

# Florida-Friendly Plant List 2006



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The plants on this list are considered by UF/IFAS horticulture specialists to be well adapted to growing in Florida landscapes. When planted under appropriate soil, light, and climatic conditions, most generally require little maintenance compared with other plants. Each plant's preferred growing conditions (soil pH, soil texture, relative drought tolerance, soil drainage/moisture, light range, light optimum, and salt tolerance) are included here as a guide to choosing plants for your specific site conditions. Additional information is given on growth rate, mature height and spread, flowering color and season, value to wildlife, wind resistance and other characteristics helpful for plant selection and maintenance.

See the key to symbols and abbreviations used in the tables for details. Remember to always put the right plant in the right place by matching each plant's needs with the environmental conditions found at the site. There may be variation in some characteristics, especially in the region (north, central or south) of Florida in which plants will grow. Check with your county's UF/IFAS Extension office to confirm the appropriateness of specific plants (look in the government pages of your phone book or see <a href="http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/offices.html">http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/offices.html</a> for your county's contact information).

## Key to Symbols and Abbreviations:

### Florida Region and Cold Hardiness Zones:

Region (includes Florida regions in which plant will grow): N=North; C=Central; S=South (see map at right).

USDA cold hardiness zone (<a href="http://www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone/hzm-se1.html">http://www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone/hzm-se1.html</a>) is listed below the region and includes Florida zones only.

### N/I = Native and Invasive Status:

FL = Florida native

NA = Not yet assessed for invasive potential by the IFAS Invasive Plant Working Group

No = Assessed by IFAS Invasive Plant Working Group and not considered to be a problem species (not considered invasive) and can be recommended (for full details on assessment procedure, see <a href="http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/assessment.html">http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/assessment.html</a>)

No/C = Assessed by IFAS Invasive Plant Working Group and not considered to be invasive, but use with caution in at least one region (see comments column for details on those plants)

FL/NA = Some species are Florida natives and some are non-native species that have not yet been assessed

### Growth Rate, Height and Spread:

Growth rate: Slow; Medium; Fast; S-M = Slow-Medium; M-F = medium to fast

 $\uparrow$  = mature height in feet;  $\rightarrow$  = mature spread in feet

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Soil Texture: C/L = clay loam; S/L = sandy loam; S = sandy; S/C = sandy clay; any = any texture

### Soil Moisture:

 $\bigcirc$  = well drained  $\bigcirc$  = medium drained  $\bigcirc$  = wet  $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$  = well drained to medium drained

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Drought Tolerance: High, Medium, Low, or None (Note: Both drought tolerance and soil moisture tolerance should be considered, and they are not the same. For example, a plant may tolerate wet soils and also have high drought tolerance, and another plant may prefer well drained soils but have low drought tolerance.)

# Light Range and Light Optimum:

🗰 = Full Sun 🔯 = Partial Shade 🕰 = Shade

= Optimum light conditions

Salt Tolerance: H = High; M=Medium; L-N: Low to None; U = Unknown





Wildlife: = Attracts butterflies = Attracts hummingbirds = Attracts other birds



### Use this list to choose plants based on your site conditions, following these steps:

- 1.) Find out and write down the conditions of the bed or other area you want to plant:
  - The region of the state you live in. (Check the map on page 2 and remember that if you live close to the border of a region, all of the plants listed for that region may not do well in your area and some of the plants that do well in the next region may do well in your area.)
  - The amount of light the site receives. (Check at various times throughout the day and through the seasons.)
  - Soil pH and texture. (Take samples and obtain a soil test through your county's Extension office.)
  - Soil moisture (Is it in a high, dry area or a low area where water frequently accumulates? To check drainage, dig a small hole, add water and see how quickly the water drains if water stands for more than 24 hours, consider it a wet site.)
  - Exposure to salt spray or salty irrigation water.
  - Size of area for plants. (Are there height restrictions such as a window nearby or power lines above? Is the width of the area limited?)
- 2.) Determine the type of plant you want (tree, shrub, etc.) and go to that category on the list.
- 3.) Narrow down the list by choosing plants that match the region, light, soil conditions and moisture at the site.
- 4.) Further narrow your list to those plants that will fit the site based on mature height and spread.
- 5.) Consider the need for salt tolerant plants, if applicable, and any additional factors you are interested in, such as wildlife value or flower color and season.

For further assistance, contact the Florida Yards & Neighborhoods or horticulture program at your county's UF/IFAS Extension office.

This list is meant as a guide to start choosing plants appropriate for your conditions. The absence of a plant from this list does not imply that it is not well adapted to Florida landscape conditions. This list will be updated periodically. Please check with your county's UF/IFAS Extension office for future updates.

For photos of the plants on this list, see the on-line database of Florida-friendly plants at <a href="http://FloridaYards.org">http://FloridaYards.org</a>. There you can search for plants by choosing site conditions or look up specific plants. For additional information and fact sheets on many of the plants on this list, see also <a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/</a>.

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Scientific name Common Name(s)	Region	N/I	Growth Height Spread	Soil pH, text.	Soil Moisture/ Drought	Light Range/ Optimum	Salt	W	Comments
Large Trees								•	
Acer barbatum Florida Maple, Southern Sugar Maple	N 8b- 9a	FL	M-F 25-60 25-40 →	•ooo Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	L-N	•	also known as <i>Acer saccharum</i> ssp. <i>floridanum</i> ; green flowers in spring; watch for aphids and cottony maple scale
Acer rubrum Red Maple	NCS 8-10	FL	Fast 35-80 25-35	••∘∘ Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	•	red flowers in winter-spring; red fall foliage; watch for aphids, cottony maple scale, gall mites; shallow- rooted; good for wet sites; medium-low wind resistance
Betula nigra River Birch	NC 8-9a	FL	Fast 40-50 25-35	o••∘ Any	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N		needs soil space for root expansion; grows best with high soil moisture; chlorosis develops in alkaline soil; tolerates periodic flooding but not long periods of drought; medium-high wind resistance
Bucida buceras Black Olive, Oxhorn Bucida, Gregorywood	S 10b- 11	No	M-F 45-60 35-50 →	oo•• Any	High	<b>*</b> & &	Н		white flowers in spring; messy fruit and leaves, can stain walks and cars; medium-low wind resistance; pest sensitive; regular pruning in first 20 years required for dominant trunk structure
Carya spp. Hickories, Pecan	NC 8b- 9a	FL	Med. varies varies	••oo Any	△ <b>△</b> High	<b>*</b> & &	L-N	*	edible fruit ( <i>C. illinoinensis</i> ); white/yellow flowers, spring; tolerates occasionally wet soil; wind resistance high for <i>C. floridana</i> , med-high for <i>C. glabra</i> and <i>C. tomentosa</i> , low for <i>C. illinoensis</i>
Conocarpus erectus Buttonwood, Silver Buttonwood	S 10b- 11	FL	Med. 5-50 15-20 →	o••• Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	•	white/cream flowers in spring; silver leaved form more susceptible to sooty mold and insect problems; do not plant in marl soil; high wind resistance; wildlife value (cover/nesting)
Ficus aurea Strangler Fig	S 10b- 11	FL	Fast 40-60 30-50	Any	High	<b>*</b>	М	×	not for small areas; spreading canopy shades parks, large yards; may start as epiphyte, killing host tree (often encircling cabbage palm); fallen fruits may be messy; medium-low wind resistance

Fraxinus americana White Ash	N 8	FL	Med. 50-80 50-80 →	•••• Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	*	L-N	×	tolerates occasionally wet soil; does not tolerate compacted soil; watch for ash borer, cankers, leaf spots, dieback when stressed; medium-high wind resistance
Fraxinus caroliniana Pop Ash, Carolina Ash, Water Ash	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 30-50 20-35 →	••oo Any	Medium	* 😩	L-N	¥	good plant for retention ponds, swales and canal banks; tolerates wet conditions
Fraxinus pennsylvanica Green Ash	NC 8-9	FL	Fast 50-100 100-70	••oo Any	<b>≜ ♦</b> Medium	* 2	L-N	×	tolerates wet conditions; good for shaded areas; medium-low wind resistance
Gordonia lasianthus Loblolly Bay	NC 8-9	FL	Slow 30-60 20-30	•••• C/L	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N		white flowers in spring-summer; good restoration tree; good for retention pond edges; do not plant in alkaline soils
Halesia spp. Silverbell, Halesia	NC 8-9	FL/ NA	M-F 15-60 15-30 →	○•○○ S/L	Low	* 2	L-N	XX	flowers variable, usually white in early spring; winged seeds used by some wildlife; region depends on species
Juniperus virginiana Red Cedar	NC 8-9	FL	Fast 50 →	•••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b> *	Н	*	very similar to <i>Juniperus silicicola</i> but branches straighter
Liquidambar styraciflua Sweetgum	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 40-100 40-60 →	Any	○ <b>♠</b> High	<b>*</b> *	М	•	many cultivars; some wildlife value (seeds of limited use to some birds and mammals); medium-high wind resistance
Liriodendron tulipifera Tulip Poplar, Tulip Tree, Yellow Poplar	N 8-9A	FL	Fast 80-100 40-80	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b> *	L-N	×	yellow/orange flowers, spring-summer; watch for borers/aphids/leaf spots/root and stem rot; newly transplanted trees susceptible to leaf yellowing and drop w/o enough moisture; low wind resistance

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Lysiloma latisiliquum Wild Tamarind, Bahama Lysiloma	S 10b- 11	FL	Fast 40-60 30-45	o••• Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	×	small white/pink flowers in spring-summer; needs to be pruned for strong form; no pest problems; medium- high wind resistance
Magnolia grandiflora and cvs. Southern Magnolia	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 40-80 15-40 →	•••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	Н	•	white/cream, fragrant flowers in summer; red seeds used by various wildlife; tolerates occasionally wet soil; high wind resistance
Magnolia virginiana and cvs. Sweet Bay Magnolia	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 40-60 20-50 →	••oo Any	None	* *	L-N	* 6	white flowers, spring; small red seeds used by wildlife; larval food plant for swallowtail butterflies; no serious pest problems, but watch for scales/borers; medium-high wind resistance
Nyssa sylvatica Tupelo, Black Gum	N 8b- 9a	FL	Slow 65-75 25-35	••oo Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	M	•	showy fall color; white, inconspicuous flowers in spring; medium-high wind resistance
Pinus elliottii var. densa Southern Slash Pine	CS 9-11	FL	Fast 75-100 35-50	••oo Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	•	flammable - in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldgs; old trees dangerous, medium-low wind resistance; seeds provide wildlife food; tolerates occasionally wet soil; sensitive to disturbance
Pinus elliottii var. elliottii Northern Slash Pine	NC 8-9	FL	Fast 75-100 1 35-50	••oo Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	Н	•	flammable - in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldgs; old trees can be dangerous, med-low wind resistance; tolerates occasionally wet soil; seeds eaten by wildlife; sensitive to disturbance
Pinus glabra Spruce Pine	N 8-9a	FL	Slow 30-60 25-40	••oo Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	•	flammable - in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldgs; low wind resistance

Pinus palustris Longleaf Pine	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 60-80 30-40 →	•••∘ Any	○ <b>♠</b> High	*	L-N	•	flammable - in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldgs; old trees dangerous, med-low wind resistance; watch for borers; resistant to fusiform rust/pine bark beetle; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Piscidia piscipula Jamaican Dogwood, Fish Poison Tree	S 11	FL	Fast 30-50 30-50 →	Any	<b>♦ ♦</b> High	<b>*</b>	Н	×	lavender/white flowers; all parts are poisonous; good wildlife value (birds/insects)
Platanus occidentalis Sycamore, American Planetree	NC 8b- 9a	FL	Fast 75-90 150-70	••oo Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b>	М		needs space; sheds continually; leaf scorch if insufficient water; watch for mites/lace bugs/anthracnose; good for erosion control on stream banks; medium-low wind resistance
Quercus acutissima Sawtooth Oak	N 8-9a	NA	Med. 40-50 50-70 →	••oo Any	High	*	М		wildlife food; tolerates occasionally wet soil; chlorosis from micronutrient deficiency occurs in alkaline soils
Quercus alba White Oak	NC 8-9	FL	Slow 60-100 60-80 →	••oo Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	•	wildlife food; tolerates occasionally wet soil; medium- high wind resistance
Quercus austrina Bluff Oak	NC 8-9	NA	Med. 40-60 35-50 →	•••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	*	L-N	•	
Quercus falcata Southern Red Oak, Spanish Oak, Turkey Oak	NC 8-9a	FL	Med. 60-80 60-70 →	•••∘ Any	) High	*	М	×	low wind resistance; provides wildlife food
Quercus hemisphaerica Laurel Oak	NC 8-9	FL	Fast 60-70 1 35-45	•••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	М	¥	short lived; low wind resistance; tolerates occasionally wet soil but does not tolerate poor drainage well; trunk decays easily when large branches removed

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Quercus laurifolia Laurel Oak	NC 8-9	FL	Fast 60-70 35-45	•••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	М	* *	short lived; low wind resistance; tolerates occasionally wet soil but does not tolerate poor drainage well; trunk decays easily when large branches removed
Quercus michauxii Swamp Chestnut, Swamp Chestnut Oak	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 60-200 to 148 →	••∘∘ C/L	Low	<b>*</b> *	L-N	•	wildlife food; tolerates occasionally wet soils; in wet soils rot rot may be a problem; best in full sun but tolerates shade when young; very tolerant of urban conditions; medium-high wind resistance
Quercus nuttallii Nuttall Oak	N 8	NA	Med. 60-80 35-50 →	••oo Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	•	wildlife food; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Quercus shumardii Shumard Oak	N 8-9a	FL	Fast 55-80 40-50	•••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	М	× ×	wildlife food; tolerates occasionally wet soil; medium- high wind resistance
Quercus virginiana Live Oak	NCS 8b- 10b	FL	Med. 40-80 60-120	•••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	×	wildlife food; not for small lots; caterpillars, root rot and insect galls sometimes a problem; tolerates occasionally wet soil; high wind resistance
Simarouba glauca Paradise Tree	S 10b- 11	FL	Med. 30-50 25-30 →	Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	Н	•	yellow flowers in summer; medium-high wind resistance; no major pest problems; don't plant near sidewalks and driveways (surface roots)
Swietenia mahagoni West Indian Mahogany	S 10b- 11	FL	Fast 40-75 40-60	Any	△ <mark>♦</mark> High	<b>*</b> *	Н	•	medium-high wind resistance; tolerates occasionally wet soil; watch for webworms on foliage

Taxodium ascendens Pond Cypress	NCS 8b- 10b	FL	Fast 50-60 10-15	•••• Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	M	•	also known as <i>Taxodium distichum</i> var. <i>nutans</i> ; wetland plant & adapts to dry sites; flammable - in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldgs; us. has yellow-brown fall color; high wind resistance
Taxodium distichum Bald Cypress	NCS 8-10	FL	Fast 60-80 25-35	•••• Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	L-N	•	flammable plant - in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldgs.; wetland plant & adapts to dry sites; deciduous; yellow-brown color in fall; small seeds used by some birds; high wind resistance
<i>Ulmus alata</i> Winged Elm	NC 8-9	FL	Fast 45-70 30-40	Any	↑ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	M	* 6	watch for Dutch elm disease; medium-high wind resistance
Ulmus americana American Elm	NC 8-9	FL	Fast 70-90 50-70	Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	М	×	long-lived (300+years); watch for Dutch elm disease; medium-low wind resistance
<i>Ulmus crassifolia</i> Cedar Elm	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 50-70 40-60 →	•••• Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b> *	М		watch for Dutch elm disease and powdery mildew
Ulmus parviflora and cvs. Chinese Elm, Lacebark Elm	NC 8-9	NA	Med. 40-50 35-50 →	•••• Any	High	<b>*</b>	М		low wind resistance; may experience freeze problems and pest problems in north FL; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Medium Trees									
Avicennia germinans Black Mangrove	CS 9a- 11	FL	Med. 20-30 10-20 →	S	None	<b>*</b>	Н		white flowers all year; very good for salty shorelines with full sun; produces pneumatophores (breathing roots) that protrude around base of tree; flowers attractive to bees
Bursera simaruba Gumbo Limbo	CS 10b- 11	FL	Med. 20-50 25-40 →	o••• Any	High	<b>*</b>	М	×	wood borers may become a problem if trees are stressed, but otherwise pest resistant; high wind resistance

