

RELIABLE, DURABLE AND DEPENDABLE NATIVE PLANTS  
 FOR NORTHEAST FLORIDA (63 plants total with 20 “favorites” marked with \*)  
 These plants are all inhabitants of upland sites in Florida and, with three or four  
 exceptions, are native to NE Florida counties, USDA Zones 8B & 9A.

- TREES (14)

- Live Oak *Quercus virginiana* \*
- Southern Magnolia *Magnolia grandiflora*\*
- Sweetbay Magnolia *Magnolia virginiana*
- Sabal Palm *Sabal palmetto* \*
- Winged Elm *Ulmus alata*
- Loblolly Bay *Gordonia lasianthus*
- Hornbeam *Carpinus caroliniana*
- Fringe Tree *Chionanthus virginicus*
- Florida Sugar Maple *Acer saccharum* ssp. 'floridanum'
- American Holly *Ilex opaca*\*
- Yaupon Holly *Ilex vomitoria* (Tree-Form, Std., Multi-Stem)
- Black Gum *Nyssa sylvatica*
- Southern Red Cedar *Juniperus virginiana* (silicicola)
- Slash & Longleaf Pines *Pinus ellioti, P. palustris*

- SHRUBS, PALMS & CYCADS (14)

- Yellow or Ocala Anise *Illicium parviflorum*\*
- Florida Anise *Illicium floridanum*
- Simpson’s Stopper *Myrcianthes fragrans*\*
- Walter’s Viburnum *Viburnum obovatum* (incl dwf. variety)
- Saw Palmetto *Serenoa repens* (green & silver)\*
- Blue Stem Palmetto *Sabal minor*
- Coontie *Zamia pumila*\*
- Needle Palm *Rhapidophyllum hystrix*
- Spanish Bayonet *Yucca aloifolia*
- Yaupon Holly *Ilex vomitoria* (nana & pendula)\*
- Wax Myrtle *Myrica cerifera* (incl. dwf varieties)
- American Beautyberry *Callicarpa americana*\*
- Oakleaf Hydrangea *Hydrangea quercifolia*\*
- Florida Flame Azalea *Rhododendron austrinum*

- GROUND COVERS AND FERNS (8)

- Partridgeberry *Mitchella repens*\*
- Sunshine Mimosa *Mimosa strigillosa*\*
- Wild Petunia *Ruellia caroliniana*
- Beargrass, Adam’s Needle *Yucca filamentosa*\*
- Venus Maidenhair Fern *Adiantum capillus-veneris*\*
- Southern Shield Fern *Thelypteris kunthii*
- Royal Fern *Osmunda regalis*
- Dichondra or Ponyfoot *Dichondra caroliniana*

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- VINES (5)
  - Cross Vine *Bignonia capreolata\**
  - Trumpet Honeysuckle *Lonicera sempervirens*
  - Yellow Jessamine *Gelsemium sempervirens*
  - Wisteria *Wisteria frutescens*
  - Jackson Vine, Dwf Smilax *Smilax smallii*
  
- GRASSES AND SEDGES (8)
  - Purple Muhly Grass *Muhlenbergia capillaris*
  - Dwf Fakahatchee Grass *Tripsacum floridanum \**
  - Fakahatchee Grass *Tripsacum dactyloides*
  - Smooth Cordgrass *Spartina bakeri*
  - Saltmeadow Cordgrass *Spartina patens*
  - Elliott’s Lovegrass *Eragrostis elliottii*
  - White-topped Sedge *Rhynchospora colorata*
  - Soft Rush *Juncus effusus*
  - Panic Grass *Panicum virgatum*
  
- PERENNIALS/WILDFLOWERS (14)
  - Leavenworth’s Coreopsis *Coreopsis leavenworthii*
  - Black-eyed Susan *Rudbeckia hirta*
  - Red Sage *Salvia coccinea*
  - Purple Coneflower *Echinacea purpurea\**
  - Woodland Phlox *Phlox divaricata\**
  - Butterfly Weed *Asclepias tuberosa\**
  - Stokes Aster *Stokesia laevis\**
  - Scarlet Hibiscus *Hibiscus coccineus*
  - Blazing Star *Liatris chapmanii*
  - White Beardtongue *Penstemon multiflorus*
  - Eustis Lake Beardtongue *Penstemon australis*
  - Wild Petunia *Ruellia caroliniana*
  - Rain Lily *Zephyranthes atamasco*
  - Snakeroot *Eryngium spp.\**
  - Blue-eyed Grass *Sisyrinchium angustifolium*

The \* favorites are judged on their longevity, toughness, drought-tolerance, utility as an urban ‘landscape’ plant, visual or aesthetic beauty and adaptability to well-drained, upland sites in northeast Florida.

List of favorite natives compiled by Jake Ingram, Landscape Architect  
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### **THE VERY BEST BOOKS IN PRINT ABOUT LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVES**

#### **For Inspiration, the WHY:**

Bringing Nature Home By: Douglas W. Tallamy, 2007 The Timber Press

This will answer the age-old question: Why should I use Native Plants in my garden? If this doesn’t speak to you, move to that condo you’ve been thinking about.

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### **For Getting it Done, the HOW:**

A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants By: Rufino Osorio, 2001 The University Press of Florida. Every page of this book is packed with pithy information about gardening, especially the first 46 pages. Read a little bit every day. . .

Best Native Plants for Southern Gardens: A Handbook for Gardeners, Homeowners and Professionals By: Gil Nelson, 2010 The University Press of Florida.

Florida's Best Native Landscape Plants By: Gil Nelson and the Association of Florida Native Nurseries, 2003 The University Press of Florida.

Native Plant Landscaping for Florida Wildlife By: Craig Huegel, 2010 The University Press of Florida.

Florida Butterfly Gardening: A Complete Guide to Attracting, Identifying and Enjoying Butterflies By: Marc C. and Maria Minno, 1999 The University Press of Florida

### **WHERE CAN I FIND NATIVE PLANTS IN MY AREA?**

Start with the Association of Florida Native Nurseries' web site. [AFNN. Org](http://AFNN.Org) and click on "Find Plants" which will help you locate a wholesale grower that has the specific plant you're looking for. Pass this along to your local garden center and they can get it for you.

To find a list of plants native to your county, go to [florida.plantatlas.usf.edu](http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu) and click on your county on the state map in the center of the page.

'Reflections of Nature' nursery in Yulee, FL on US 17 [rlnursery.com](http://rlnursery.com)

Native and Uncommon Plants in Ortega: [nativeanduncommonplants.com](http://nativeanduncommonplants.com)

### **FOR ADDITIONAL NATIVE PLANT INFORMATION ON LINE:**

For Tips for a "Florida Friendly Yard" go to: [duval.ifas.ufl.edu](http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu) and/or their sister site [Floridayards.org](http://Floridayards.org)

The Florida Native Plant Society Visit their web site [FNPS.org](http://FNPS.org). This site offers a wealth of native plant gardening with a huge variety of links plus it tells you what the local IXIA Chapter is doing in their Northeast Florida region.