-tenth of an inch in size

Distribution: found in disturbed sites including groves, fields and roadsides throughout Florida and most of the United States. The plant is native to Eurasia.



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Former citrus Extension agent Tim Hurner, left, in October received the **2012 Excellence in Crop Advising Award** sponsored by the Florida Farm Bureau (FFB) and the Florida Certified Crop Advisors (CCA) board of directors. With Hurner are Mary Hartney, president of Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Association, which administers the Florida CCA program; and FFB President John Hoblick. The award recognizes a professional who has provided farmers with superior service in nutrient management, soil and water conservation, pest control and crop production. Hurner announced in early December that he'd resign at the end of 2012 following a 46-year career in citrus Extension and education.

Adam Watson, who is pursuing his Ph.D. in food and resource economics at the University of Florida, recently received the **Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association education scholarship**, which was sponsored by Syngenta for the



ninth consecutive year. The scholarship recognizes a student pursuing a career in agriculture.

Marrone Bio Innovations has hired **Neal Job** as director of U.S. sales for the agriculture division, **Rich Fedigan** as director of marketing and communications, and **Dave Owens** as manager of sales of

crop protection products in Florida.

Lake Wales citrus growers **Vic Story** and **Marty McKenna** have created the **Legend of Sun Lion Florida Tangerines brand** for the 2012-2013 season. The new venture is pledging 10 percent of company net profits to Florida panther conservation efforts. 🍊



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