

## Native Plants

Common Name	Scientific Name	Annual Perennial	Sun/shade part sun	Comments
Bee balm/Horsemint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Perennial	Part shade/ part sun	Horsemint produces fragrant, beautiful pink flowers in the summer & fall;. native to moist, coastal upland sites in Florida; grows to 18 in. tall; moderately drought tolerant; attracts pollinators
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Perennial	Sun	Long blooming; <i>R. hirta</i> 'Indian Summer' requires no staking
Blanket flower	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	A/P	Sun	Summer - fall flowering; 2 ft. x 3 ft. wide; good salt tolerance; annuals reseed
Blazing star	<i>Liatris</i>	Perennial	Sun	Blazing star is one of about 15 species of <i>Liatris</i> native to Florida; late summer shows purple flower stalk which can be up to 5 ft. tall; grass-like leaves stay attractive all summer, turn a rich bronze in the fall; 'Alba' white flowers 1½ feet tall, 'Callilepsis' produces long stems, good cut flower; 'Floristan Violet' strong-stemmed; 'Kobold' is a small, compact variety with deep purple flowers
Blue flag iris	<i>Iris virginica</i>	Bulb/ perennial	Part shade/ part sun	Native to boggy areas where water stands all year long; grows 18 in. tall, lavender-blue flowers 4 inches wide in the spring; poor salt tolerance; planted on 2-foot centers, a thick ground cover can be formed in about 2 years; plants can be allowed to dry out slightly in a shaded location
Butterfly weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Perennial	Sun/part shade	Long blooming; Flowers in red, orange or yellow; will not flower until well established; attracts pollinators & hummingbirds; does not transplant well; <i>A. perennis</i> , <i>A. incarnata</i> , provides food for monarchs; propagation by seed or division in spring
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Shrub	Part shade/part sun	Toxic to livestock; 12 ft x 10 ft wide; deciduous, occurs in swamps, ponds, and stream banks; fragrant flowers in spring to late summer; poor salt tolerance; requires moist soil; attracts pollinators
Cabbage palm	<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	Palm	Sun/part sun	Curved, fan-shaped leaves with blades 3–4 feet long with petioles 3–6 feet long; fruits eaten by raccoons & other animals (bats) which disperse the seeds; Florida State tree
Cinnamon fern	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	Fern	part sun/shade	Commonly found in swamps, bogs and marshes; requires constant moisture if planted in sun but tolerates some drought if planted in shade; showy, cinnamon-colored fronds in early spring; fronds 5 ft. x 3 ft. wide

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Coontie	<i>Zamia floridana</i>	Cycad	Sun/shade	Feather-like, light green, leathery foliage; grow 4ft x 3ft wide; highly drought tolerant & good salt tolerance; propagation by seed is difficult & growth is very slow; scale
Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	A/P	Sun	Long blooming; attracts wildlife; State wildflower of Florida; <i>C. leavenworthii</i> ; <i>C. floridana</i> , <i>C. pubescens</i>
Crinum/swamp lily	<i>Crinum americanum</i>	Bulb, perennial	Sun/part shade	Emerged plant, wet areas; others are grown on well-drained soil - <i>C. x amabile</i> ; <i>C. x powelli</i> 'Cecil Houdyshel' fragrant, rosy-pink flowers; <i>C. moorei</i> , with a rose-red flower & 'Album' with white flowers & 'Roseum' with pink flowers. <i>C. latifolium</i> var. <i>zeylanicum</i> is the milk-and-wine lily
Eastern Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Tree	Sun/part sun	First flowering tree of the spring along with red maples; grows 30 ft x 25 ft wide
Firebush	<i>Hamelia patens</i>	Shrub	Any	Fast growing, foliage better in shade but flowers best in sun; 12 ft x 8 ft wide; attracts pollinators & hummingbirds
Florida Anise	<i>Illicium floridanum</i>	Shrub	shade/part sun	Gets thin in too much shade; poor salt tolerance; grows 15 ft x 10 ft wide; can tolerate long periods of drought once established; red flowers with unpleasant odor with star-shaped seed pods; 'Album' has white flowers
Flowering dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>	Tree	shade/part sun	Best if purchased at local nursery in Florida; attracts birds; grows 30 ft x 30 ft wide;
Fringetree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Tree	part sun/shade	Slow growing tree; reaches 20 ft x 15 ft wide; food for birds
Golden canna	<i>Canna flaccida</i>	Bulb	Sun	Aquatic plant, showy yellow flowers; prefers wet sites; leaf rollers, skippers & rust; studies show plant can remove N & P from water
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i>	Wildflower	Sun	Drought tolerant; moderately salt tolerant; bright yellow tufts of flowers in the fall makes this wildflower easy to spot; long stems growing 3-5 feet tall; <i>S. odora</i> - Chapman's goldenrod; <i>S. stricta</i> - smooth goldenrod; <i>S. sempervirens</i> - seaside goldenrod is salt tolerant; found in wet, coastal sites, flatwoods, attracts butterflies & native bees; not cause of hayfever
Hibiscus	<i>Hibiscus coccineus</i>	Perennial	Sun	13 species of hibiscus in Florida; 8 ft x 4 ft wide; can be grown along creek beds but will adapt to drought too; <i>H. grandiflorus</i> (pink flower); <i>H. moscheutos</i> (white flower)