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Caesalpinia spp. and cvs. Poinciana	CS 9-11	NA	Med. varies varies	o••∘ S/L	△ <b>△</b> Medium	*	M		region depends on species and cultivar, choose species adapted to climate; flowers variable
Carpentaria acuminata Carpentaria Palm	S 10b- 11	NA	Fast 35-40 8-10	o••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		white/cream flowers in spring-fall; tolerates occasionally wet soil; can cause skin irritation
Carpinus caroliniana American Hornbeam, Musclewood, Ironwood	NC 8-9a	FL	Slow 20-30 20-30 →	•••∘ Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b> & &	L-N	•	orange/yellow flowers in spring; pest resistant; small enough to plant under powerlines; seeds and catkins used by birds and squirrels; excellent understory tree; medium-high wind resistance
Cassia fistula Golden Shower	CS 10b- 11	No	Fast 30-40 25-40	o••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	×	yellow flowers in summer; low wind resistance; showy when blooming
Cercis canadensis Eastern Redbud	NC 8b- 9a	FL	M-F 20-30 15-35 →	•••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b> & &	L-N	×	cultivars provide various foliage and flower color; purple/lavendar/pink flowers in spring; pest sensitive; some birds eat beans; medium-high wind resistance
Chrysophyllum oliviforme Satinleaf	S 10b- 11	FL	Slow 30-45 18-25	••oo Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	•	fragrant flowers; attracts wildlife; edible fruit; may need native soil incorporated in hole for better establishment; medium-high wind resistance
Coccoloba diversifolia Pigeonplum	S 10a- 11	FL	Fast 30-40 10-20	•••• S	High	<b>*</b> *	Н	•	white flowers in summer; edible fruit; watch for weevils; attracts wildlife; compact crown makes it good for small areas; medium-high wind resistance

Cordia sebestena Geiger Tree	S 10b- 11	NA	Slow 25-30 20-25 →	o••• Any	) High	<b>*</b> & &	Н	**	tolerant of salt or brackish water; orange flowers all year; geiger beetles eat some foliage so don't plant in high visibility area; damaged by severe freezes; high wind resistance
Crataegus spp. Hawthorn	NC 8-9	FL/ NA	Med. varies varies	•••• Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	L-N	•	"haws" eaten by variety of wildlife; provides good nesting cover; flowers variable; best for north Florida; many species and cultivars; optimal soil conditions depend on species
<i>Delonix regia</i> Royal poinciana	S 10b- 11	No/ C	Fast 35-40 40-60	Any	High	*	M		orange/red flowers in summer; med-low wind resistance; needs large area; invasive assessment: not considered a problem species in N and C; caution-manage to prevent escape in S
Eriobotrya japonica Loquat	NCS 8-11	No/ C	Med. 20-30 30-35 →	Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	M	•	white flowers, fall-winter; med-low wind resistance; Medfly host-don't plant in citrus areas; invasive assessment: not a problem species in N; caution-manage to prevent escape in C and S
Ficus citrifolia Shortleaf Fig, Wild Banyan Tree	S 10b- 11	FL	M-F 25-50 40 →	•••• Any	High	<b>*</b>	М	* *	edible; don't plant in drainfields, aggressive roots
Ilex × attenuata and cvs. East Palatka Holly	NCS 8-10	FL	Fast 30-45 10-15 →	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	М	•	may have severe disease problems in central parts of the state; important source of pollen for bees
Ilex cassine and cvs. Dahoon Holly	NCS 8-10	FL	Med. 20-30 15-20 →	•••• Any	<b>♠ ♦</b> Medium	<b>*</b> & &	М	•	white flowers in spring; important source of pollen for bees; berries provide food for many wildlife species; needs to be in a wet area; high wind resistance
Ilex myrtifolia Myrtleleaf Holly, Myrtle Holly	NCS 8-11	FL	Med. 25-50 10-15 →	•••∘ Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	* 2	М	•	inconspicuous white flowers in spring; wildlife widely use red fruit in late fall; no pest problems; important source of pollen for bees

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Ilex rotunda Round Holly, Roundleaf Holly, Rotund Holly	NCS 8-11	NA	Slow 20-30 20-30	••oo Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	6	white flowers in spring; important source of pollen for bees; attracts wildlife
Jacaranda mimosifolia Jacaranda	CS 9b- 11	NA	Fast 25-40 +	o••∘ Any	High	*	L-N		lavendar/blue flowers in spring-summer; messy when leaves and flowers drop; soft wood and breaks easily; low wind resistance
Juniperus silicicola Southern Red Cedar	NCS 8a- 10b	FL	Fast 40 +	•••• Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	•	low wind resistance; attracts birds (excellent nesting cover and fruit provides food); good for dune planting; watch for juniper blight and mites; branches drooping
Lagerstroemia indica Crape/Crepe Myrtle	NCS 8- 10b	No	Fast 10-30 15-30	•••• Any	△ <del>△</del> High	<b>*</b>	L-N	*	flowers vary, summer; use mildew resistant cvs., good air circulation; watch for aphids/sooty mold/root rot; high wind resistance; invasive assessment: not a problem, incomplete conclusions
Lagerstroemia indica × fauriei Crape Myrtle, Japanese Crape Myrtle	NC 8-9	NA	Fast 25-50 1 1 25-35	•••• Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	М	*	white, showy flowers in summer; many cultivars are mildew resistant
Lagerstroemia speciosa Crape/Crepe Myrtle, Pride of India, Queen's Crape Myrtle	S 10- 11	No	Med. 45 35 →	Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	•	lavendar/pink flowers in spring-summer; watch for cottony cushion scale and aphids; tolerates alkaline soil when fertilized regularly
Mangifera indica Mango	S 10b- 11	NA	Fast 30-45 30-40	S/L	Medium	<b>*</b>	М	×	many cultivars; white flowers, winter; med-low wind resistance; use anthracnose and mildew resistant varieties; watch for mites/scales/thrips; new dwarf varieties better for small yards

Ostrya virginiana American Hophornbeam, American Hornbeam	NC 8-9a	FL	Slow 30-40 25-30 →	•••∘ Any	High	* & &	L-N	•	fall color; nuts used by some birds and mammals; medium-high wind resistance
Persea americana Avocado	CS 9b- 11	NA	Fast 35-40 125-35	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	•	many cultivars for edible fruit; low wind resistance; watch for avocado lace bug, mites, scales, root rot (especially in poorly drained soils), fire blight
Persea borbonia Red Bay, Bay Oak	NCS 8b- 11	FL	Med. 30-50 30-50 →	•••∘ Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	Н	×	only for northern part of southern region; larval food plant for swallowtail butterflies; generally pest-free but insect galls can distort leaves; medium-low wind resistance
Persea palustris Swamp Bay	NCS 8-10	FL	Med. 20-30 20-30 →	••oo Any	<b>♦ ♦</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	×	purple fruit; good wetland plant
Podocarpus gracilior Weeping Fern Pine, Weeping Podocarpus	CS 9b- 11	NA	Slow 30-50 25-35 →	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		relatively pest free; grows slowly in full shade; high wind resistance
Pyrus spp. Pear	NC 8-9	NA	S-M 30 12-15 →	○••○ S/L	△ <b>△</b> Medium	*	М		flowers variable; edible; only grows well in parts of central Florida; tolerates occasionally wet soil; <i>Pyrus calleryana</i> has low wind resistance
Quercus chapmanii Chapman's Oak	NC 8-9	FL	Slow 30-45 20-30 →	•••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	×	provides wildlife food
Quercus lyrata Overcup Oak	NC 8-9a	FL	Med. 30-40 30-40 →	•••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	•	tolerates occasionally wet soil

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Rhizophora mangle Red Mangrove	S 10- 11	FL	Med. 20-40 30-40 →	Any	Medium	*	Н		yellow flowers all year
Tabebuia chrysotricha Yellow Trumpet Tree, Golden Trumpet Tree	CS 9B- 11	NA	Fast 25-35 + 25-35	Any	Medium	*	М		yellow flowers in spring; medium-low wind resistance
Tabebuia heterophylla Pink Trumpet Tree	CS 9B- 11	No	Med. 20-30 15-25 →	Any	High	*	М-Н		pink/white flowers in spring to summer; medium-low wind resistance; watch for holopothrips; invasive assessment: not considered a problem, incomplete conclusion in C and S
Tabebuia impetiginosa Purple Trumpet Tree	CS 9b- 11	NA	Slow 12-18 10-15 →	Any	High	*	М		showy, pinkish-purple flowers in spring; medium-low wind resistance
Small Trees									
Acacia farnesiana Sweet Acacia	CS 9-11	FL	S-M 10-25 15-25	o••∘ S/C	High	*	М	•	also known as <i>Abelia smallii;</i> yellow flowers all yr., esp. spring;thorny;tolerates occasionally wet soil;provides seeds/cover for birds;good nectar plant for beneficial insects;don't plant next to sidewalk
Aesculus pavia Red Buckeye, Florida Buckeye	N 8-9a	FL	Med. 15-20 15-25 →	o••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium		М	YY	red flowers in spring; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Aralia spinosa Devil's Walkingstick	NC 8-9a	FL	Med. 10-25 6-10 →	o••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b> & &	L-N	×	also known as <i>Angelica spinosa; small</i> white flowers in spring-summer; purplish berries widely used by wildlife; spiny stems; tolerates occasionally wet soil

Ardisia escallonioides Marlberry, Marbleberry	CS 9-11	FL	M-F 10-21 3-12 →	o••• S/L	○ <b>♠</b> High	* 2	Н	•	fragrant, white flowers all year; attractive foliage; round purple fruits widely used by wildlife, mostly in fall and winter; no pest problems; good for screens and hedges
Arenga engleri Formosa Palm, Dwarf Sugar Palm	CS 9a- 11	NA	Med. 10 16 →	o••∘ Any	None		L-N	•	red/orange/green flowers in spring
Baccharis halimifolia Groundsel Tree, Sea Myrtle, Salt-bush	NCS 8-10	FL	Med. 8-12 6-12 →	•••• Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	*	М		white flowers in fall; poisonous seeds; useful for reclaiming wet sites, by retention ponds and drainage ditches
Butia capitata Pindo Palm, Jelly Palm	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Slow 15-25 15-25 →	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	М		edible fruit used for jelly; attracts wildlife; looks best in full sun; white flowers; pest sensitive; high wind resistance
Calliandra spp. and cvs. Powderpuff	CS 9b- 11	NA	Fast 10-15 8-15	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	L-N	*	pink/white flowers in spring-fall; invasive assessment: <i>Calliandra haematocephala</i> assessed as not a problem, others not yet assessed
Callistemon spp. Bottlebrush	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Med. 6-30 6-15 →	○••○ S/L	High	<b>*</b>	М	××	red flowers, spring-summer; medium-low wind resistance; attracts beneficial insects; invasive assessment: <i>Callistemon citrinus</i> , <i>Callistemon rigidus</i> not a problem, others not yet assessed
Camellia japonica Camellia	NC 8-9	No	Slow 10-20 10-20 →	••oo Any	Medium	<u></u>	L-N		many cultivars; flowers up to 6 inches, in winter- spring, color variable; watch for scales, aphids, chewing insects and fungal diseases; requires acid soil and will have problems if pH is too high
Camellia sasanqua Sasanqua, Sasanqua Camellia	NC 8-9	No	Slow 3-15 varies	••oo Any	Medium	* & &	L-N		some groundcover cultivars available; flowers in fall- winter, color variable; watch for scales, mites, aphids and chewing insects; requires acid soil and will have problems if pH is too high

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Canella winterana Wild Cinnamon, Cinnamon Bark	S 10b- 11	FL	Slow 10-30 10-30 →	o••• S/L	High	* 2	Н		purple flowers in summer; poisonous (except flowers, fruit and leaves)
Capparis cynophallophora Jamaica Caper Tree, Mustard Tree	S 10- 11	FL	Slow 6-20 6-15 →	o••• Any	High		Н	×	purple/white flowers in spring
Cephalanthus occidentalis Buttonbush	NCS 8-11	FL	Med. 6-20 6-8 →	•••∘ Any	None None	* 🕸	L-N	*	flammable, in wildfire-prone area, plant min.30' from bldg; attracts insects; white flowers, spring-summer; good for retention ponds/swales/canal banks; well adapted to disturbed soils
Cephalotaxus harringtonia Japanese Plum Yew, Harrington Plum Yew	NC 8-9	No	Slow varies varies	•••• S	Medium	* 2	L-N		flammable plant - in wildfire-prone area, plant a minimum 30' from buildings
Chamaerops humilis European Fan Palm	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast 5-15 6-15	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	M		clumping palm; yellow flowers in summer; pest sensitive; very cold hardy; relatively low maintenance compared to other palms; petioles with sharp teeth
Chionanthus pygmaeus Pygmy Fringetree	C 9	FL	Med. 6-12 15-20 →	•••∘ S	Medium	<b>*</b> *	L-N	•	white flowers in spring; purple fruits in late summer
Chionanthus retusus Chinese Fringetree	N 8	NA	Slow 15-20 10-12	•••• S	<b>≜ ♦</b> Medium	* 🕸	L-N	•	white flowers in spring-summer

Chionanthus virginicus Fringetree	NC 8-9	FL	Slow 12-20 10-15	•••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	* 2	L-N	•	showy, white flowers in spring; flowers best in sun; poisonous; pest sensitive; tolerates occasionally wet soil; medium-high wind resistance
Citharexylum spinosum Fiddlewood	S 10- 11	FL	Med. 15-25 12 →	•••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	М	×	also known as Citharexylum fruticosum; white, fragrant flowers all year; attracts wildlife
Citrus spp. Citrus	NCS 8b- 11	FL/ NA	Med. 12-30 15-30 →	○••○ S/L	Medium	*	M	¥	region depends on species - choose species adapted to your climate; check Extension office or www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/ for current quarantine information; medium-low wind resistance
Coccoloba uvifera Seagrape	CS 9-11	FL	Med. 3-35 10-50 →	•••∘ S	High	<b>*</b>	Н	* 6	fragrant, white flowers, spring; fruit attractive to large wildlife; watch for weevils; grows as shrub on coastal dunes and as tree inland; deciduous, continual leaf drop; medium-high wind resistance
Cordia boissieri White Geiger, Texas Olive	CS 9a- 11	NA	Slow 15-20 10-15	o••• Any	High	<b>*</b>	М		white flowers all year
Cornus foemina Swamp Dogwood, Stiff Dogwood, Stiff Cornel	NCS 8-10	FL	Med. 10-16 10-16 →	o••∘ Any	Low		L-N	•	white flowers in spring; larval food plant for spring azure butterfly; blue berries used by various birds
Cyrilla racemiflora Titi, Swamp Cyrilla, Leatherwood	NC 8b- 10a	FL	Fast 10-30 6-15	•••• Any	♠ Medium	* 😩	L-N	×	white flowers in late spring-summer; wetland plant; good for edges of retention ponds; attractive to bees
Dodonaea viscosa Hopbush, Varnish Leaf	CS 9-11	FL	Med. 10-18 ↑ 6-15	S/L	High	<b>*</b>	Н		yellow flowers in summer-fall; relatively pest free

