



FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
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Native Landscaping Central

Restoring Beauty & Balance to Florida

Native Landscaping

Plants native to Florida are not the same as plants introduced from other places. Native plants provide conservation benefits that others rarely measure up to. When you select plants adapted to your growing conditions, they require very little attention once they are fully established. They will not need additional water and fertilizer to thrive, nor will they need pesticides to cope with typical insect pests. They also are the plants that will literally bring life to your landscape. Native plants form the only real foundation for Florida's butterflies, bees, and other pollinators, hummingbirds, songbirds, and other interesting wildlife. Living landscapes connect us to the real world and create a sense of wonder in what would otherwise be sterile and uninteresting. You will not be limited in your choices or aesthetics. There are hundreds of wonderful plants to choose from.

The Florida Native Plant Society chapters host monthly meetings and field trips. They are an excellent resource to share information and answer questions.

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DRIER SOILS

SUN



LOP-SIDED INDIAN GRASS
Sorghastrum nutans
• Clumping grass
• 6 ft. tall
• Moderately salt-tolerant
• Host for skippers



FLORIDA GREENEYES
Betandiera subcaulis
• Perennial flower
• 1-2 ft. tall
• Interesting flower
• Winter-dormant
• Attracts many pollinators



BUTTERFLYWEED
Asclepias tuberosa
• Perennial flower
• 1-2 ft. tall
• Winter-dormant
• Showy flowers
• Larval host to monarch, queen, soldier butterflies



CHALKY BLUESTEM
Andropogon virginicus
var. *glaucaus*
• Perennial grass
• 3-5 ft. tall
• Chalky foliage, blue-green color
• Source of food and cover for wildlife



BLANKETFLOWER
Gaillardia pulchella
• Annual flower, reseeds
• 15 inches tall
• Salt-tolerant
• Showy flower
• Attracts butterflies and bees



SCRIB HICKORY
Carya floridana
• Perennial tree
• 15-30 ft. tall
• Deciduous
• Fall color, interesting form
• Wildlife eat fruit



RUSTY LYONIA
Lyonia ferruginea
• Perennial tree
• 10-15 ft. tall
• Interesting foliage, showy flowers
• Attracts pollinators



TROPICAL SAGE
Salvia coccinea
• Annual flower, reseeds
• 2-6 ft. tall
• Moderately salt-tolerant
• Attracts hummingbirds



YELLOW BUTTONS
Balduna angustifolia
• Biennial flower
• 2-3 ft. tall
• Reseeds
• Showy flowers
• Attracts pollinators

PART SUN



BEAUTYBERRY
Callicarpa americana
• Deciduous shrub
• 4-8 ft. tall
• Easy to grow
• Birds eat fruit
• Jelly can be made from fruit



FLATWOODS PLUM
Prunus umbellata
• Small tree
• Up to 15 ft. tall
• Profuse white flowers in spring
• Deciduous
• Birds and wildlife eat fruits



DARROW'S BLUEBERRY
Vaccinium darrowii
• Up to 3 ft. tall, with wider spread
• Perennial shrub
• Evergreen
• Birds and wildlife eat fruit



CORAL BEAN
Erythrina herbacea
• Shrub, deciduous
• 3-20 ft. tall
• Salt-tolerant
• Fruit is poisonous
• Attracts hummingbirds



SAW PALMETTO
Serenoa repens
• 3-8 ft. tall, spreads
• Perennial shrub
• Evergreen
• Moderately salt-tolerant
• Wildlife cover and food source



GARBERIA
Garberia heterophylla
• Perennial shrub
• 5 ft. tall, spreads
• Showy flowers, fruits
• Good hedge plant
• Attracts many pollinators



COONTIE
Zamia pumila
• Shrub, evergreen
• 3 ft. H X 3 ft. W
• Slow-growing
• Highly salt-tolerant
• Makes nice border
• Host plant for atala butterfly



SPARKLEBERRY
Vaccinium arboreum
• Tree, shrub
• 6-25' H X 4-15' W
• Fall color
• Profuse, fragrant flowers
• Attracts many pollinators



TWINFLOWER
Dyschoriste oblongifolia
• Perennial flower
• 0.5-1 ft. tall
• Winter-dormant
• Showy flowers
• Larval host plant for common buckeye



SHINY LYONIA
Lyonia lucida
• Shrub
• 2-6 ft. tall
• Evergreen
• Profuse, showy flowers
• Attracts pollinators

AVERAGE SOILS



CORAL HONEYSUCKLE
Lonicera sempervirens
• Flowering vine
• Up to 15 ft. tall
• Long-lived perennial
• Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds



VANILLA LEAF
Carpheophorus odoratissimus
• Perennial flower
• Up to 4 ft. tall
• Showy flowers
• Attracts pollinators



PARTRIDGE PEA
Chamaecrista fasciculata
• Annual flower
• Up to 4 ft. tall
• Showy flowers
• Attracts pollinators, wildlife eat seeds



SWEETGUM
Liquidambar styraciflua
• Perennial tree
• Up to 60 ft. tall
• Fall color
• Interesting foliage
• Drops prickly seed balls



SUGARBERRY
Celtis laevigata
• Tree
• Up to 60 ft. tall
• Deciduous
• Provides cover and fruits for wildlife
• Butterfly host



SUNSHINE MIMOSA
Mimosa strigillosa
• Perennial flower
• 4-6 ft. tall
• Spreads, good groundcover
• Larval host of little sulphur butterfly



