

# How to Find Florida Native Plants

NOTE: at least 60% of your plants must be Florida Native Plants

1. A list of selected Native plants is provided on the next three pages. This list includes the plants preferred soil drainage conditions and indicates whether the plant is generally available at local plant nurseries.
2. Native plants can be searched by clicking on "Native Plant Search" from the NatureScape website at <http://www.broward.org/naturescape/welcome.htm>
3. Then enter your zip code and the "type" of plant you are looking for (e.g. Tree), click "search" and it will provide you with a list of native species. Clicking the plant name will provide more information.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naturescape Information &amp; Classes</li> <li>How to Volunteer</li> <li><b>Native Plant Search</b></li> <li>Contact Us</li> <li>Water Resources Home</li> </ul>	C	Cabbage palm	Sabal palmetto
		Coastal Plain willow	Salix caroliniana
		Coco-plum	Chrysobalanus icaco
		Coral-bean, Cherokee bean	Erythrina herbacea
	D	Dahoon holly, Dahoon	Ilex cassine
	E	Elderberry, American elder	Sambucus canadensis
	F	Firebush	Hamelia patens
	G	Gumbo-limbo	
	N	Nutberry	
		Myrsine, Colicwood	
	P	Persimmon, Common persimmon	Diospyros
		Pond-apple	Annona glabra
	R	Red mulberry	Morus rubra
	S	Satinleaf	Chrysophyllum oliviforme
		South Florida slash pine	Pinus elliottii var. densa
		Strangler fig, Golden fig	Ficus aurea
		Sugarberry, Southern Hackberry	Celtis laevigata
	T	Tinberry, Simson's stoober	Nyctanthes fragrans

**Firebush**  
*Hamelia patens*

**Landscape Uses:**  
Accent or specimen shrub. Buffer plantings.

**Ecological Restoration Notes:**  
Widespread but rarely abundant in tree fall gaps and along the edges of hammocks. Perhaps overused in ecological restoration plantings.

**Availability:**  
Widely cultivated.

**Description:**  
Large shrub or small tree with rounded crown from weak, easily broken branches, usually on multiple trunks. Bark dark brown. Leaves light to dark green with reddish blotches and veins. 2-8 inches long.

**Height:**  
About 10-12 feet in height, or sometimes more. Often as broad as tall.

4. Another excellent reference is the South Florida Water Management District's publication "WaterWise: South Florida Landscapes" plant guide which is available online at [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov) a link direct link to this document is provided in the reference material section on our web-site at <http://www.broward.org/bio/browardbeautiful.htm>



# NATIVE PLANT SPECIES (selected species)

## TREES

Botanical Name	Common Name	PREFERS SOILS GENERALLY...			Generally Available
		DRY	MEDIUM	WET	
<i>Acacia choriophylla</i>	Cinnecord	x			
<i>Acacia famesiana</i>	Sweet Acacia	x			
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple			x	YES
<i>Bursera simaruba</i>	Gumbo Limbo	x	x	x	YES
<i>Chrysophyllum oliviforme</i>	Satin leaf				YES
<i>Clusia rosea</i>	Pitch Apple				
<i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i>	Pigeon Plum	x			YES
<i>Conocarpus erectus</i>	Buttonwood - Silver or Green	x			YES
<i>Cordia sebestena</i>	Orange Geiger	x			YES
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	Persimmon			x	
<i>Erythrina herbacea</i>	Coral Bean				
<i>Eugenia foetida</i>	Spanish Stopper				
<i>Exothea paniculata</i>	Inkwood				
<i>Guapira discolor</i>	Blolly				
<i>Genipa clusifolia</i>	Seven-year Apple				
<i>Guaiacum sanctum</i>	Lignum Vitae	x			
<i>Hypelate trifoliata</i>	White Ironwood				
<i>Ilex cassine</i>	Dahoon Holly			x	YES
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Red Cedar		x	x	YES
<i>Krugiodendron ferreum</i>	Black Ironwood				
<i>Licania michauxii</i>	Gopher Apple				
<i>Lysiloma latisiliqua</i>	Wild Tamarind		x	x	YES
<i>Mastichodendron foetidissimum</i>	Mastic				
<i>Morus nigra</i>	Black Mulberry				
<i>Morus rubra</i>	Red Mulberry				
<i>Ocotea coriacea</i>	Lancewood				
<i>Persea borbonia</i>	Redbay			x	YES
<i>Pinus clausa</i>	Sand Pine				
<i>Pinus eliottii var. densa</i>	Slash Pine	x			YES
<i>Piscidia piscipula</i>	Jamaican Dogwood				
<i>Quercus geminate</i>	Scrub Oak				
<i>Quercus laevis</i>	Turkey Oak				
<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	Laurel Oak				
<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Shumard Red Oak				
<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	Live Oak	x	x	x	YES
<i>Sapindus saponaria</i>	Soapberry				
<i>Simarouba gluaca</i>	Paradise Tree	x			YES
<i>Suriana maritime</i>	Bay Cedar				
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald Cypress				
<i>Zanthoxylum fagara</i>	Wild Lime				

# PALMS

Botanical Name	Common Name	PREFERS SOILS GENERALLY...			Generally Available
		DRY	MEDIUM	WET	
<i>Acoelorrhaphe wrightii</i>	Everglades Palm			x	YES
<i>Coccothrinax argentata</i>	Silver Thatch Palm	x	x		
<i>Pseudophoenix sargentii</i>	Buccaneer Palm	x			
<i>Roystonea elata</i>	Florida Royal Palm		x	x	YES
<i>Sabal minor</i>	Dwarf Palmetto	x			
<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	Sabal Palm	x	x	not standing water	YES
<i>Thrinax radiata</i>	Florida Thatch Palm	x			YES