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Eugenia spp. (natives only) Stoppers	CS 9-11	FL	Fast 10-30 5-20	Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	•	flowers variable; few pests; needs little attention once established; natives are <i>E. axillaris</i> , <i>E. foetida</i> , <i>E. rhombea</i> , and <i>E. confusa</i> ; <i>E. axiliaris</i> , <i>E. confusa</i> , <i>E. foetida</i> have high wind resistance
Forestiera segregata Florida Privet	NCS 8b- 11	FL	Med. 4-15 3-12 →	o••• S/L	High	<b>*</b>	Н	•	yellow flowers in early spring; great hedge; fruit provides food for wildlife, flowers attract insects
Ilex × 'Mary Nell' Mary Nell Holly	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 10-20 10 →	•••∘ S/C	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	M	•	white flowers in spring; important source of pollen for bees
Ilex × 'Nellie R. Stevens' Nellie R. Stevens Holly	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 15-25 10-12 →	•••∘ S/C	Medium	<b>*</b>	M	•	white flowers in spring; important source of pollen for bees; attracts wildlife
Ilex cornuta and cvs. Chinese Holly, Horned Holly	NC 8-9	No	Med. varies varies	••oo Any	High	* *	M	•	can have severe tea scale problem, especially in cool, shady areas; fruit attracts wildlife; many cultivars; important source of pollen for bees
<i>Ilex glabra</i> Gallberry	NCS 8- 10a	FL	Slow 6-8 8-10 →	••oo Any	Medium		M	•	flammable plant - in wildfire-prone area, plant a min. 30' from bldgs.; white flowers in spring; black fruit used by wildlife in late fall and winter; good for wetland/pine areas; high wind resistance
Ilex vomitoria and cvs. Yaupon Holly	NCS 8-10	FL	Med. varies varies	•••∘ Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	* 😩	Н	×	flammable, in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldgs; white flowers, spring-summer; red fruit (wildlife food), late fall-winter; 'Pendula' - FNGLA Plant of the Year, 2005; high wind resistance

Illicium spp. Star Anise	NC 8-9	FL/ NA	Med. varies varies	••oo Any	△ Medium	* 2	L-N		flowers variable
Jatropha integerrima Peregrina	CS 9b- 11	NA	Med. 15 10  ↑	•••• Any	High	<b>*</b> 🕸	L-N	YY	scarlet flowers all year; very poisonous, use with caution; watch for scales and mealybugs; sensitive to frost
Ligustrum japonicum and cvs. Ligustrum, Japanese Privet	NCS 8- 10b	No	Med. 8-12 15-25 →	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н		white flowers, summer; watch for scale/whiteflies /sooty mold/nematodes/root rot; used as hedge; thins at bottom unless in full sun; invasive assessment: not a problem, incomplete conclusion
Magnolia × soulangiana and cvs. Saucer Magnolia	NC 8-9a	NA	Med. 20-25 15-25 →	••oo Any	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N		many cultivars; pink/white/lavender fragrant flowers, late winter-spring; no major pests but watch for scales/nematodes/leaf spots/mushroom root rot; medium-high wind resistance
Musa spp. Banana	CS 9b- 11	NA	Fast 7-30 10-15	•••• Any	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N		edible; in cooler parts requires protection, foliage dies in winter, emerges in spring if no killing frost; grows quickly when fertilized; needs regular watering; watch for Sigatoka leaf spot disease
Myrcianthes fragrans Simpson's Stopper, Twinberry	CS 9b- 11	FL	Slow 6-30 15-20 →	o••∘ Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b> & &	Н	× /	edible fruit; white, fragrant flowers all year and red berries used by many birds; tolerates occasionally wet soil; needs little attention once established
Myrciaria cauliflora Jaboticaba, Brazilian Grape Tree, Brazilian Grape	S 10b- 11	No	Slow 15-40 15-40	•••• Any	) Medium		L-N		white flowers, time of flowering depends on cultivar; edible fruit
Myrica cerifera and cvs. Wax Myrtle	NCS 8-10	FL	Fast 10-40 20-25	Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b>	Н	×	flammable, in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldgs; watch for lobate lac scale, severe in S FL; trunk disease can shorten life; good hedge plant for wildlife; medium-low wind resistance

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Osmanthus americanus Wild Olive	NC 8b-9	NA	Med. 15-25 10-15 →	o••∘ Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b>	Н	*	white, fragrant flowers in spring; fruits of some used by birds/mammals
Parkinsonia aculeata Jerusalem Thorn, Mexican Palo Verde, Retama	CS 9-11	No	Fast 15-20 20-25	Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н		yellow flowers in spring-summer; not for wet areas; roots rot in poorly drained soil
Plumeria rubra Frangipani, Nosegay, Templetree	S 10b- 11	No	Slow 20-25 20-25 →	Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н		fragrant, showy flowers in spring to fall; watch for frangipani caterpillar; needs cold protected spot if grown in central Florida
Prunus angustifolia Chickasaw Plum	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 12-20 15-20 →	•••∘ Any	High	* 🕸	М	×	white flowers in winter; reddish plums provide wildlife food; medium-high wind resistance
Prunus persica and cvs. Peach	NC 8-9	NA	Fast 15-25 15-25	•••∘ Any	Medium	* 2	L-N		white/red flowers in spring; edible; select cultivars appropriate for your area, based on chill hours
Prunus persica var. nucipersica Nectarine	NC 8-9	NA	Fast 15-25 15-25	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		white/red flowers in spring; edible; select cultivars appropriate for your area, based on chill hours
Prunus umbellata Flatwoods Plum	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 12-20 12-20 →	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	×	white flowers in spring; purple plums provide wildlife food; edible fruits, ranging from very tart to sweet; watch for tent caterpillars

Quercus geminata Sand Live Oak, Small Sand Live Oak	NCS 8- 10a	FL	Med. 12-15 10-12 →	○••○ S/L	) High	*	Н	•	high wind resistance; good in dune areas; important for wildlife food
Quercus myrtifolia Myrtle Oak	NC 8a- 9b	FL	Slow 6-20 10-25	•••∘ S	∴ ♠ High	<b>*</b> *	М	×	wildlife food; used often by threatened Florida scrub jay; useful for stabilizing banks and in coastal reclamation; tolerates poor growing conditions; no pest problems; high wind resistance
Raphiolepis spp. and cvs. Indian Hawthorn	NC 8-9	NA	Med. 2-10 2-6 →	○●●○ Any	↑ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	M		flowers variable; wildlife food; use disease-resistant evs., plant in full sun, don't overirrigate to avoid disease; invasive assessment: <i>R. indica</i> assessed as not a problem, others not yet assessed
Sambucus spp. Elderberry	NCS 8-11	FL/ NA	Fast 12-20 12-15	•••• Any	<b>≜ ♦</b> Medium	*	V	•	flowers variable; salt tolerance depends on species, check with county Extension office or local nursery before making final selection
Senna polyphylla Desert Cassia	S 10a- 11	NA	Fast 6-10 6-8	o••• S/L	Medium	* 🕸	Н		yellow flowers in summer
Sideroxylon spp. (natives only) Buckthorn	NCS 8-11	FL	Med. varies varies	Any	∴ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	Н		beach plant; region depends on species; flowers variable; soil texture and acidity and drainage depend on species; <i>Sideroxylon foetidissimum</i> has mediumhigh wind resistance
Sophora tomentosa Necklace Pod	S 10- 11	FL	Med. 6-10 8-12 →	S/L	High	*	Н	YAK	yellow flowers all year; attractive foliage; seeds poisonous
Tabebuia aurea Silver Trumpet Tree, Yellow Tab	S 10- 11	No	Med. 15-25 10-15 →	Any	) High	<b>*</b> *	М		also known as <i>Tabebuia caraiba</i> ; yellow flowers in winter to spring; flowers emerge after leaves drop; not wind resistant; invasive assessment: not considered a problem, incomplete conclusion in C,S

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Tecoma stans Yellow Elder, Yellow Trumpetbush	CS 9b- 11	No	Fast 20 15	Any	Medium	*	L-N	*	yellow flowers, summer-winter; FNGLA Plant of the Year, 2005; may die to the ground in N FL and return in the spring; invasive assessment: not considered a problem, incomplete conclusion in C,S
Viburnum obovatum and cvs. Walter's Viburnum	NCS 8-10	FL	Med. varies varies	Any	High	<b>*</b>	L-N	•	white flowers in winter-spring; small black fruit used by many birds; good nesting cover
Viburnum odoratissimum Sweet Viburnum	NCS 8b- 10a	No	S-M 15-30 15-25	Any	Medium	<b>*</b> & @	L-N	¥ &	white flowers in spring; susceptible to leaf spots, powdery mildew, and downy mildew; no major insect problems, but watch for aphids and scales; often grown as a hedge; thins in shaded sites
Viburnum odoratissimum var. awabuki Awabuki Viburnum	NCS 8- 10b	NA	Slow 15-20 15-20 →	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	*	also known as <i>Viburnum awabuki</i> ; white flowers in spring; good under power lines - takes well to pruning
Viburnum rufidulum Rusty Blackhaw, Southern Blackhaw	NC 8b-9	FL	Slow 20-25 20-25 →	Any	∴ ♠ High	<b>*</b> & &	Н	•	fall color (scarlet-purple); large cluster of small white flowers in spring; small black fruit used by many birds; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Large Shrubs									
Abelia × grandiflora Glossy Abelia	NC 8-9	No	Med. 6-10 6-10 →	o••∘ S/C	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	×	pink/white flowers in spring-fall (nearly year round in central Florida); no pest problems; doesn't flower in the shade
Acacia farnesiana Sweet Acacia	CS 9-11	FL	S-M 10-25 15-25	o••∘ S/C	High	<b>*</b>	M	•	also known as <i>Abelia smallii</i> ; yellow flowers all yr., esp. spring;thorny;tolerates occasionally wet soil;provides seeds/cover for birds;good nectar plant for beneficial insects;don't plant next to sidewalk

Acca sellowiana Pineapple Guava, Feijoa	NCS 8-11	NA	Med. 8-15 8-15	<b></b>	o••∘ S/C	) High	<b>*</b>	L-N		also known as <i>Feijoa sellowiana</i> ; red/white flowers in spring; no pest problems; often used as a hedge
Acrostichum danaeifolium Leather Fern, Giant Leather Fern	CS 9-11	FL	Med. 4-8 3-5	<b></b>	•••∘ Any	Low	* \$ @	М		large fern; good for wet sites in shaded landscape; foliage sometimes discolors in full sun without regular irrigation
Agarista populifolia Pipestem, Fetterbush, Doghobble	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 8-12 5-10	<b></b>	•••• S/C	△ ♠ ♠ Medium		L-N		also known as <i>Leucothoe axillaris</i> ; white, fragrant flowers in spring
Agave spp. Century plant, Agave	NCS var- iable	FL/ NA	Slow 6 varies	<b></b>	∘••∘ S	High	*	Н		choose species adapted to climate; flowers variable; sharp spines on leaf tips; don't plant next to walkways; invasive assessment: <i>Agave americana</i> assessed and not invasive, others not yet assessed
Allamanda neriifolia Bush Allamanda, Bush Trumpet	CS 9-11	NA	Fast 5-15 4-10	<b></b>	o••∘ Any	Medium		L-N		yellow flowers all year; no pest problems; makes an open hedge; plants in shade flower poorly
Aralia spinosa Devil's Walkingstick	NC 8-9a	FL	Med. 10-25 6-10	<b>←</b> →	o••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b> & &	L-N	* *	also known as <i>Angelica spinosa</i> ; small white flowers in spring-summer; purplish berries widely used by wildlife; spiny stems; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Ardisia escallonioides Marlberry, Marbleberry	CS 9-11	FL	M-F 10-21 3-12	<b></b>	o••• S/L	○ <b>♠</b> High	* 2	Н	•	fragrant, white flowers all year; attractive foliage; round purple fruits widely used by wildlife, mostly in fall and winter; no pest problems; good for screens and hedges
Asimina spp. Pawpaw	NCS 8-10	FL/ NA	Med. varies varies	<b></b>	∘•∘∘ S	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b> & &	L-N	×	region, light preferences vary by species, choose species appropriate for your conditions; flowers variable; larval food plant for zebra swallowtail butterfly; does not transplant well

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Baccharis halimifolia Groundsel Tree, Sea Myrtle, Salt-bush	NCS 8-10	FL	Med. 8-12 6-12 →	Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b>	M		white flowers in fall; poisonous seeds; useful for reclaiming wet sites, by retention ponds and drainage ditches
Bambusa spp. (clumping types only) Bamboo	NCS var- iable	NA	Med. varies varies	○••○ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	М		region depends on species, choose species adapted to climate; allow adequate space since bamboo grows aggressively
Barleria micans Giant Yellow Shrimp Plant	S 10- 11	NA	Fast 4-5 4-5 4-5	o••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	* 🕸	U		yellow flowers
Berberis julianae Wintergreen Barberry, Julian's berberis	N 8-9a	No	Slow 4-6 2-5 →	o••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b> *	М		white flowers in winter-spring; grow in soil with good moisture holding capacity; requires some pruning to maintain best form; spiny; good barrier
Berberis thunbergii Japanese Barberry, Crimson Pygmy	N 8-9a	No	S-M 2-8 4-6 →	○••○ Any	Medium	<u></u>	L-N		showy fall color; white flowers in spring; no pest problems; very good barrier; develops root rot in wet conditions
Brunfelsia grandiflora Yesterday-Today-and- Tomorrow	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Med. 7-10 5-8 →	○••○ Any	Medium	<b>*</b> & &	L-N		lavendar/purple/white flowers in spring-fall; do not plant in wet soils
Buddleia lindleyana Butterfly Bush, Lindley's Butterflybush	NC 8-9	No	Fast 4-6 4	o••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	×	excellent for butterflies

Calliandra spp. and evs. Powderpuff	CS 9b- 11	NA	Fast 10-15 8-15	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b> *	L-N	*	pink/white flowers in spring-fall; invasive assessment: Calliandra haematocephala assessed as not a problem, others not yet assessed
Callicarpa americana Beautyberry	NCS 8-10	FL	Med. 6-8 6-8	•••∘ Any	High	<u></u>	L-N	*	purple/light purple flowers in spring-fall; attracts wildlife; small purplish fruits eaten by some birds in late winter; cut fruiting branches are used in flower arrangements
Callistemon spp. Bottlebrush	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Med. 6-30 6-15	○ ● ● ○ S/L	High	<b>*</b>	М	×Y	red flowers, spring-summer; medium-low wind resistance; attracts beneficial insects; invasive assessment: <i>Callistemon citrinus</i> , <i>Callistemon rigidus</i> not a problem, others not yet assessed
Calycanthus floridus Carolina Allspice, Eastern Sweetshrub	NC 8b-9	NA	Slow 6-9 6-12	Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium		L-N		good screen; red flowers in spring-summer; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Camellia japonica Camellia	NC 8-9	No	Slow 10-20 10-20	••oo Any	Medium	<u></u>	L-N		many cultivars; flowers up to 6 inches, in winter- spring, color variable; watch for scales, aphids, chewing insects and fungal diseases; requires acid soil and will have problems if pH is too high
Camellia sasanqua Sasanqua, Sasanqua Camellia	NC 8-9	No	Slow varies varies	•••• Any	Medium	* 2	L-N		some groundcover cultivars available; flowers in fall- winter, color variable; watch for scales, mites, aphids and chewing insects; requires acid soil and will have problems if pH is too high
Capparis cynophallophora Jamaica Caper Tree, Mustard Tree	S 10- 11	FL	Slow 6-20 6-15	o••• Any	High		Н	¥	purple/white flowers in spring
Carissa macrocarpa Natal Plum	CS 9-11	No	Med. 2-20 2-20 →	•••• S	○ High	<b>*</b>	Н		also known as <i>Carissa grandiflora</i> ; edible fruit; white, fragrant flowers all year; poisonous