FROG FRUIT
Phyla nodiflora
• Perennial flower, good groundcover
• 6 inches tall
• Highly salt-tolerant
• Host plant for butterflies



BLAZING STAR
Liatris spicata
• Perennial flower, reseeds
• 2-4 ft. tall
• Showy flowers
• Winter-dormant
• Attracts many pollinators



BLACK-EYED SUSAN
Rudbeckia hirta
• Annual flower
• Up to 3 ft. tall, spreads
• Readily reseeds
• Showy flowers
• Birds eat seeds



FAKAHATCHEE GRASS
Tripsacum dactyloides
• Clumping grass
• 4-6 ft. tall
• Low salt tolerance
• Larval host for some skippers



GIANT IRONWEED
Veronica gigantea
• Perennial flower
• 4-6 ft. tall
• Winter-dormant
• Showy flowers
• Attracts native bees



FIREBUSH
Hamelia patens
• Perennial flowering shrub
• Up to 4-10 ft. H x 4-10 ft. W
• Attracts pollinators and hummingbirds



LYRELEAF SAGE
Salvia lyrata
• Short-lived perennial flower, reseeds
• 1-1.5 ft. tall
• Interesting foliage
• Attracts many pollinators



WHITE FRINGE TREE
Chionanthus virginicus
• Small tree
• Up to 25 ft. tall
• Profuse flowers
• Deciduous
• Attracts pollinators



CAROLINA WILD PETUNIA
Ruellia carolinensis
• Flowering perennial
• 2.5 ft. H X 2 ft. W
• Moderately salt-tolerant
• Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds



SHINY-LEAF WILD COFFEE
Psychotria nervosa
• Shrub, evergreen, reseeds
• 4-6 ft. tall
• Interesting foliage
• Birds eat the fruit, attracts pollinators



WALTER'S VIBURNUM
Viburnum obtovatum
• Shrub/small tree, evergreen
• 10-20 ft. tall, spreads
• Profuse flowers
• Birds eat fruit, attracts pollinators

WET SOILS



ELLIOTT'S ASTER
Symphotrichum elliotii
• Perennial flower
• Up to 4 ft. tall
• Profuse showy flowers
• Attracts pollinators



SAND CORDGRASS
Spartina bakeri
• Clumping grass, perennial
• 3-5 ft. tall
• Highly salt-tolerant
• Larval host for some skippers



LEAVENWORTH'S TICKSEED
Coreopsis leavenworthii
• Annual flower
• 1-3 ft. tall
• State wildflower
• Attracts many pollinators



RED MAPLE
Acer rubrum
• Tree
• Up to 50 ft. tall
• Seasonally red leaves, flowers and "winged" seed pods
• Birds eat seeds



SCARLET HIBISCUS
Hibiscus coccineus
• Perennial flower
• 5-8 ft. tall
• Winter-dormant
• Very showy flowers, foliage
• Plant near water



BLUE-EYED GRASS
Sisyrinchium angustifolium
• Perennial flower
• 6 inches - 1 ft. tall
• Spreads
• Winter-dormant
• Attracts pollinators



YELLOW CANNA
Canna flaccida
• Perennial flower
• Winter-dormant
• 3-6 ft. tall, spreads
• Needs wet conditions
• Larval host



YELLOWTOP
Flaveria linearis
• Perennial flower
• 2-3 ft. tall
• Profuse flowers
• Highly salt-tolerant
• Attracts native bees



SWAMP MILKWEED
Asclepias incarnata
• Flower
• 3-5 ft. tall
• Showy flowers
• Winter-dormant
• Larval host to monarch butterfly and others



BUTTONBUSH
Cephalanthus occidentalis
• Shrub, deciduous
• 5-20 ft. H X 8 ft. W
• Attracts many pollinators



PRAIRIE IRIS
Iris hexagona
• Perennial flower
• Winter-dormant
• 3-4 ft. tall
• Needs wet conditions
• Attracts bees



STRING LILY
Corium americanum
• Perennial flower
• 1-2 ft. tall
• Evergreen
• Showy white flowers
• Attracts pollinators



SWAMP DOGWOOD
Cornus foemina
• Tree
• 15-40 ft. tall
• Wind-resistant
• Use along stream or pond edges
• Attracts birds and pollinators



WAX MYRTLE
Myrica cerifera
• Shrub/small tree, evergreen
• Up to 10-15 ft. tall
• Moderately salt-tolerant
• Wildlife cover, birds eat the fruit



FROSTWEED
Verbesina virginica
• Perennial flower
• 5' tall, showy flower clusters at top
• Background plant in garden



VIRGINIA WILLOW
Salix virginica
• Shrub/small tree, deciduous
• 5-8 ft. tall
• Fall color, fragrant flowers
• Wildlife cover, attracts pollinators



SWAMP FERN
Isoetes macrospora
• Perennial fern
• Makes good groundcover
• 2-3 ft. tall
• Can spread in wet places



CARDINAL FLOWER
Loebelia cardinalis
• 3-5 ft. tall
• Perennial flower
• Winter-dormant
• Many showy flowers
• Plant around water features
• Attracts pollinators, hummingbirds



LIZARD'S TAIL
Saururus cernuus
• Perennial evergreen, flower fragrant
• 2-3 ft. tall, spreads
• Nectar plant, wildlife cover and food