Water Matters Day
Tree and Plant Giveaway
October 16, 2021
Native Shrubs
Firebush
*Hamelia patens*

- Grows rapidly to 10 ft high
- Blooms year-round red-orange tubular flowers that attract hummingbirds & butterflies
- Can be a hedge, shrub or small tree
- Berries attract birds
- Full to partial sun
- High drought tolerance
- Moderate salt tolerance
Bahama Cassia
*Senna mexicana var. chapmanii*

- Fast growing shrub 2-3 feet high
- Accent plant suitable for mass plantings
- Full sun to light shade
- High drought tolerance
- Larval plant for Sulphur butterflies
- Blooms yellow flowers fall & winter
Native Trees and Palms
Bahama Strongbark  
*Bourreria succulenta*

- Small accent or specimen flowering tree to 10 – 15 feet
- Moderate growth rate
- Full sun to light shade
- Prefers well-drained soils
- Drought tolerant
- Semi-showy white flower all year; ½ “ wide; aromatic
- Provides food and cover for wildlife
- Food and cover for hummingbirds
- *Listed as endangered by the State of Florida*
Live Oak

*Quercus virginiana*

- Large spreading tree typically 30-50 feet in South Florida
- Moderate to fast growth
- Can live hundreds of years
- Wind resistant
- Attracts butterflies and skippers
- Great nesting trees for birds and provides significant food for wildlife

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Simpson’s Stopper
*Myrcianthes fragrans*

- Grows to 10 ft high shrub or small tree
- Blooms fragrant blossoms intermittently all year
- Orange berries attract birds
- Full to partial sun
- High drought tolerance
- High salt tolerance
Geiger Tree
*Cordia sebestena*

- Grows to an average of 20 feet
- Brilliant orange flowers year-round
- Prefers well drained soils
- High salt and drought tolerance
- Full sun to very light shade
- Attracts hummingbirds
Florida Thatch Palm

*Thrinax radiata*

- Grows slowly to 20 - 28 feet
- Partial to full sun
- White flowers and fruit provide food for birds and pollinators
- Larval food plant for Monk Skipper butterflies
- High salt and drought tolerance
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Key Thatch Palm  
*Leucothrinax morrisii*

- Slowly grows 20 to 35 feet tall, its smooth, slender trunk topped with 3.5-foot-wide, beautiful, green and silver fronds.
- **Light:** Light Shade to Full Sun  
- **Height:** 20 to 35 feet  
- **Spread:** 8 to 12 feet  
- **Leaf color:** dark green to blue and shiny on top, silver to light green underneath
- Highly drought- and salt-tolerant, making it ideal for seaside applications.
- **Wildlife and Ecology:** Provides significant food and cover for wildlife. Larval host plant for monk skipper (*Asbolis capucinus*) butterflies

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Lignum vitae
*Guaiacum sanctum*

- Specimen shrub or small tree typically 8’ – 20’ in height
- Very slow growth rate
- Requires full sun or light shade
- Showy blue flower all year
- Provides food and cover for birds
- Larval host plant for lysine sulphur butterflies
- Nectar plant for butterflies and bees
- Catbirds and mockingbirds eat the seeds.

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Jamaican Caper
*Capparis cynophallophora*

- Small tree or large shrub growing slowly upright to 12 feet in height
- Full sun to light shade
- Showy, fragrant pink flowers mostly at night in late winter - spring
- Drought and salt tolerant, excellent plant for coastal gardens
- Useful as a low-maintenance hedge
- Provides food and cover for wildlife, larval host plant for Florida white butterflies
Trees
Non-Native
Jatropha

*Jatropha integerrima*

- Evergreen shrub or small tree with stunning flowers
- Will bring butterflies and hummingbirds to your garden.
- Can reach about 15 feet tall and have an equal spread when left unpruned.
- Low maintenance and drought tolerant
- Can handle partial shade to full sun, they will flower best in areas with full sun
Fruit Trees

Non-native
Loquat

Eriobotrya japonica

• Evergreen tree reaching 20 - 30 feet in height
• Short trunk and rounded to upright canopy
• Edible fruit in late winter and spring
• Fragrant clusters of creamy white flowers
• Fruit attracts birds and other wildlife
• Full sun
• Medium watering needs
Dwarf/Condo Mangos
Mangifera indica spp

**Mallika** native to India, superb flavor.
Fruit must be picked mature green and ripened at room temperature.

**Glenn** has a mild peachy flavor.
Trees typically fifteen feet tall
Fruit ripens June-July
Dwarf/Condo Mangos  
*Mangifera indica spp*

**Ice Cream** – can be maintained a 6’ feet in height, sweet and rich flavored.
Fruit ripens from June to July

**Nam Doc Mai- Asian mango**
Fruit is firm, sweet, aromatic and completely fiberless.
Fruit ripens June to July.

Photos: Ian Maquire
Large Variety Mango
*Mangifera indica spp*

**Pim Saen Mun** is native to Southeast Asia.

Smooth texture and sweet flavor.

Large vigorous growers and prolific producers.

Harvest in July.