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Cephalanthus occidentalis Buttonbush	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 6-20 6-8 →	•••∘ Any	<b>♦ ♦</b> None	<b>*</b>	L-N	AX	flammable, in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldg; attracts insects; white flowers in spring-summer; good for retention ponds/swales/canal banks; well adapted to disturbed soils
Cephalotaxus harringtonia Japanese Plum Yew, Harrington Plum Yew	NC 8-9	No	Slow varies varies	•••• S	Medium	<b>*</b> & @	L-N		flammable plant - in wildfire-prone area, plant a min. 30' from bldgs.
Cestrum aurantiacum Orange Jessamine	CS 9-11	NA	Fast 10 8 →	o••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	M	XYX	yellow/orange flowers in spring-summer; poisonous parts
Chionanthus pygmaeus Pygmy Fringetree	C 9	FL	Med. 6-12 15-20 →	•••• S	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	*	white flowers in spring; purple fruits in late summer
Chrysobalanus icaco Cocoplum	S 10- 11	FL	Med. 3-30 10-20 →	○••○ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	Н	×	white flowers all year; good screen, used as a hedge; no pest problems; edible fruit; attracts wildlife (purple "plums" used by large birds and mammals); high wind resistance
Citharexylum spinosum Fiddlewood	S 10- 11	FL	Med. 15-25 12 →	•••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	М	×	also known as Citharexylum fruticosum; white, fragrant flowers all year; attracts wildlife
Clethra alnifolia Sweet Pepperbrush	NC 8-9	NA	Med. 4-8 4-8 →	••oo Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	* 2	M	×	white, fragrant flowers in summer; attracts bees and other wildlife; good for wet areas

Coccoloba uvifera Seagrape	CS 9-11	FL	Med. 3-35 10-50 →	•••• S	High	<b>*</b>	Н	×	fragrant, white flowers in spring; fruit attractive to large wildlife; watch for weevils; grows as a shrub on coastal dunes and as a tree inland; deciduous, continual leaf drop; medium-high wind resistance
Cocculus laurifolius Laurelleaf Snailseed, Carolina Coralbead, Cocculus	CS 9a- 11	No	Med. 12-18 18-20 →	o••∘ Any	∴ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	М		yellow flowers; poisonous leaves
Codiaeum variegatum Croton	CS 9b- 11	No	S-M 3-8 3-6	Any	Low		L-N		significant variation depending on cultivar; white/yellow flowers in summer; pest sensitive
Conocarpus erectus Buttonwood, Silver Buttonwood	S 10b- 11	FL	Med. 5-50 15-20 →	o••• Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	*	white/cream flowers in spring; silver leaved form more susceptible to sooty mold and insect problems; do not plant in marl soil; high wind resistance; wildlife value (cover/nesting)
Cordyline (spp. & cvs.) except Cordyline guineensis Ti plant	S 10- 11	NA	Fast varies varies	o••o Any	♦ ♦ Varies	*	V		soil drainage, drought tolerance, salt tolerance, size vary by species - check with your county's Extension office or local nursery before final species selection; flowers variable; cold sensitive
Crataegus spp. Hawthorn	NC 8-9	FL/ NA	Med. varies varies	•••• Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	L-N	*	"haws" eaten by variety of wildlife; provides good nesting cover; flowers variable; best for north Florida; many species and cultivars; optimal soil conditions depend on species
Cyrilla racemiflora Titi, Swamp Cyrilla, Leatherwood	NC 8b-9	FL	Fast 10-30 6-15	••oo Any	♠ Medium	* *	L-N	×	white flowers in late spring-summer; wetland plant; good for edges of retention ponds; attractive to bees
Duranta erecta Golden Dewdrop, Pigeonberry; Skyflower	CS 9b- 11	No	Med. 4-18 10-15 →	○●●○ Any	High	<b>*</b>	L-N	XYX	also known as <i>Duranta repens</i> ; lavendar/blue/white flowers in summer-fall; showy, poisonous fruit; watch for scales, nematodes, chewing insects; irritating sap; thorns; may spread aggressively

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Eugenia spp. (natives only) Stoppers	CS 9-11	FL	Fast 10-30 5-20	Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	•	flowers variable; few pests; needs little attention once established; natives are <i>E. axillaris</i> , <i>E. foetida</i> , <i>E. rhombe</i> a, and <i>E. confusa</i> ; <i>E. axiliaris</i> , <i>E. confusa</i> , <i>E. foetida</i> have high wind resistance
Fatsia japonica Japanese Aralia, Paperplant	CS 9-11	No	Med. 5-8 3-10 →	o••∘ Any	Medium		M		white flowers in winter; watch for rat and termite problems
Forestiera segregata Florida Privet	NCS 8b- 11	FL	Med. 4-15 3-12 →	o••• S/L	△ <del>△</del> High	<b>*</b>	Н	•	yellow flowers in early spring; great hedge; fruit provides food for wildlife, flowers attract insects
Galphimia glauca Thryallis, Rain-of-Gold	CS 9b- 11	NA	Med. 5-9 4-6	o••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		yellow flowers all year; no major pest problems, but watch for caterpillars and mites
Gardenia jasminoides Gardenia, Cape Jasmine	NCS 8-10	No	Med. 4-8 4-8	••oo Any	Medium	<b>\$</b>	L-N		also known as <i>Gardenia angusta</i> ; white, fragrant flowers, spring-summer; use only grafted varieties due to nematade susceptibility; watch for scales; use iron fertilizer to keep foliage green; requires acid soil
Hamamelis virginiana Common Witchhazel	NC 8-9	FL	S-M 15-30 15-25	Any	Low	* 2	L-N		cream/yellow flowers in fall
Hamelia patens Firebush, Scarletbush	CS 9-11	FL	Fast 5-20 5-8	Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	* \$ 4	L-N	XXX	orange/red flowers, esp. summer; watch for mites/whiteflies/scales; foliage usually more attractive in shade but flowers best in sun; tolerates occasionally wet soil; dies back in freezes but returns

Heptapleurum arboricolum Dwarf Schefflera	CS 9-11	NA	Fast 10-15 6-15	o••∘ S/L	△ <b>△</b> Medium	* 🛎	U		also known as <i>Schefflera arboricola</i>
Hibiscus spp. (natives and their hybrids only) Hibiscus, Mallows	NCS var- iable	FL	Med. varies varies	•••• S/L	Medium	<b>*</b>	V	×	region and salt tolerance depend on species, check before final species selection; flowers variable, spring fall; some hibiscus injured by freezes in extreme north FL; watch for pink hibiscus mealybug
Hydrangea macrophylla Hydrangea, Bigleaf Hydrangea, French Hydrangea	NC 8b- 9a	No	Med. 6-10 6-10 →	•••• Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	\&\ \Q	L-N		white/pink/purple flowers in spring-summer; pest sensitive; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Hydrangea quercifolia Oakleaf Hydrangea	NC 8b-9	FL	Fast 6-10 6-8	•••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b> & @	L-N		white/cream flowers in summer; good flowering shrub for shade; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Ilex × 'Mary Nell' Mary Nell Holly	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 10-20 10 →	•••∘ S/C	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	M	•	white flowers in spring; important source of pollen for bees
Ilex cornuta and cvs. Chinese Holly, Horned Holly	NC 8-9	No	Med. varies varies	••oo Any	High	* 🕸	М	*	can have severe tea scale problem, especially in cool, shady areas; fruit attracts wildlife; many cultivars; important source of pollen for bees
Ilex vomitoria and cvs. Yaupon Holly	NCS 8-10	FL	Med. varies varies	•••∘ Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	* *	Н	¥	flammable - in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldgs; white flowers, spring-summer; red fruit wildlife food, late fall-winter; 'Pendula' was FNGLA Plant of the Year, 2005; high wind resistance
Illicium spp. Star Anise	NC 8-9	FL/ NA	Med. varies varies	••oo Any	Medium	*	L-N		flowers variable

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Itea virginica Virginia Willow, Virginia Sweetspire	NC 8-9	FL	Slow 3-8 2-4 →	•••∘ S/L	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	* 🖺 🗬	L-N	¥	white flowers in spring-summer; good plant for edges of retention ponds, swales and canals; occurs naturally in wet soils but may adapt to dry conditions (performs best with moderate moisture)
Jasminum multiflorum Downy Jasmine	CS 9b- 11	NA	Fast 5-10 ↑ 5-10	Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		white, fragrant flowers all year; dies back when cold and comes back; pest sensitive
Jasminum nitidum Star Jasmine, Shining Jasmine	CS 9-11	NA	Fast 20 ↑ 10	•••∘ S/L	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		white, fragrant flowers in spring to summer
Jatropha integerrima Peregrina	CS 9b- 11	NA	Med. 15 10  ↑	•••• Any	High	<b>*</b>	L-N	AX	scarlet flowers all year; very poisonous, use with caution; watch for scales and mealybugs; sensitive to frost
Juniperus chinensis and cvs. Chinese Juniper, Japanese Juniper	NC 8-9	No	M-F varies varies	s	High	<b>*</b>	М	*	flammable - in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldgs; does not tolerate wet feet; good pollution tolerance; watch for mites (especially when hot and dry), bagworms, root rot, Phomopsis blight
Ligustrum japonicum and cvs. Ligustrum, Japanese Privet	NCS 8- 10b	No	Med. 8-12 15-25 →	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н		white flowers, summer; watch for scale/whiteflies /sooty mold/nematodes/root rot; used as hedge; thins at bottom unless in full sun; invasive assessment: not a problem, incomplete conclusion
Loropetalum chinense and cvs Loropetalum, Chinese Fringe Bush	NC 8-9	No	Med. 6-15 8-10 →	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		white/pink flowers in spring; size varies; no major pest problems but watch for mites/nematodes/root rot; eriophyid mites may be severe on cv 'Ruby'; in high pH soils may have minor element deficiencies

Lyonia ferruginea Rusty Lyonia	NCS 8-10	FL	Slow 10-25 5-10	•••• S	↑ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	L-N	¥	white/pink flowers in spring
Mahonia bealei Oregon Hollygrape	N 8b- 9a	NA	Slow 5-10 3-4	•••∘ Any	Medium	<u>څ</u>	М	*	also known as <i>Berberis bealei</i> ; yellow, fragrant flowers in winter-spring; attracts wildlife
Murraya paniculata Orange Jessamine, Orange Jasmine, Chalcas	CS 9b- 11	No	Slow 8-12 8-15	Any	High	<b>*</b>	L-N	**	white, fragrant flowers all year; good container plant; pest sensitive; often used as a hedge; attracts wildlife
Musa spp. Banana	CS 9b- 11	NA	Fast 7-30 10-15	Any	Low	<b>*</b> *	L-N		edible; in cooler parts requires protection, foliage dies in winter, emerges in spring if no killing frost; grows quickly when fertilized; needs regular watering; watch for Sigatoka leaf spot disease
Myrcianthes fragrans Simpson's Stopper, Twinberry	CS 9b- 11	FL	Slow 6-30 15-20	○●●● Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b> & &	Н	×	edible fruit; white, fragrant flowers all year and red berries used by many birds; tolerates occasionally wet soil; needs little attention once established
Myrica cerifera and cvs. Wax Myrtle	NCS 8-10	FL	Fast 10-40 20-25	•••• Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b>	Н	×	flammable - in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldgs; watch for lobate lac scale, severe in south FL; trunk disease can shorten life; good hedge plant for wildlife; medium-low wind resistance
Osmanthus americanus Wild Olive	NC 8b-9	NA	Med. 15-25 10-15 →	○●●○ Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b> *	Н	•	white, fragrant flowers in spring; fruits of some use by birds/mammals
Osmanthus fragrans Tea Olive, Fragrant Olive, Sweet Osmanthus	NC 8b-9	No	Slow 15-30 15-20	o••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b> *	L-N		white, fragrant flowers in fall-spring; pest sensitive

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Philadelphus inodorus English Dogwood	NC 8-9a	NA	Fast 10-12 6-10	o••∘ Any	<b>♦ ♦</b> High	* 😩	U		white flowers in spring
Philodendron cvs. Philodendron	CS var- iable	NA	Fast varies varies	o••∘ Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<u></u>	L-N		many cvs; height/spread/region/flowers variable; choose for climate; tolerates occasionally wet soil; invasive assessment: <i>Philodendron scandens</i> assessed as not a problem, others not yet assessed
Philodendron selloum Selloum, Tree Philodendron	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Fast 6-12 10-15	o••∘ Any	△ <del>△</del> Medium	<u>څ</u>	L-N		green flowers all year; temperatures in mid to upper 20s burn foliage; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Pittosporum cvs. Pittosporum	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast 8-12 12-18	•••∘ S/L	High	<b>*</b>	Н		white, fragrant flowers in spring
Podocarpus gracilior Weeping Fern Pine, Weeping Podocarpus, Weeping Yew	CS 9b- 11	NA	Slow 30-50 25-35 →	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		relatively pest free; grows slowly in full shade; high wind resistance
Podocarpus macrophyllus and cvs. Podocarpus	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Slow 30-40 20-25 →	•••∘ S/C	High	<b>*</b>	M		no serious pest problems, but watch for scales, sooty mold, mites and root rot; high wind resistance
Psychotria nervosa Wild Coffee	S 10b- 11	FL	Med. 4-10 4-10 →	o••∘ Any	Medium		М	×	white flowers in spring-summer; caterpillar damage can be serious; red fruit eaten by many wildlife species

Rhododendron austrinum and cvs. Florida Azalea	N 8b- 9a	FL	Slow 6-10 4-8 →	••oo Any	Medium		L-N	YAK	yellow/orange flowers in spring; select disease- resistant varieties
Rhododendron canescens and cvs. Pinxter Azalea	N 8b- 9a	FL	Slow 8-12 6-10	••oo Any	Medium		L-N	YAK	pink/white flowers in spring; prefers well drained soil that retains moisture
Rhododendron cvs. Azalea	NC var- iable	FL/ NA	Slow varies varies	••oo Any	Medium		L-N	YAK	region depends on species, choose species adapted to climate; flowers variable; invasive assessment: <i>R. obtusum</i> , <i>R. simsii</i> assessed as not a problem, others not yet assessed
Sabal minor Dwarf Palmetto, Bluestem Palmetto	NCS 8-10	FL	Slow 4-9 4-8	Any	△ <b>△</b> High	* 2	М	×	fruit attracts wildlife in fall; difficult to transplant; good understory plant and for retention ponds/drainage swales, prefers moist soils but tolerates drier conditions after establishment
Sambucus spp. Elderberry	NCS 8-11	FL/ NA	Fast 12-20 12-15	Any	<b>♦ ♦</b> Medium	* 🕸	V	•	flowers variable; salt tolerance depends on species, check with county Extension office or local nursery before making final selection
Senna polyphylla Desert Cassia	S 10a- 11	NA	Fast 6-10 6-8	○••• S/L	Medium	* 🕸	Н		yellow flowers in summer
Strelitzia nicolai Giant Bird of Paradise, White Bird of Paradise	CS 9-11	NA	Fast 20-30 15-20	o••∘ Any	Low	* 😩	L-N		blue/white flowers all year; scales can be a problem when air circulation is inadequate; foliage may tear in the wind; needs protection in cooler parts of central region
Suriana maritima Bay Cedar	S 10b- 11	FL	Med. 5-20 5-8 →	S/L	High	<b>*</b>	Н		yellow flowers all year; good beach plant; will grow in sand or on bare rock

