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The scrub ecosystem is named for the scrubby, and patchy vegetation growing on islands of powdery sand atop remnant sand dunes.

Many Florida rare plants and animals have adapted to the hot, dry harshness of the scrub with water conserving storage techniques and fire adaptations.

Garberia is a member of the Aster family, but unlike most Aster species, its growth habit is woody and shrubby rather than herbaceous.

Garberia's inflorescences are large, showy clusters of pink to purple tubular flowers. Leaves are alternately arranged and oval to obovate with a grayish-green hue. Garberia is endemic to north and central Florida. It occurs naturally in scrub and other xeric habitats.

Garberia is a state-listed threatened species.

Flowering mostly in the late fall, it provides nectar for many pollinators like bees and butterflies.

Family: Asteraceae

Native range: Central Florida

Hardiness: 8-9

Soil: Well-drained, acidic soil

Exposure: Full sun to minimal shade

Growth habit: 5' high by 5" wide

Garden tips: Garberia is evergreen and works well in dry, sunny areas.

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