
Kral-ing Through Time: The Impact of Robert Kral on the Past, Present, and Future of Botany in the Southeastern U.S

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Robert Kral's Development as a Botanist and his Role as Teacher and Mentor.

With roots in the Midwestern states of Iowa and Illinois and family ties to plants and plant science, Robert Kral developed an early interest in botany and natural history and went on to make profound and lasting contributions to knowledge of the flora of the southeastern United States. He was also a dedicated and engaging teacher for more than 40 years. His career culminated at Vanderbilt University where he taught field-oriented courses in plant taxonomy, local flora, and dendrology, and mentored graduate students doing floristic and taxonomic research. Major influences on his development as a human being and a botanist, as well as his practices, methods, and accomplishments as teacher and mentor will be explored.

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