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Tabernaemontana divaricata Crape Jasmine, Pinwheel Flower	CS 9b- 11	NA	Fast 6-10 3-6	Any	Low	* *	L-N		white, fragrant flowers in summer; watch for scales, mites, nematodes and sooty mold
Tecoma stans Yellow Elder, Yellow Trumpetbush	CS 9b- 11	No	Fast 20 ↑	Any	Medium	*	L-N	*	yellow flowers, summer-winter; FNGLA Plant of the Year, 2005; may die to the ground in N FL and return in the spring; invasive assessment: not considered a problem, incomplete conclusion in C,S
Ternstroemia gymnanthera Cleyera, Ternstroemia	NC 8-9	NA	Med. 12-20 5-10 →	o••∘ Any	Medium		L-N		white, fragrant flowers in spring; good as hedge
Thunbergia erecta King's Mantle, Bush Clock Vine	CS 9-11	NA	Fast 4-6 5-8	Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	*	L-N	×	purple flowers all year; used as hedge in south Florida; tough plant; pest resistant; unclipped plants sprawl across the ground
Tibouchina urvilleana Princess Flower, Glory Bush, Lasiandra	CS 9b- 11	No	Med. 10-15 10-15 →	○••○ S/L	High	*	L-N		also known as <i>Tibouchina semidecandra</i> ; purple flowers all year; was one of the FNGLA Plants of the Year in 2005
Vaccinium arboreum Sparkleberry	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 6-25 4-15 →	••oo Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	* 2	L-N	×	white flowers in spring; showy fall color; attracts wildlife; attracts pollinating insects; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Vaccinium spp. Blueberry	NCS 8-10	FL	Med. 1-12 1-10 →	••oo Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<u></u>	L-N	×	white flowers in spring; black fruit in fall attracts wildlife; edible; prefers moist, well-drained conditions

Viburnum obovatum and cvs. Walter's Viburnum	NCS 8-10	FL	Med. varies varies →	•••• Any	High	* 2	L-N	•	white flowers in winter-spring; small black fruit used by many birds; good nesting cover
Viburnum odoratissimum Sweet Viburnum	NCS 8b- 10a	No	S-M 15-30 15-25	•••• Any	Medium	<b>*</b> & &	L-N	YX	white flowers in spring; susceptible to leaf spots, powdery mildew, and downy mildew; no major insect problems, but watch for aphids and scales; often grown as a hedge; thins in shaded sites
Viburnum odoratissimum var. awabuki Awabuki Viburnum	NCS 8- 10b	NA	Slow 15-20 15-20 →	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	•	also known as <i>Viburnum awabuki</i> ; white flowers in spring; good under power lines - takes well to pruning
Viburnum rufidulum Rusty Blackhaw, Southern Blackhaw	NC 8b-9	FL	Slow 20-25 20-25 →	•••• Any	High	<b>*</b> & &	Н	•	fall color (scarlet-purple); large cluster of small white flowers in spring; small black fruit used by many birds; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Viburnum suspensum Sandankwa Viburnum	NCS 8-10	No	M-F 6-12 6-12 →	•••• Any	Low	<u></u>	М	•	pink/white flowers in winter-spring; no pest problems
Vitex agnus-castus Chaste Tree	NC 8-9	NA	Fast 10-20 10-20 →	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b> & &	М	¥¥	purple flowers in summer; attracts wildlife
Yucca elephantipes Spineless Yucca	S 10b- 11	NA	Med. 30 8-10 →	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	М		white flowers in spring to summer
Yucca spp. Yucca	NCS 8-11	FL/ NA	Med. 3-12 3-6 →	•••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	×	region depends on species; white flowers in spring to summer

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Small Shrubs	•			•					
Aloe spp. Aloe	NCS var.	NA	Med. varies varies	o••• Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н		choose species adapted to climate; flowers variable; injured by frost in extreme north FL; occasional caterpillars; invasive assessment: <i>Aloe vera</i> assessed and not invasive, others not yet assessed
Caesalpinia spp. and cvs. Poinciana	CS var.	NA	Med. varies varies	o••∘ S/L	△ <del>△</del> Medium	*	М		region depends on species and cultivar, choose species adapted to climate; flowers variable
Gamolepis spp. Bush Daisy	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Fast 2-4 3-4	o••∘ Any	Medium	*	L-N	×	yellow flowers all year
Lantana depressa Weeping Lantana, Pineland Lantana	NCS 8-11	FL	Med. 3-6 3-6 →	○●●○ S/L	Medium	*	Н	* 6	small yellow flowers all year; susceptible to nematodes; poisonous to livestock
Leucophyllum frutescens Texas Sage, Texas Ranger, Silverleaf, Barometer Bush	NC 8b- 10a	No	Med. 3-5 3-5 →	○••○ S	High	*	М		white/pink/lavender/blue flowers; prefers dry, hot sites
Lyonia lucida Fetterbush, Shiny Lyonia	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 3-10 2-5 →	•••• S/L	○ <b>△</b> High	<b>*</b>	L-N	×	white/pink flowers in spring; leaf spotting may occur
Mahonia fortunei Fortune's Mahonia, Chinese Mahonia, Holly Grape	N 8b-9	No	Slow 3-5 3-5 →	•••∘ Any	Medium	<u>څ</u>	М	•	also known as <i>Berberis fortunei</i> ; yellow flowers all year, esp. spring; no pest problems; low maintenance plant well suited as foundation plant on north or east side of a building; excellent shade tolerance

Malpighia coccigera Miniature Holly	S 10b- 11	NA	Slow 2-5 4-6	Any	Medium		М		pink flowers in spring-summer; sensitive to nematodes
Raphiolepis spp. and cvs. Indian Hawthorn	NC 8-9	NA	Med. 2-10 2-6	o••∘ Any	∴ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	М		flowers variable; wildlife food; use disease-resistant evs., plant in full sun, don't overirrigate to avoid disease; invasive assessment: <i>R. indica</i> assessed as not a problem, others not yet assessed
Rosa spp. Rose	NCS 8-10	FL/ NA	Fast 1-20 varies	Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	M	*	flowers variable; red spider mites and black leaf spot may be a problem; choose only disease-resistant cultivars like Knock
Rosmarinus spp. Rosemary	NCS 8-11	NA	Med. 2-5 3	○ ● ● ○ S/L	High	<b>*</b>	M		flowers variable
Russelia equisetiformis Firecracker Plant, Coral Plant	CS 9b- 11	No	Med. 3-5 6-12	o • • o Any	High	<b>*</b>	М	YY	red flowers all year; good container plant; pest sensitive
Russelia sarmentosa Firecracker Plant	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Fast 3-4 4 2-4	○ ● ● ○ S/L	Medium	<b>*</b>	U	¥¥	red flowers in summer to fall; attracts wildlife
Sabal etonia Scrub Palmetto	CS 9-11	FL	Slow 4-6 4-6	S/L	High	<b>*</b>	М	×	flowers in spring-summer; small, black berries in summer-fall; long-lived (likely over 100 years); tolerates hot, dry conditions; endemic to central Florida sand scrub; difficult to transplant
Spiraea spp. Spiraea	NC 8-9	NA	Med. 3-5 3-4	o••∘ Any	Medium	* 🕸	L-N		white flowers in spring; invasive assessment: Spiraea cantoniensis, Spiraea thunbergii assessed as not a problem, others not yet assessed

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Strelitzia reginae Bird of Paradise	S 10- 11	NA	S-M 3-5 2-4	•••∘ Any	△ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	L-N		orange/blue striking flowers; pest sensitive; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Symphyotricum carolinianum Carolina Aster, Climbing Aster	NC 8b- 9a	FL	Med. 1-12 2-4 →	o••∘ Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b> & &	L-N	×	also known as <i>Ampelaster carolinianus</i> , <i>Aster carolinianus</i> ; lavendar flowers in fall; tolerates but blooms poorly in dry soil; larval food plant for pearly crescent butterfly
Zamia floridana Coontie, Florida Arrowroot, Florida Zamia	NCS 8b- 11	FL	Slow 1-5 3-5 →	Any	High	* & &	Н	×	Florida's only native cycad; seeds and caudex poisonous; sole larval food plant for atala butterfly; pest sensitive; temperatures in low 20s turn foliage brown
Zamia furfuracea Cardboard Plant	CS 9b- 11	NA	Slow 2-5 5-8 →	Any	High	<b>*</b> & &	Н		seeds and caudex poisonous; freezes in central Florida and can come back
Vines									
Allamanda cathartica Yellow Allamanda	CS 9-11	No	Fast varies varies	○••○ Any	Medium		L-N		yellow flowers all year; all plant parts are poisonous
Allamanda neriifolia Bush Allamanda, Bush Trumpet	CS 9-11	NA	Fast 5-15 4-10	o••∘ Any	Medium		L-N		yellow flowers all year; no pest problems; makes an open hedge; plants in shade flower poorly
Aristolochia spp. Dutchman's Pipe, Pipevine	CS 9-10	FL/ NA	Fast 10-15 varies	○••○ S	Medium	<u></u>	L-N	×	white/purple flowers in summer and winter; larval food plant for pipevine swallowtail ( <i>Battus philenor</i> ) and polydamas butterfly ( <i>Battus polydamas</i> )

Bignonia capreolata Cross Vine, Trumpet Flower	NCS 8-10	FL	Fast varies varies	•••∘ Any	○ <b>♠</b> High	* 2	М	*	orange flowers in spring
Bougainvillea cvs. Bougainvillea	CS 9b- 11	NA	Fast varies 15-40 →	•••∘ S/L	High	<b>*</b>	M		pink/yellow/orange/white flowers all year, esp. winter spring; freezes in parts of central region; invasive assessment: <i>Bougainvillea glabra</i> assessed as not a problem, others not yet assessed
Campsis radicans Trumpet Creeper, Trumpet Vine	NCS 8-10	NA	Fast to 40 varies	•••• Any	Medium	<b>*</b> & &	L-N	YY	orange/red flowers in spring-summer
Decumaria barbara Climbing Hydrangea, Wood Vamp, Cow Itch Vine	N 8	FL	Med. 60 varies →	•••• S/L	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		white flowers in spring
Gelsemium sempervirens Carolina Jessamine, Yellow Jasmine	NC 8-9	FL	M-F 40 20-30 →	•••∘ Any	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N	¥	yellow flowers in late winter to spring; rapid growth when established; no pest problems; very poisonous
Hedera canariensis Algerian Ivy, Canary Ivy	NCS 8b- 10	No	Fast / <sub>1/2</sub> -1 +	•••∘ Any	Medium		М		watch for aggressive spread to keep contained; no pest problems; rich groundcover in the shade
<i>Hedera helix</i> English Ivy	NC 8-9	No	Fast 1-2 2-5 →	•••∘ Any	Medium		L-N		watch for aggressive spread and keep contained; no major pest problems but watch for scale and Rhizoctonia; poisonous; invasive assessment: not considered a problem, incomplete conclusion in C,S
Ipomoea spp. (natives only) Morning Glory	NCS 8-11	FL	Fast ½ 10-75  ↑	o••∘ Any	↑ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	М		flowers variable; use within a border, can spread easily

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Jasminum multiflorum Downy Jasmine	CS 9b- 11	NA	Fast 5-10 + 5-10	•••• Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		white, fragrant flowers all year; dies back when cold and comes back; pest sensitive
Lonicera sempervirens Honeysuckle, Coral Honeysuckle	NC 8-9	FL	Fast 10-15 varies	•••∘ Any	Medium	*	М	×YK	red flowers in spring-summer; relatively pest free; birds feed on fruit
Mandevilla cvs. Pink Allamanda, Mandevilla	CS 9b- 11	NA	Med. varies varies	o••∘ Any	Medium	*	L-N		many cultivars; pink/white flowers all year
Millettia reticulata Evergreen Wisteria	CS 9-11	NA	Fast 12-15 10-12	○••○ S/L	Low	<b>*</b>	М		purple flowers in summer to fall
Paspalum quadrifarium Evergreen Paspalum, Crown Grass	NCS 8-10	NA	Fast 3-4 3-4	S/L	High	*	Н		tan flowers in summer
Passiflora incarnata Maypop, Passion Vine	NCS 8b- 11	FL	Fast 5-10 varies	Any	High	*	M	¥¥	pink/purple flowers in summer-fall; larval food plant of zebra longwing and gulf fritillary butterflies; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Petraea volubilis Queen's Wreath	S 10b- 11	NA	Fast varies varies	o••• Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		purple flowers in spring

Thunbergia alata Black-Eyed Susan Vine	CS 9b- 11	NA	Fast 10 10	S/L	Low	* *	L-N		yellow flowers in summer
Trachelospermum jasminoides Confederate Jasmine, Star Jasmine	NCS 8b- 10	No	Fast varies varies	Any	Medium	<b>*</b> *	L-N	*	white, fragrant, showy flowers in spring; can be aggressive; no serious pests but watch for scales and sooty mold; invasive assessment: not considered a problem, incomplete conclusions in N and C
Vitis spp. Grape	NC 8-9	FL/ NA	Fast 10-50 varies	• • • o c Any	High	<b>*</b>	V	•	edible; only certain cultivars adapted to FL; salt tolerance varies by rootstock
Wisteria frutescens American Wisteria	NC 8-9	FL	Fast 10-20 6-12	o o o o o o o	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		lavender, fragrant flowers in spring; poisonous parts
Groundcovers									
Ajuga reptans Bugleweed, Carpet Bugleweed	NC 8-9a	NA	Fast 1/2 -1 1-2	o o o o o o o	Medium	* 🕸 🗬	L-N		purple/blue flowers, spring-summer; spreads quickly; many cultivars; watch for southern blight; crown rot in poor ventilation or soggy soils; does not compete well against weeds, especially in sun
Anthericum sanderii St. Bernard's Lily	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast 1½ 1	Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	U		
Arachis glabrata Perennial Peanut	NCS 8-11	No	Slow 1/2 varies	S	High	<b>*</b>	Н		yellow/orange flowers in summer-fall; no nitrogen fertilizer needed; spreads underground, keep contained; no pest problems; withstands foot traffic; best in south, damaged by frost in north, central
1	NCS 8b- 11	No	Slow 1-3 1-3	o o o o o o o	Medium	<u></u>	L-N		brown flowers periodically throughout the year; used for cut foliage; no pest problems; tolerates deep shade better than most plants