# GROUND COVERS

Botanical Name	Common Name	PREFERS SOILS GENERALLY...			Generally Available
		DRY	MEDIUM	WET	
<i>Acrostichum danaeifolium</i>	leather Fern			x	YES
<i>Coreopsis spp.</i>	Coreopsis -Tickseed				
<i>Crinum americanum</i>	Crinum lily				
<i>Ctenitis sloanei</i>	Florida Tree Fern				
<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	Blanket Flower	x	x		YES
<i>Helianthus debilis</i>	Beach Sunflower	x			YES
<i>Heliotropium polyphyllum</i>	Pineland Heliotrope				
<i>Hymenocallis latifolia</i>	Spider Lily	x	x		YES
<i>Iris Hexegona</i>	Prairie Iris				
<i>Lantana involucrate</i>	Lantana - Wild Sage	x			YES
<i>Lantana depressa</i>	Pineland lantana	x			YES
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Coral Honeysuckle				
<i>Nephrolepis biserrata Furcans</i>	Fishtail Fern		x	x	YES
<i>Nephrolepis exaltata</i>	Boston Fern	x	x	x	YES
<i>Passiflora suberosa</i>	Corkystem Passionflower				
<i>Peperomia obtusifolia</i>	Peperomia				
<i>Rhexia spp.</i>	Meadow Beauty				
<i>Ruellia caroliniensis</i>	Wild Petunia				
<i>Salvia coccinea</i>	Tropical Sage	x	x		
<i>Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</i>	Blue Porterweed	x	x		YES
<i>Stokesia laevis</i>	Stokes Aster				
<i>Uniola peniculata</i>	Sea Oats	x			YES
<i>Zamia pumila</i>	Coontie	x			YES
<i>Zephyranthes spp.</i>	Zephyr Lily				

# GRASSES

Botanical Name	Common Name	PREFERS SOILS GENERALLY...			Generally Available
		DRY	MEDIUM	WET	
<i>Eragrostis ellioti</i>	Elliot Love Grass	x	x	x	
<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	Purple Love Grass	x	x	x	
<i>Muhlenbergia capillaries</i>	Muhly Grass	x	x		YES
<i>Spartina bakeri</i>	Sand Cordgrass	x	x	x	YES
<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>	Fakahatchee Grass	x	x	x	YES
<i>Tripsacum floridanum</i>	Dwarf Fakahatchee Grass	x	x	x	YES

# SHRUBS

<i>Botanical Name</i>	Common Name	PREFERS SOILS GENERALLY...			Generally Available
		DRY	MEDIUM	WET	
<i>Ardisia escallonioides</i>	Marlberry				
<i>Amphitecna latifolia</i>	Black Calabash				
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	Salt Bush				
<i>Befaria racrmosa</i>	Tarflower				
<i>Bourreria ovata</i>	Dwarf Bahama Strongbark (regular variety)				
<i>Callicarpa Americana</i>	Beautyberry	x	x		YES
<i>Calyptroanthus pallens</i>	Spicewood				
<i>Capparis cynophallophora</i>	Jamaican Caper	x	x		YES
<i>Capparis flexuosa</i>	Limber Caper				
<i>Capsicum annum var. glabriusculum</i>	Bird Pepper				
<i>Cassia spp.</i>	Native Cassias	x	x		
<i>Chrysobalanus icaco</i>	Cocoplum - white fruit	x	x		YES
<i>Cordia globosa</i>	Bloodberry	x			
<i>Crossopetalum ilicifolium</i>	Quailberry				
<i>Dondonaea viscosa</i>	Varnish Leaf				
<i>Eugenia axillaries</i>	White Stopper				
<i>Eugenia rhombea</i>	Red Stopper		x moist soil		YES
<i>Forestiera pinetorum</i>	Pineland Privet				
<i>Guettarda elliptica</i>	Everglades Velvetseed				
<i>Guettarda scabra</i>	Roughleaf Velvetseed				
<i>Gymnanthes lucida</i>	Crabwood				
<i>Hamelia cuprea</i>	Bahama Firebush				
<i>Hamelia micrantha</i>	Dwarf Firebush	x	x		YES
<i>Hamelia patens</i>	Firebush	x	x		YES
<i>Jacquinia keyensis</i>	Joewood				
<i>Licania mochauxii</i>	Gopher Apple				
<i>Lyonia ferruginea</i>	Rusty Lyonia				
<i>Myrcianthes fragrans</i>	Simpson Stopper		x moist soil		YES
<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	Wax Myrtle	x			
<i>Myrsine quinensis</i>	Myrsine	x	x	x	YES
<i>Pithecellobium guadalupense</i>	Blackbead				
<i>Pithecellobium unguis-cati</i>	Cats Claw				
<i>Pyschotria nervosa</i>	Wild Coffee		x	x	YES
<i>Randia aculeate</i>	White Indigo Berry				
<i>Savia bahamensis</i>	Florida Key Maidenbush				
<i>Scaevola plumieri</i>	Inkberry				
<i>Schoepfia chrysophylliodes</i>	Gulf Grey Twig				
<i>Serenoa repens</i>	Saw Palmetto	x			YES
<i>Sophora tomentosa</i>	Necklace Pod	x	x		
<i>Tetrazygia bicolor</i>	Florida Tetrazygia				