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## **Randall honored for work with imperiled plants**

CHAPEL HILL – Dr. Johnny Randall, assistant director for conservation at the North Carolina Botanical Garden at the University of North Carolina, has won the 2013 Star Award from the Center for Plant Conservation for his work with rare and imperiled plant species. The award was presented on April 5 in conjunction with the Center for Plant Conservation’s national meeting, held this year at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas, and recognizes individuals who demonstrate the concern, cooperation and personal investment needed to conserve imperiled native plants.

Kathryn Kennedy, president and executive director of the Center for Plant Conservation said, “Johnny Randall’s leadership in plant conservation has brought benefits to the local community and to the entire country in moving conservation science and practice forward. He is most deserving and we are pleased to give him this recognition.”

The award honored Randall’s expertise in restoring imperiled plants in degraded habitats. His dedication to a science-based, considered and pragmatic approach is clear in his leadership for producing guidance for local, regional and national plant conservation issues. Randall’s teaching and mentoring of students is also noteworthy.

The Center for Plant Conservation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve and restore the imperiled plants of the United States to secure them from extinction. It has established a network of 39 leading botanical institutions across the country. By developing standards and guidance, conducting hands-on work and raising awareness, the Center and its partners strive to accomplish the research and restoration work needed to return these plants to their natural habitats. The Center coordinates the National Collection of Endangered Plants, securing seed from more than 750 of America’s most vulnerable native plants, and is working on hundreds of restoration projects. The Center’s program is managed by their national office in St. Louis, Mo. For additional information about the Center for Plant Conservation, visit [www.centerforplantconservation.org](http://www.centerforplantconservation.org).

About North Carolina Botanical Garden:

The North Carolina Botanical Garden is part of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Their mission is “To inspire understanding, appreciation, and conservation of plants in gardens and natural areas and to advance a sustainable relationship between people and nature.” Learn more about the North Carolina Botanical Garden at [ncbg.unc.edu/](http://ncbg.unc.edu/).

Visitor information:

North Carolina Botanical Garden is located at 100 Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, NC. It is open weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., (administrative offices, gift shop, exhibits open at 9 a.m.); Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. (June – Aug., open to 6 p.m. on weekends). Closed for the winter holidays Dec. 24 – 26; Dec. 29 – Jan. 1. Admission is free.

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