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Caladium x hortulanum Caladium	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast 1-2 1-2	o••∘ Any	Medium	* \$ \$	L-N		good container plant; attractive foliage (red/rose/pink/white/silver/bronze/green); leaves die back naturally in the fall; pest sensitive
Carissa macrocarpa Natal Plum	CS 9-11	No	Med. 2-20 2-20 →	0••• S	High	<b>*</b>	Н		also known as Carissa grandiflora; edible fruit; white, fragrant flowers all year; poisonous
Catharanthus roseus Periwinkle, Madagascar Periwinkle, Vinca	CS 9b- 11	No/ C	Med. 1-2 1-2 →	○••○ Any	High	<b>*</b>	M		white/pink/purple flowers all year; watch for micronutrient deficiencies/disease if too much moisture; invasive assessment: not a problem in N and C; caution-manage to prevent escape in S
Cyrtomium falcatum Holly Fern	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Med. 2 ↑ 3-4	o••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	* 2	L-N		no major pest problems but watch for scales, mites, mealybugs, snails and slugs; good low maintenance groundcover in shady sites; evergreen fern
Dryopteris spp. Autumn Fern	NCS 8-11	FL/ NA	Slow varies varies	••oo Any	Medium	<u>څ</u>	L-N		region depends on species - choose species adapted to your area; used as cut foliage
Dyschoriste oblongifolia Twin Flower, Oblongleaf Snakeherb	NCS 8-11	FL	Fast 1/2 -1 varies	○••○ Any	High	<b>*</b>	L-N	×	lavendar flowers all year
Evolvulus glomeratus ssp. grandiflorus Blue Daze	CS 9-11	NA	Med.  1/2 -1  1-2  ↑	○••○ S/L	Medium		Н		blue flowers in spring to summer

Glandularia tampensis Tampa Vervain, Tampa Mock Vervain	CS 9-11	FL	Med. 1½ -2 varies →	•••• S	High	*	L-N	¥	also known as <i>Verbena tampensis</i> ; purplishpink/white flowers in summer; endemic to Florida and endangered
Hedera canariensis Algerian Ivy, Canary Ivy	NCS 8b- 10	No	Fast 1/2 -1 1-6	•••• Any	Medium		М		watch for aggressive spread to keep contained; no pest problems; rich groundcover in the shade
Hedera helix English Ivy	NC 8-9	No	Fast 1-2 2-5	•••• Any	Medium		L-N		watch for aggressive spread and keep contained; no major pest problems but watch for scale and Rhizoctonia; poisonous; invasive assessment: not considered a problem, incomplete conclusion in C,S
Juniperus conferta and cvs. Shore Juniper	NC 8-9	No	Slow 1-1½ 6-10	•••• S	High	<b>*</b>	Н	*	flammable - in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldgs; must be in full sun and well drained soils; used for dune stabilization; sensitive to fungus blight, especially away from the beach
Juniperus horizontalis and cvs. Creeping Juniper, Horizontal Juniper	NC 8a-9a	NA	Med. 1/2 8-10  ↑	Any	High	<b>*</b>	М	•	no major pest problems, but watch for mites, bagworms, root rot, <i>Phomopsis</i> blight; plants become thin in partial shade; does not tolerate waterlogged conditions
Lantana montevidensis Trailing Lantana	CS 9-11	NA	Fast 1-3 4-8	Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	Н	×	white/pink/lavender flowers in summer-fall; watch for pests (caterpillars chew leaves, mites); leaf spots cause defoliation in partial shade
Liriope muscari and cvs. Liriope, Monkey Grass, Lily Turf, Border Grass	NC 8-9	No	Med.  1/2 -1  1-2  ↑	Any	Medium	<b>*</b> & &	М		purple flowers in summer; pest sensitive; forms a solid groundcover in a few years; variegated cultivar is damaged by frost
Rumohra adiantiformis Leatherleaf Fern, Seven Weeks Fern	CS 9b- 11	No	S-M 1-3 4-5	o••∘ Any	Medium	<u>څ</u>	L-N		pest sensitive

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Scaevola plumieri Inkberry	S 10- 11	FL	Slow 2-4 3-8 →	S/L	High	<b>*</b>	Н		small pink and white flowers in summer; spreads by underground rhizomes; well suited to beachfront sandy soils
Trachelospermum asiaticum Small-Leaf Confederate Jasmine, Asiatic Jasmine	NCS 8b- 10	NA	Fast varies varies	•••• Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	M		withstands foot traffic; spreads aggressively, maintain to contain it; good for slopes/bank stabilization; no serious pest problems but watch for scales/whiteflies/sooty mold; foliage burns low 20s
Trachelospermum jasminoides Confederate Jasmine, Star Jasmine	NCS 8b- 10	No	Fast varies varies	Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	*	white, fragrant, showy flowers in spring; can be aggressive; no serious pests but watch for scales and sooty mold; invasive assessment: not considered a problem, incomplete conclusions in N and C
Vinca major Periwinkle	NC 8a-9	NA	M-F 1-2 varies →	o••∘ Any	△ <del>△</del> Medium	* 2	L-N		blue/purple/lavender flowers in summer; no pest problems; good for shaded, small gardens; does not tolerate hot, dry conditions
Grasses									
Andropogon spp. Bluestem Grass	NC 8-9	FL/ NA	Fast 3-10 3-7	Any	High	*	Н		soil moisture preference depends on species, check with Extension office or nursery before making final selection; silver/white/pink flowers in fall
Aristida stricta var. beyrichiana Wiregrass	NCS 8-11	FL	Fast 2-4 →	•••• S	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	L-N		also known as Aristida beyrichiana; tan flowers all year
Chasmanthium latifolium River Oats, Northern Sea Oats, Indian Wood-oats	N 8-9a	FL	Fast 2-5 →	••oo Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	×	fall color; tan/bronze flowers in summer-fall; used in floral arrangements

Conradina spp. False Rosemary, Scrub Mints, Beach Rosemary	NC 8-9	FL	Fast 1-3 1-3	o o o o Any	_	*	М		blue flowers all year; used in beach landscaping
Cortaderia selloana Pampasgrass	NCS 8-10	NA	Fast 10-12 6-8	o • • Any	_	<b>*</b> *	Н		flammable plant - in wildfire-prone area, plant a min. 30' from bldgs.; white flowers in summer; leaves have sharp edges
Eragrostis elliottii Elliott's Lovegrass	NCS 8-10	FL	Fast 1-3 1-3	S/L	High	<b>*</b> *	L-N		tan flowers all year, especially fall
Eragrostis spectabilis Purple Lovegrass	NCS 8-10	FL	Fast 1-3 1-3	S/L	High	<b>*</b> *	L-N		small red/purple flowers all year, especially fall; grows best in hot, dry sites; does not tolerate wet, shady sites
Muhlenbergia capillaris Muhly Grass	NCS 8-11	FL	Med. 2-5 2-3	) o • • S	High	*	Н		pink flowers in fall; tolerates extreme drought and flooding
Ophiopogon japonicus and evs. Mondo Grass, Dwarf Lilyturf, Dwarf Liriopoe	NCS 8-11	No	Slow to 1 varies	o o o o Any	_	<b>\$</b>	M		white flowers in summer; no pest problems
Panicum virgatum and cvs. Panic Grass	NCS 8-10	FL	Fast 1-5 1-5	Any	High	<b>*</b> *	Н	•	tan flowers in summer
Spartina spp. Cordgrass	NC 8-9	FL/ NA	Fast 2-6 varies	S	High	<b>*</b>	Н		tan flowers in summer; grows in brackish areas, use on saltwater shores; soil moisture preference depends on species

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Tripsacum dactyloides and cvs. Fakahatchee Grass, Gamma Grass	NCS 8-11	FL	Med. 4-6 4-6	•••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	M		cream/orange/red/yellow flowers (not showy) in spring-summer; pest resistant; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Tripsacum floridana Florida Gama Grass	NCS 8-11	FL	Med. 2-4 4-6 →	•••∘ Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b>	M		yellow flowers in spring-summer; used to stabilize banks, steep slopes
Palms and Palm-like P	lants								
Acoelorrhaphe wrightii Paurotis Palm, Saw Cabbage Palm	S 10- 11	FL	Slow 15-30 10-15 →	o••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	M		yellow/white flowers, spring; no pest problems; forms dense clump, needs space; w/o regular fertilization, older leaves lose color; susceptible to manganese deficiency; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Arenga engleri Formosa Palm, Dwarf Sugar Palm	CS 9a- 11	NA	Slow 10 16 →	o••∘ Any	None		L-N		red/orange/green flowers in spring
Bismarckia nobilis Green Bismarck Palm	S 10a- 11	NA	Med. 40-70 15-20 →	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b> & &	M		fronds blue-green; white/cream flowers; no pest problems
Bismarckia nobilis 'Silver Select' Bismarck Palm		NA	Slow 40-70 10-15 →	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b> & &	Н		consistently silver fronds; white/cream flowers; don't plant under power lines
Butia capitata Pindo Palm, Jelly Palm	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Slow 15-25 10-15 →	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	M		edible fruit used for jelly; attracts wildlife; looks best in full sun; white flowers; pest sensitive; high wind resistance

Carpentaria acuminata Carpentaria Palm	S 10b- 11	NA	Slow 35-40 8-10 →	o••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	*	L-N		white/cream flowers in spring-fall; tolerates occasionally wet soil; can cause skin irritation
Chamaedorea spp. Chamaedorea, Bamboo Palm, Miniature Fishtail Palm	NCS var- iable	NA	Fast varies varies	o••∘ Any	Medium	<u></u>	L-N		region depends on species, choose species adapted to climate; cream flowers in spring-summer; potential skin irritant; good container plant
Chamaerops humilis European Fan Palm	NCS 8-11	NA	Slow 5-15 6-15 →	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	М		clumping palm; yellow flowers in summer; pest sensitive; very cold hardy; relatively low maintenance compared to other palms; petioles with sharp teeth
Coccothrinax argentata Silver Palm	S 10b- 11	FL	Fast 3-15 6-7 →	•••• Any	High	<b>*</b> & &	Н	•	white flowers in summer; key deer food source; high wind resistance
Dioon edule Dioon, Chamal, Mexican Sago	NCS 8-11	NA	Slow 1-8 4-6 →	•••• Any	High	<b>*</b>	М	•	watch for scale, mealybugs and occasionally thrips during leaf emergence; leaflets very sharp; can tolerate adverse conditions for periods but requires excellent drainage and full sun
Dypsis lutescens Areca Palm, Yellow Butterfly Palm, Bamboo Palm	S 10a- 11	NA	Med. 15-25 6-10 →	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b> \$\&\disp\colon	М		also known as <i>Chrysalidocarpus lutescens</i> ; regular fertilization for green leaves; watch for bagworms/banana moth/K deficiency; tolerates occasionally wet soil; high wind resistance
Howea forsterana Kentia Palm, Sentry Palm	S 10- 11	NA	Med. 15-25 6-10 →	○••○ S/L	Medium	<u></u>	L-N		white flowers in summer; susceptible to Phytophthora root rot, so plant only in well drained site; watch for lethal yellowing disease
Licuala grandis Ruffled Fan Palm, Vanuatu Fan Palm, Licuala Palm	S 10b- 11	NA	Slow 10 6 →	○••○ S/L	△ Medium	<u></u>	L-N	*	white flowers all year; palms have high fertilizer needs

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<i>Livistona</i> spp. Fan Palm	CS 9-11	NA	Med. varies varies	○••○ S/L	High	<b>*</b>	M		flowers variable; <i>Livistona chinensis</i> has high wind resistance
Phoenix spp. except Phoenix reclinata Date Palms	NCS 8-11	NA	Slow varies varies	○••○ S/L	∴ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	M		yellow flowers in summer; <i>Phoenix canariensis</i> , <i>Phoenix dactylifera and Phoenix roebelinii</i> have high wind resistance
Pseudophoenix sargentii Buccaneer Palm, Sargent's Palm	S 10a- 11	FL	Slow 10-40 10-20 →	•••• Any	High	*	M		yellow flowers in summer; produces grape-sized red fruit; endangered in Florida; grows naturally in sandy or limestone soils where little rain falls
Ptychosperma elegans Alexander Palm, Solitary Palm, Solitaire Palm	S 10a- 11	No	Slow 15-25 6-10	○••○ S/L	High		L-N	•	white flowers in summer; resistant to lethal yellowing; high wind resistance
Ptychosperma macarthurii Macarthur Palm	S 10b- 11	NA	Med. 15-25 6-10 →	○••○ S/L	None	<b>*</b> & &	L-N	•	white flowers in summer
Ravenea rivularis Majesty Palm	S 10a- 11	NA	Med. 50-80 10-15 →	○••○ C/L	High	* *	M		creamy white flowers in summer; no pest problems
Rhapidophyllum hystrix Needle Palm	NCS 8-11	FL	Fast 8 5-10 →	○••○ S/L	Medium	* & &	L-N	•	red flowers in summer; mammals and large birds eat yellowish fruits

Rhapis excelsa Large Lady Palm	CS 9-11	NA	Slow 7-14 15	<b>↑</b>	○••○ S/L	Medium	<u>څ</u>	L-N	•	watch for scales, mealybugs and banana moth; manganese deficiency on alkaline soils; iron deficiency; in full sun leaves yellow and roots burn if too dry
Rhapis humilis Slender Lady Palm	CS 9b- 11	NA	Med. 7 varies	<b>^</b>	○••○ S/L	△ <b>△</b> Medium		M	•	watch for scales and mealybugs
Sabal etonia Scrub Palmetto	CS 9-11	FL	Slow 4-6 4-6	<b>↑</b>	S/L	High	<b>*</b>	M		flowers in spring-summer; small, black berries in summer-fall; long-lived (likely over 100 years); tolerates hot, dry conditions; endemic to central Florida sand scrub; difficult to transplant
Sabal minor Dwarf Palmetto, Bluestem Palmetto	NCS 8-10	FL	Slow 4-9 4-8	<b>^</b>	Any	High	* & &	M	* 6	fruit attracts wildlife in fall; difficult to transplant; good understory plant and for retention ponds/drainage swales, prefers moist soils but tolerates drier conditions after establishment
Sabal palmetto Cabbage Palm, Sabal Palm, Cabbage Palmetto	NCS 8b- 11	FL	Slow 25-60 10-15	<b>↑</b>	Any	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	Н	×	FL's state tree; adapted to most landscapes; white flowers, summer; watch for weevils/scale/ ganoderma butt rot; high wind resistance; older palms transplant easily; fruit important to wildlife
Serenoa repens Saw Palmetto	NCS 8-11	FL	Slow 3-10 4-10	<b>↑</b>	Any	High	<b>*</b> & &	Н	•	flammable - in wildfire-prone area, plant min. 30' from bldgs; yellow/white flowers in spring; difficult to transplant; grows on first dune; round black fruits used by many mammals and large birds
Thrinax morrisii Brittle Thatch Palm, Key Thatch Palm	S 10b- 11	FL	Slow 15-20 6-10	<b>↑</b>	Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	×	white flowers in summer; tolerates occasionally wet soil; tolerates light frost; high wind resistance
Thrinax radiata Florida Thatch Palm	S 10b- 11	FL	Slow 15-25 6-10	<b>↑</b>	S	High	<b>*</b>	Н	•	white flowers in summer; low maintenance palm for many landscapes due to small size; high wind resistance

