



## Native Florida Plants for Home Landscapes

The state has nearly half of the species of trees available in North America north of Mexico. So many of Florida's native plants are useful that the tables included here list only those in the greatest potential landscape use.

Native plants are adapted to climate and soil conditions of a given area and usually have fewer pest problems. Using native plants in landscaping can decrease maintenance. Some plants have specific growth requirements; others thrive under a variety of climate and soil conditions. It is important to consider the native habitat of a plant and plan its use in a similar environment.

Remember that Florida's native wild plants are protected under the Plant Protection Law. Under this law both preservation and propagation are encouraged. It is against the law to destroy, injure, harvest, collect, pick, or remove any plants covered by the law without prior written permission from the landowner or legal occupant of the land. Another Florida law specifically protects sea oats and sea grapes. It is against the law to dig up or remove these plants whose growth helps prevent beach erosion.

<b>Annuals</b>		Height	Growth Rate	Drought Tolerant	Salt Tolerant	Light
1	Beach Sunflower	12 in	M	H	H	Sun
2	Spanish Needle	2 feet	F	H	M	Sun

<b>Perennials</b>						
3	Blanket flower	6 -12 in	F	H	H	Sun
4	Stokes Aster	< 18 in	M	M	Not	Sun, PS
5	Rain Lily	6 -12 in	M	M	M	Sun, PS
6	Purple coneflower	2 ft	M	M	Not	Sun
7	Crinum Lily	5 ft	M	M	M	Sun

<b>Vines</b>						
8	Beach morning glory		F	H	H	Sun
9	Coral honeysuckle		F	H	H	Sun, PS
10	Passion flower		F	L	Not	Sun, PS
11	Yellow jessamine		M	H	Not	Sun

<b>Shrubs</b>		Height	Growth Rate	Drought Tolerant	Salt Tolerant	Light
12	Florida anise	10 ft	M	Not	Not	Sun, PS
13	Coontie	36 in	S	M	H	Sun, PS
14	Shillings holly	3 ft	M	H	H	Sun, PS
15	Sweetshrub	4 - 6 ft	M	M	M	Sun, PS
16	Walters Viburnum	10 ft	M	M	Not	Sun, PS
17	Wax myrtle (or tree)	10 - 20 ft	F	H	H	Sun, PS

<b>Trees</b>		Height	Growth Rate	Drought Tolerant	Salt Tolerant	Light
18	Bald cypress	60 - 100 ft	M	H	M	Sun, PS
19	Cabbage Palm	20 - 50 ft	S	H	H	Sun
20	Chickasaw plum	25 ft	M	H	M	Sun, PS
21	Winged Elm	50	M	H	Not	Sun
22	Pignut Hickory	80 - 100 ft	M	H	Not	Sun
23	Yaupon Holly	20 ft	F	H	H	Sun, PS
24	Laurel oak	75 ft.	F	L	M	Sun
25	Live oak	60 - 80 ft	M	H	H	Sun
26	Myrtle oak	10 - 25 ft	S	H	H	Sun
27	Redbay	to 50 ft	M	H	M	Sun, PS
28	Southern Red Cedar	to 40 ft	M	H	H	Sun

<b>Ground Cover</b>		Height	Growth Rate	Drought Tolerant	Salt Tolerant	Light
29	Blue porter weed	18 in	F	H	Not	Sun, PS
30	Gopher Apple	5 - 20 in	M	H	H	Sun, PS
31	Partridge berry	1 - 2 in	?	L	H	PS
32	Sea oxeye daisy	1 - 2 ft	M	H	H	Sun
33	Sea purslane	1 - 2 ft	M	H	H	Sun

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