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Ironweed	<i>Vernonia angustifolia</i>	Wildflower	Sun	Common ironweed ( <i>Vernonia angustifolia</i> ) is a similar version of giant ironweed ( <i>V. gigantea</i> ) with narrower leaves. At maturity, the stalks are 2-3 feet tall (giant is upward to 12 ft); found in moist flatwoods, needs supplemental water in landscape; attracts pollinators
Muhly grass	<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Grass	Sun	Wispy, purple seed heads in fall, drought tolerant, moderately salt tolerant; grows 4 ft x 3 ft wide; tolerates short periods of flooding; best in sandy soil, tough plant.
Oakleaf hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	Shrub	shade/part sun	Easy growing hydrangea; grows 8ft x 6 ft wide; cultivars include 'Snow Queen', white blooms maturing to pink; 'Snow Flake', double flowers; & 'Harmony' with 12-inch-long, heavy white flower clusters' varieties start white and turn pink: 'Gatsby Pink'; dwarf varieties 'Ruby Slipper' & 'Pee Wee'
Purple cone flower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Perennial	Any	Formerly known as <i>Rudbeckia purpurea</i> ; attracts pollinators; 3 ft x 3 ft wide
Red Buckeye	<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	Tree	Shade	Small tree/shrub; slow growing 15 ft x 15 ft; 1st flowers in spring provides food for hummingbirds & pollinators; originally grown in moist woodlands
Royal fern	<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Fern	part sun/shade	Common native of swamps and marshes; slow spreading fern; prefers acid soil; can reach up to 6 ft tall
Saw palmetto	<i>Serenoa repens</i>	Palm	Sun/part sun	Drought tolerant & moderately salt tolerant; saw palmetto has teeth on rachis, <i>sericea</i> , silver palmetto; <i>Sabal estonia</i> - scrub palmetto lacks teeth on rachis; <i>Sabal minor</i> - swamp palmetto (3-8 ft tall x 5 ft wide);
Scarlet salvia	<i>Salvia coccinea</i>	Annual	Sun/part sun	Long blooming; attracts bees, songbirds, hummingbirds; blue sage
Spider lily	<i>Hymenocallis latifolia</i>	Bulb, perennial	part sun/shade	Salt tolerant; snow-white flowers, 3 ft x 5 ft wide; zones 10-11
Stokes aster	<i>Stokesia laevis</i>	Perennial	Sun	Purple flowerheads 3 in. across; grows in wetlands, including pine flatwoods 1-2 ft tall; 'Blue Danube', 'Blue Moon', 'Bluestone', 'Wyoming', 'Rosea' has rosy-pink flowers, 'Alba' has white flowers, 'Silver Moon' silvery-white flower, 'Omega Skyrocket' is vigorous, 3-4 ft tall with white to pale blue flowers, 'Mary Gregory' yellow flowers
Sunflowers	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Annual	Sun	Some are perennials; tall (5-8 ft) plant so allow space; good companion plant to attract pest first; 14 native species; <i>H. 'Valentine'</i> ; <i>H. angustifolius</i> (swamp sunflower); Beach sunflower (short, drought tolerant)

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Sweetshrub	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Shrub	Shade	Burgundy flowers small like strawberries; 9 ft x 12 ft wide; poor salt tolerance; endangered plant; 'Athens' suckers from the base, has white flowers & yellow fall color; 'Michael Lindsey' has fragrance, beautiful, shiny leaves.
Trumpet honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Vine	Part shade/part sun	Fast growing; 2 in. long, trumpet-shaped crimson blooms appear from April through summer; attracts butterflies & hummingbirds
Virginia sweetspire	<i>Itea virginica</i>	Perennial	part sun/shade	Blooms in the spring; found in swamps, stream banks, wet hammocks, and floodplain forests throughout Florida; deciduous; not salt tolerant; moderately drought tolerant; 8 ft. x 6 ft wide; attracts butterflies
Walter's viburnum	<i>Viburnum obovatum</i>	Shrub	Part shade/part sun	White flowers will covers for 2-3 weeks; many forms of this plant; some are dwarf; drought tolerant; poor salt tolerance; native to acidic wetland forests; tolerates a broad range of growing conditions; attracts birds; few diseases or pests
Wild Passion flower	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	Perennial	Any	Long blooming vine; attracts wildlife; use purple variety only for butterflies
Wild petunia	<i>Ruellia caroliniensis</i>	Perennial	shade/part sun	Long blooming; 1ft tall x 2 ft wide; avoid invasive Mexican petunia cousin; attracts pollinators; can tolerate short periods of wet

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