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Trachycarpus fortunei Windmill Palm	NCS 8-11	NA	Med. 10-25 6-10 →	Any	Medium		M	*	inconspicuous, fragrant flowers in summer; moderately susceptible to lethal yellowing; good palm for shaded landscapes; tolerates occasional sun; watch for scale
Wodyetia bifurcata Foxtail Palm	S 10- 11	NA	Slow 30 8-20 →	o••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	M		white flowers in spring; no pest problems
Zamia floridana Coontie, Florida Arrowroot, Florida Zamia	NCS 8b- 11	FL	Fast 1-5 3-5	•••• Any	High	* 4	Н	•	Florida's only native cycad; seeds and caudex poisonous; sole larval food plant for atala butterfly; pest sensitive; temperatures in low 20s turn foliage brown
Zamia furfuracea Cardboard Plant	CS 9b- 11	NA	Slow 2-5 5-8 →	Any	High		Н	×	seeds and caudex poisonous; freezes in central Florida and can come back
Perennials			•						
Acrostichum danaeifolium Leather Fern, Giant Leather Fern	CS 9-11	FL	Med. 4-8 3-5 →	•••∘ Any	Low	<b>*</b> & Q	M		large fern; good for wet sites in shaded landscape; foliage sometimes discolors in full sun without regular irrigation
Adiantum capillus- veneris Southern Maidenhair Fern, Venus' Hair Fern	S 10- 11	FL	Slow 1½ -2 1-1½ →	o•oo Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium		L-N		tolerates occasionally wet soil
Agapanthus africanus Lily of the Nile, African Lily	NCS 8-10	NA	Fast 2 1	∘••∘ S	Medium	<b>*</b>	M		purple/white flowers in summer; red flowers in spring; deciduous

Agave spp. Century plant, Agave	NCS var- iable	FL/ NA	Slow 6 ↑ varies →	○••○ S	High	*	Н		choose species adapted to climate; flowers variable; sharp spines on leaf tips; don't plant next to walkways; invasive assessment: <i>Agave americana</i> assessed and not invasive, others not yet assessed
Ajuga reptans Bugleweed, Carpet Bugleweed	NC 8-9a	NA	Fast //2 -1 1-2	○••○ Any	Medium	* 🛎 🗬	L-N		purple/blue flowers, spring-summer; spreads quickly; many cultivars; watch for southern blight; crown rot in poor ventilation or soggy soils; does not compete well against weeds, especially in sun
Alocasia spp. Elephant Ears, Taro, Giant Taro	CS 9b- 11	FL/ NA	Fast 2-10 1-10	o••∘ Any	Low	<b>*</b> & @	L-N		small, green flowers in summer; large leaves; requires little attention once planted; no pest problems; freezing temperatures kill the foliage but grows back in warm weather
Aloe spp. Aloe	NCS var- iable	NA	Med. varies varies	o••• Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н		choose species adapted to climate; flowers variable; injured by frost in extreme north FL; occasional caterpillars; invasive assessment: <i>Aloe vera</i> assessed and not invasive, others not yet assessed
Alpinia spp. Shell Ginger, Shell Flower	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast 6-12 3-5	o••∘ S/C	Low	<b>*</b>	M		white with pink/brown/red flowers in summer-fall; will not flower if freezes back
Amorphophallus spp. Voodoo Lily, Snake Lily	NCS 9-11	NA	Med. 6 varies →	o••∘ Any	Medium	<u></u>	L-N		grows very slowly in north FL; flowers variable, have a foul odor
Angelonia angustifolia Angelonia	NCS 9-11	NA	Fast 1-3 1-3	○••○ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	U		white and/or blue flowers in summer; can be grown as an annual bedding plant but survives winters in zones 9 and 10
Asclepias spp. Milkweed, Butterfly Weed	NCS var- iable	FL/ NA	Fast 2-5 ↑	o••∘ Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b> & &	L-N	**	region/light/soil moisture preferences vary by species, choose species appropriate for your conditions; reseeds and spreads; flowers variable; in north FL goes dormant in winter; sap may irritate

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Asimina spp. Pawpaw	NCS 8-10	FL/ NA	Med. varies varies	∘•∘∘ S	△ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b> & @	L-N	×	region, light preferences vary by species, choose species appropriate for your conditions; flowers variable; larval food plant for zebra swallowtail butterfly; does not transplant well
Aspidistra elatior Cast Iron Plant, Barroom Plant	NCS 8b- 11	No	Slow 1-3 1-3 →	o••∘ Any	Medium		L-N		brown flowers periodically throughout the year; used for cut foliage; no pest problems; tolerates deep shade better than most plants
Begonia semperflorens Wax Begonia	NCS 8-11	NA	Slow <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1  →	o••∘ Any	Low		L-N		flowers variable; watch for powdery mildew and nematodes; grows as an annual in north and central regions, can be a perennial in south Florida
Belamcanda chinensis Blackberry Lily	NCS 8- 10a	NA	Fast 1-2 2-4	o••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	M		yellow flowers in spring-fall; prone to crown rot if kept too wet
Blechnum serrulatum Swamp Fern, Toothed Midsorus Fern, Saw Fern	CS 9-11	FL	Med. 1-6 2-6 →	••oo Any	Low	* 🕸	L-N		hardy fern; forms underground stems, persisting for many years, and spreads widely; excellent groundcover for moist sites (forms dense clumps); grows in full sun if in moist conditions
Bromeliaceae genera, species Bromeliads, Airplants	NCS 8-11	FL/ NA	Slow varies varies	∘••∘ S	High	* \$ \$ \$	L-N		flowers, light, region vary; choose species for climate; don't exchange bromeliads from areas with Mexican bromeliad weevil; air circulation prevents scale/mealybugs; cold/overwatering cause crown rot
Caladium x hortulanum Caladium	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast 1-2 1-2	o••∘ Any	Medium	* \$	L-N		good container plant; attractive foliage (red/rose/pink/white/silver/bronze/green); leaves die back naturally in the fall; pest sensitive

Canna spp. Canna Lily	NCS 8-11	FL/ NA	Fast 2-6 1-3	<b></b>	•••∘ Any	<b>≜ ♦</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	¥	many cultivars; attractive foliage; flowers variable, in summer; invasive assessment: <i>Canna indica</i> assessed as not a problem, others not yet assessed
Catharanthus roseus Periwinkle, Madagascar Periwinkle, Vinca	CS 9b- 11	No/ C	Med. 1-2 1-2	<b>↑</b>	○••○ Any	High	<b>*</b>	М		white/pink/purple flowers all year; watch for micronutrient deficiencies/disease if too much moisture; invasive assessment: not a problem in N and C; caution-manage to prevent escape in S
Coreopsis spp. Tickseed, Coreopsis	NCS 8a- 10b	FL/ NA	Fast 1-4 1-3	<b></b>	••oo Any	High	<b>*</b>	М	×	Florida's state wildflower; orange/yellow flowers in summer; may be annual or short-lived perennial, depending on species
Costus spp. Spiral Ginger	NCS 8-11	?	Fast 6-10 4-8	<b></b>	o••∘ Any	Low	* 2	L-N		white, fragrant flowers in summer-fall
Crinum spp. Crinum Lily	NCS 8b- 11	FL/ NA	Med. 3-6 3-6	<b>†</b>	o••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	М		many cultivars; flowers variable, all year; watch for rust, Botrytis, leaf spots (esp. in south FL), caterpillars and other chewing insects; some are disease sensitive; poisonous
Crossandra spp. Firecracker Flower	S 10	NA	Fast 1/2 -4 1-3	<b></b>	o••∘ S/L	△ <b>△</b> Medium		L-N		region varies by species, choose species adapted to climate; flowers variable; can be used as annual in north and central regions
Cuphea hyssopifolia Mexican Heather, False Heather	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Med. 1-2 2-3	<b>↑</b>	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b> *	М	×	purple/white/pink flowers all year; pest senstive; killed to the ground by hard freeze; may be weedy in landscapes
Curcuma spp. Curcuma, Hidden Lily	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Fast 1-6 1-4	<b>↑</b>	o••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium		L-N		pink/yellow flowers in spring

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<i>Dianella</i> spp. Flax Lily	NCS 8-11	FL/ NA	Fast 1-2 1-2 →	•••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	U		flowers variable
Dicksonia antarctica Tasmanian Tree Fern, Australian Tree Fern	CS 9-11	NA	Slow to 50 ↑	•••• S/L	Low		L-N		does not tolerate prolonged freezing or direct sun
Didymochlaena truncatula Mahogany Fern, Tree Maidenhair Fern	S 10	NA	Slow 1½ 1½ 1½	••oo Loam	Low	<b>\$</b>	U		
Dietes iridoides African Iris, Butterfly Iris	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Slow 2-6 1-2 →	o••∘ Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		also known as <i>Moraea iridoides</i> and <i>Moraea vegeta</i> , previously <i>Dietes vegata</i> ; white/yellow/blue flowers in spring-summer; no pest problems
Dryopteris eythrosora Autumn Fern, Japanese Shield Fern, Japanese Wood Fern	NCS 8-11	NA	Slow 1-2 1-2 →	•••• Any	Low		L-N		no pest problems
Dryopteris spp. Autumn Fern	NCS 8-11	FL/ NA	Slow varies varies	••oo Any	Medium		L-N		region depends on species - choose species adapted to your area; used as cut foliage
Dyschoriste oblongifolia Twin Flower, Oblongleaf Snakeherb	NCS 8-11	FL	Fast ½-1½ varies	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b>	L-N	×	lavendar flowers all year

Echinacea purpurea Purple Coneflower	NCS 8-10	FL	Med. 1-3 2-3	<b>^</b>	°••• C/L	○ <b>△</b> High	<u></u>	L-N	メイス	purple flowers in spring to summer; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Euryops spp. Daisy Bush	NCS var- iable	NA	Med. 3-6 3-6	<b></b>	o••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> High	<b>*</b>	М		region varies by species, choose species appropriate to climate; flowers variable
Evolvulus glomeratus ssp. grandiflorus Blue Daze	CS 9-11	NA	Med. <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1 1-2	<b>↑</b>	○••○ S/L	Medium		Н		blue flowers in spring to summer
Gaillardia pulchella Blanket Flower	NCS 8a- 11	FL	Fast 1-2 2-3	<b></b>	○••○ S/L	) High	*	М	¥	no pest problems
Gaillardia spp. Blanket Flower	NCS 8-11	FL/ NA	Fast 1-2 2-3	<b>^</b>	○••○ S/L	High	*	М	×	yellow/red flowers in summer; used in floral arrangements
Gaura lindheimeri White Gaura, Whirling Butterflies, Lindheimer's Beeblossom	NC 8-9	NA	Med. 1-3 2-3	<b>^</b>	o••∘ Any	) High	<b>*</b>	L-N	¥	pink/white flowers in spring to fall
Gazania spp. Gazania, Treasure Flower	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Med. 1/2 -1 1-2	<b>↑</b>	o••∘ Any	High	*	М		yellow/orange/red flowers in summer; no major pest problems, but roots may rot from overwatering
Gloriosa spp. Gloriosa Lily	NCS 8-10	NA	Fast varies varies	<b>^</b>	o••∘ S/C	Medium	<u></u>	U		crimson/yellow-orange flowers in spring-summer

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Haemanthus multiflorus Blood Lily	NCS 8-11	NA	Slow 1½ ↑ 1	○••○ S/L	Medium		U		also known as <i>Scadoxus multiflorus</i> ; red flowers in summer
Hedychium spp., hybrids and cvs. Butterfly Lily, Butterfly Ginger	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Fast 4-8 2-4 →	○••○ S/L	Low	<b>*</b> & &	M		white/yellow/red flowers in spring; thrives in boggy soils
Helianthus angustifolius Swamp Sunflower, Narrowleaf Sunflower	NCS 8b- 10	FL	Fast 2-4 →	•••∘ Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	*	Н	×	yellow/brown flowers in fall
Helianthus debilis Beach Sunflower	NCS 8b- 11	FL	Fast 1-4 2-4 →	•••∘ S/L	High	<b>*</b>	Н	* *	yellow/purple flowers all year; good groundcover for beaches and dune stabilization; develops fungus if planted in wet areas; no pest problems
Heliconia spp. Heliconia	S 10b- 11	NA	Fast 2-15 3-6	Any	None	* *	L-N		flowers variable, all year
Hemerocallis spp. Daylily	NCS 8-10	NA	Fast 1-3 1-2 →	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	Н	YY	many cultivars; flowers variable, in summer; watch for rust
Hippeastrum spp. and hybrids Amaryllis	NCS 8-10	NA	Med. 1-3 1-3 →	o••∘ Any	Medium	*	L-N		red/white flowers in spring

Hymenocallis spp. Daylily	NCS 8-11	FL/ NA	Fast 1-3 3-5	•••• Any	High	* 😩	Н		region depends on species - choose species adapted to your area; white/yellow flowers in spring-fall
Impatiens spp. Impatiens	NCS 8-11	NA	Med.  1/2 -1 1	o o o o Any	None	<u></u>	L-N	¥	flowers variable
Iris hexagona Louisiana Iris, Blue Flag Iris	NCS 8-10	NA	Med. 2-5	•••• S/L	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N		purple flowers in spring; tolerates partial shade but flowers best in full sun; good for wet areas or rain gardens
O O	NCS 8b- 11	FL	Med. 4-7 1-3	• • • • • Any	<b>≜ ♦</b> Medium	* *	L-N		lavendar flowers in spring; for wet areas
Justicia brandegeana Shrimp Plant	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Fast 2-6 2-4	•••• Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	YAK	white flowers in summer; no major pest problems, but watch for caterpillars; grow in full sun for compact growth and better flowering; killed to ground when freezes but comes back
Justicia carnea Jacobinia, Flamingo Plant	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Slow 3-6 2-3	•••• Any	Low	<u>څ</u>	L-N	*	flowers variable, in summer-fall; caterpillars occasionally eat foliage; watch for mealybugs; killed to ground at 20°F but emerges in spring
Justicia spicigera Orange Plum	S 10b- 11	NA	Fast 5 -	Any	Low	*	L-N		orange flowers in summer
Kaempferia spp. Peacock Ginger	NCS 8-10	NA	Fast 2 varies	○ • • ○ • C/L	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<u></u>	L-N		flowers variable; watch for snails

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Kalanchoe blossfeldiana Kalanchoe, Madagascar Widow's Thrill	S 10- 11	NA	Slow	o••∘ S/L	High	<b>*</b>	M		pink/red/yellow flowers in winter-spring
Lantana involucrata Wild Sage, Buttonsage	CS 9-11	FL	Fast 2-5 1-5	•••∘ S/L	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	Н	×	white flowers all year
Leonotis leonurus Lion's Ear	CS 9-11	NA	Fast 4-5 2-3	o••∘ Any	High	<b>*</b> & &	Н	YY	orange/red flowers in summer to winter
Liatris spp. Blazing Star	NCS 8- 10b	FL/ NA	Med. 3 ½ -1 →	o••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	×	lavendar/pink/white flowers in summer-fall; attracts wildlife
Liriope muscari and cvs. Liriope, Monkey Grass, Lily Turf, Border Grass	NC 8-9	No	Med.  1/2 -1  1-2  ↑	Any	Medium	<b>*</b> & &	М		purple flowers in summer; pest sensitive; forms a solid groundcover in a few years; variegated cultivar is damaged by frost
Lycoris spp. Hurricane Lily	NC 8-9	NA	Med. 1½ 1	○••○ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium		L-N		yellow/red/pink flowers in early fall
Mimosa strigillosa Powderpuff, Sunshine Mimosa	NCS 8-11	FL	Fast  1/2 -3/4  varies	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	M	×	pink powderpuff flowers

