

Profile: Denise Thomas

Denise Thomas is an Information Specialist with IPM Florida and is pursuing a doctorate degree in plant medicine with a certificate in plant pest risk assessment and management. Her position focuses on updating and maintaining the IPM Florida website and formatting extension material. Denise is a Florida native that earned her B.S. in entomology and nematology and M.Ed. in science education from the University of Florida. Prior to pursuing a doctorate degree, Denise was a middle school science teacher. Since enrolling into the program in January of 2006, she has interned in New Zealand at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry developing molecular techniques for high risk plant viruses and pests and in Raleigh, North Carolina at USDA-APHIS-PPQ-CPHST creating pest datasheets for pests of regulatory importance. With a love for music, Denise is a gifted tuba player that has toured Europe with the University of Florida band and currently plays in a local orchestra.