Musa spp. Banana	CS 9b- 11	NA	Fast 7-30 10-15	Any	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N		edible; in cooler parts requires protection, foliage dies in winter, emerges in spring if no killing frost; grows quickly when fertilized; needs regular watering; watch for Sigatoka leaf spot disease
Neomarica gracilis Walking Iris	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Med. 2-3 2-3	o••∘ Any	Low	<u></u>	L-N		white/blue flowers in spring to fall
Odontonema strictum Firespike	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Med. 2-6 2-3	○ ● ● ○ S/L	Medium	<b>*</b> *	L-N	YY	red flowers in fall-winter; used in floral arrangements
Osmunda cinnamomea Cinnamon Fern	NCS 8-10	FL	Slow 2-5 3-4	•••• C/L	Low	<u></u>	L-N		deciduous, shrub-like fern; good plant for retention ponds, swales and canals
Osmunda regalis Royal Fern	NCS 8-10	FL	Med. 6-7 6-7	••oo Loam	Low	<u></u>	L-N		requires night temperature of 45° F to stay green; watch for caterpillars; may be less attractive during winter dormancy
Pachystachys lutea Golden Shrimp Plant	CS 9b- 11	NA	Med. 2-3 2-3	o••∘ Any	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N		yellow flowers in spring-fall
Pentas lanceolata Pentas, Starflower	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Fast 2-4 2-3	o••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	М	YY	many cultivars; red/pink/white/lilac flowers in summer; no pest problems; freezing temperatures kill plant to the ground
Philodendron cvs. Philodendron	CS var- iable	NA	Fast varies varies	o••∘ Any	△ ♠ ♠ Medium	* \$ 4	L-N		many cvs; height/spread/region/flowers variable; choose for climate; tolerates occasionally wet soil; invasive assessment: <i>Philodendron scandens</i> assessed as not a problem, others not yet assessed

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Phlox divaricata Blue Phlox	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast 1-3 1-3	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		purple flowers in summer
Plectranthus spp. Plectranthus	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast varies varies	o••∘ S/L	△ <b>△</b> Medium	* *	L-N		flowers variable; 'Mona Lavender' was one of the FNGLA Plants of the Year in 2004
Plumbago auriculata evs. Plumbago	CS 9-11	NA	Fast 6-10 + 8-10	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	×	blue/white flowers all year; pest sensitive; temperatures in mid 20s kill it to the ground, but it comes back from the roots
Pteridium aquilinum Bracken Fern	NCS 8-11	FL	Med. 3-6 2-3 →	•••∘ S/L	Medium	* 🕸	L-N		poisonous to livestock
Rudbeckia fulgida Rudbeckia	NC 8-9	FL	Fast 3 +	○••○ S/L	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N	×	
Rudbeckia hirta Black-Eyed Susan	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 2-3 1-2 →	○••○ Any	) Medium	<b>*</b> *	L-N	×	large yellow-orange to reddish-orange flowers in summer; does not tolerate prolonged, wet weather
Salvia spp. Salvia, Sage	NCS 8a- 11	FL/ NA	Fast varies varies	∘••∘ S	△ <b>△</b> Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	XY	flowers variable; attracts wildlife

Sisyrinchium angustifolium Blue-eyed Grass	NCS 8-11	FL	Fast	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N		blue flowers in spring
Solenostemon scutellorioides Coleus	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast varies varies	o••∘ Any	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N		purple flowers in summer; many cultivars; 'Hurricane Louise' was one of the FNGLA Plants of the Year in 2005; watch for mealybugs, caterpillars, fungal diseases
Solidago spp. Goldenrod	NCS 8-10	FL/ NA	Med. 2-6 ½2 →	•••∘ S	∴ ♠ ♠ High	<b>*</b>	Н	* 6	yellow flowers in summer-fall; large colonies form in some species
Sphaeropteris cooperi Australian Tree Fern	S 10b- 11	NA	Slow 12-18 8-15 →	○••○ S/L	Low		L-N		also known as <i>Alsophila cooperi</i>
Sprekelia formosissima Aztec Lily, Jacobean Lily, St. James Lily	NCS 8- 10b	NA	Fast 1-2 1-2 →	○••○ S/L	Low	<b>*</b>	М		red flowers in spring-summer
Stachytarpheta spp. Porterweed	NCS 8-11	FL/ NA	Fast 2-8 →	o••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	М	×	flowers variable
Stokesia laevis Stokes' Aster	NC 8-9	FL	Fast 1-2 1-2 →	•••• S/L	) High	*	L-N	×	blue/white flowers in summer; many cultivars
Tulbaghia violacea Society Garlic	NCS 8a- 11	NA	M-F 1-2 1-2 →	○••○ S/L	) High	<b>*</b>	L-N		lavender flowers in spring-fall; relatively pest free; does not flower well in shade; plant has strong garlic scent

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Zamia floridana Coontie, Florida Arrowroot, Florida Zamia	NCS 8b- 11	FL	Slow 1-5 3-5 →	Any	High	<b>*</b>	Н	¥	Florida's only native cycad; seeds and caudex poisonous; sole larval food plant for atala butterfly; pest sensitive; temperatures in low 20s turn foliage brown
Zamia furfuracea Cardboard Plant	CS 9b- 11	NA	Slow 2-5 5-8	Any	High	<b>*</b> & @	Н		seeds and caudex poisonous; freezes in central Florida and can come back
Zephyranthes spp. Rain Lily, Zephyr Lily	NCS 8-11	FL/ NA	Fast 1/2 -1 1/2 -1	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	M		white/yellow/pink/red flowers in spring-fall; watch for maggots, chewing insects, botrytis
Zingiber zerumbet Pine Cone Ginger	NCS 8-11	NA	Med. 4-7 4-6 →	•••∘ Any	△ <b>△</b> Medium		M		red, fragrant flowers in fall; used in floral arrangements; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Annuals									
Ageratum spp. Ageratum	NCS 8-11	NA	Med. <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1  →	o••∘ Any	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N		many cultivars; purple/white flowers all year
Amaranthus spp. Amaranth	NCS 8-11	FL/ NA	Fast 1-2 1-2	o••∘ Any	Medium	*	M	*	many cultivars; attractive foliage; inconspicuous flowers
Angelonia angustifolia Angelonia	NCS 9-11	NA	Fast 1-3 1-3	○••○ Any	Medium	*	U		white and/or blue flowers in summer; can be grown as an annual bedding plant but survives winters in zones 9 and 10

Begonia semperflorens Wax Begonia	NCS 8-11	NA	Slow <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1	<b></b>	○••○ Any	Low		L-N		flowers variable; watch for powdery mildew and nematodes; grows as an annual in north and central regions, can be a perennial in south Florida
Caladium x hortulanum Caladium	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast 1-2 1-2	<b>→</b> →	o••∘ Any	Medium	* \$ \$	L-N		good container plant; attractive foliage (red/rose/pink/white/silver/bronze/green); leaves die back naturally in the fall; pest sensitive
Calendula spp. Pot Marigold	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast 1-1½ 1-1½	<b></b>	o••∘ Any	Low	<b>*</b>	М		yellow/orange flowers in winter-spring
Catharanthus roseus Periwinkle, Madagascar Periwinkle, Vinca	CS 9b- 11	No/ C	Med. 1-2 1-2	<b></b>	○••○ Any	High	<b>*</b>	M		white/pink/purple flowers all year; watch for micronutrient deficiencies/disease if too much moisture; invasive assessment: not a problem in N and C; caution-manage to prevent escape in S
Celosia spp. Celosia	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast ½ -2 ½ -1	<b>←</b> →	o••∘ Any	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N		many cultivars; flowers variable, in summer
Coreopsis spp. Tickseed, Coreopsis	NCS 8a- 10b	FL/ NA	Fast 1-4 1-3	<b>←</b> →	••oo Any	High	<b>*</b>	M	×	Florida's state wildflower; orange/yellow flowers in summer; may be annual or short-lived perennial, depending on species
Gazania spp. Gazania, Treasure Flower	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Med. <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1 1-2	<b></b>	○••○ Any	High	*	М		yellow/orange/red flowers in summer; no major pest problems, but roots may rot from overwatering
Impatiens spp. Impatiens	NCS 8-11	NA	Med. <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1 1	<b></b>	○••○ Any	None	<u></u>	L-N	×	flowers variable

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<i>Justicia brandegeana</i> Shrimp Plant	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Fast 2-6 2-4	•••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	XYX	white flowers in summer; no major pest problems, but watch for caterpillars; grow in full sun for compact growth and better flowering; killed to ground when freezes but comes back
Justicia carnea Jacobinia, Flamingo Plant	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Slow 3-6 2-3 →	•••∘ Any	Low		L-N	*	flowers variable, in summer-fall; caterpillars occasionally eat foliage; watch for mealybugs; killed to ground at 20 degrees but emerges in spring
Justicia spicigera Orange Plum	S 10b- 11	NA	Fast 5 3-5	•••• Any	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N		orange flowers in summer
Lobularia maritima Sweet Alyssum	NCS 8-11	NA	Med.  1/2 - 1  1/2 - 1  1/2 - 1	•••o Any	Medium	* 😩	L-N		purple/white/pink flowers in winter; tolerates light frost
Monarda punctata Spotted Horsemint, Dotted Horsemint, Spotted Beebalm	NC 8b-9	FL	Fast 1-3 2-4	○••○ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	Н	××	pink flowers in summer-fall
Pachystachys lutea Golden Shrimp Plant	CS 9b- 11	NA	Med. 2-3 2-3 →	o••∘ Any	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N		yellow flowers in spring-fall
Pentas lanceolata Pentas, Starflower	NCS 8b- 11	NA	Fast 2-4 2-3	o••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	М	**	many cultivars; red/pink/white/lilac flowers in summer; no pest problems; freezing temperatures kill plant to the ground

Petunia x hybrida Petunia	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast 1/2 -11/2 1	o••o Any	Low	<b>*</b>	М	×	many colors of flowers, in fall-spring; watch for mealybugs, downy mildew, caterpillars and aphids; can be grown as a perennial in south Florida
Rudbeckia fulgida Rudbeckia	NC 8-9	FL	Fast 3 1	○••○ S/L	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N	×	
Rudbeckia hirta Black-Eyed Susan	NC 8-9	FL	Med. 2-3 ↑ 1-2 →	o••∘ Any	Medium	<b>*</b>	L-N	* 6	large yellow-orange to reddish-orange flowers in summer; does not tolerate prolonged, wet weather
Solenostemon scutellorioides Coleus	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast varies varies	o••∘ Any	Low	<b>*</b> *	L-N		purple flowers in summer; many cultivars; 'Hurricane Louise' was one of the FNGLA Plants of the Year in 2005; watch for mealybugs, caterpillars, fungal diseases
Tagetes spp. Marigold	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast 1-3 1	○••○ S/L	△ Medium	*	L-N	×	flowers variable
Torenia fournieri Wishbone Flower	NCS 8-11	NA	Med. <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ↑ 1-1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> →	○••○ S/L	Low	<b>*</b> & @	L-N	*	lavendar/pink/blue/white flowers in spring-fall; watch for caterpillars and slugs
Viola spp. Violet, Johnny-jump-up	NC 8-9	FL/ NA	Fast 1/2 -1 1/2 -1	>	Low	<b>*</b>	L-N		
Viola x wittrockiana Pansy	NCS 8-11	NA	Slow <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1 ↑ <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -1 →	Any	Low	* &	L-N		many cultivars; flowers variable, all year; no pest problems; needs regular watering in warm weather
Zinnia hybrids Zinnia	NCS 8-11	NA	Fast 1/2 -3	○●●○ Any	High	<b>*</b>	L-N	*YX	many cultivars with various colors and flower sizes, flowering all year; watch for stem borers, chewing insects and downy mildew; choose cultivars resistant to mildew; used for cut flowers

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Rain Lily	Zephyranthes spp.	64	Saw Cabbage Palm	Acoelorrhaphe wrightii	<i>4</i> 8
Rain-of-Gold	Galphimia glauca	30	Saw Fern	Blechnum serrulatum	54
Red Bay	Persea borbonia	15	Saw Palmetto	Serenoa repens	51
Red Buckeye	Aesculus pavia	16	Sawtooth Oak	Quercus acutissima	9
Red Cedar	Juniperus virginiana	7	Scarletbush	Hamelia patens	30
Red Mangrove	Rhizophora mangle	16	Scrub Mints	Conradina spp.	47
Red Maple	Acer rubrum	6	Scrub Palmetto	Sabal etonia	39,51
Retama	Parkinsonia aculeata	22	Sea Myrtle	Baccharis halimifolia	17,26
River Birch	Betula nigra	6	Seagrape	Coccoloba uvifera	19,29
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Rose	Rosa spp.	39	Sentry Palm	Howea forsterana	49
Rosemary	Rosmarinus spp.	39	Seven Weeks Fern	Rumohra adiantiformis	<i>4</i> 5
Rotund Holly	Ilex rotunda	14	Shell Flower	Alpinia spp.	53
Round Holly	Ilex rotunda	14	Shell Ginger	Alpinia spp.	53
Roundleaf Holly	Ilex rotunda	14	Shining Jasmine	Jasminum nitidum	32
Royal Fern	Osmunda regalis	61	Shiny Lyonia	Lyonia lucida	38
Royal poinciana	Delonix regia	13	Shore Juniper	Juniperus conferta	<i>4</i> 5
Rudbeckia	Rudbeckia fulgida	62,67	Shortleaf Fig	Ficus citrifolia	13
Ruffled Fan Palm	Licuala grandis	49	Shrimp Plant	Justicia brandegeana	59,66
Rusty Blackhaw	Viburnum rufidulum	24,37	Shumard Oak	Quercus shumardii	10
Rusty Lyonia	Lyonia ferruginea	33	Silver Buttonwood	Conocarpus erectus	6,29
Sabal Palm	Sabal palmetto	51	Silver Palm	Coccothrinax argentata	49
Sage	Salvia spp.	62	Silver Trumpet Tree	Tabebuia aurea	23
Salt-bush	Baccharis halimifolia	17,26	Silverbell	Halesia spp.	7
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Sand Live Oak	Quercus geminata	23	Simpson's Stopper	Myrcianthes fragrans	21,33

Skyflower	Duranta erecta	29	Stokes' Aster	Stokesia laevis	63
Slender Lady Palm	Rhapis humilis	51	Stoppers	Eugenia spp.	20,30
Small Sand Live Oak	Quercus geminata	23	Strangler Fig	Ficus aurea	6
Small-Leaf Confederate		40	Sunshine Mimosa	Mimosa strigillosa	60
Jasmine	Trachelospermum asiaticum	46	Swamp Bay	Persea palustris	15
Snake Lily	Amorphophallus spp.	53	Swamp Chestnut	Quercus michauxii	10
Society Garlic	Tulbaghia violacea	63	Swamp Chestnut Oak	Quercus michauxii	10
Solitaire Palm	Ptychosperma elegans	50	Swamp Cyrilla	Cyrilla racemiflora	19,29
Solitary Palm	Ptychosperma elegans	50	Swamp Dogwood	Cornus foemina	19
Southern Blackhaw	Viburnum rufidulum	24,37	Swamp Fern	Blechnum serrulatum	54
Southern Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora	8	Swamp Sunflower	Helianthus angustifolius	<i>5</i> 8
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Southern Slash Pine	Pinus elliottii var. densa	8	Sweet Osmanthus	Osmanthus fragrans	33
Southern Sugar Maple	Acer barbatum	6	Sweet Pepperbrush	Clethra alnifolia	28
Spanish Oak	Quercus falcata	9	Sweet Viburnum	Viburnum odoratissimum	24,37
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