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## Guide for Choosing Native Wildflowers and Plants

This guide includes over 70 Florida native wildflowers, shrubs, vines and grasses that work well in home landscapes. It will help you select plants suitable for your geographic location and soil and light conditions. It will also help you choose plants based on such things as color and season of bloom, as well as wildlife use.

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| <p><b>Light</b></p> <p> Plant can take full sun.</p> <p> Plant does well in partial sun/shade.</p> <p> Plant is shade-tolerant.</p> <p><b>Color of bloom</b></p> <p>  White              Pink              Red              Yellow              Green<br/>  Orange              Purple              Blue              Brown         </p> <p><i>These color keys are meant as general guides; exact colors of blooms will vary.</i></p> <p><b>Bloom season</b></p> <p> Plant blooms primarily in spring.</p> <p> Plant blooms primarily in summer.</p> <p> Plant blooms primarily in fall.</p> <p> Plant blooms primarily in winter.</p> <p><b>Evergreen or Deciduous</b></p> <p> Indicates plant is evergreen</p> <p> Indicates plant is deciduous</p> | <p><b>Soil moisture</b></p> <p> Plant can tolerate dry soil conditions.</p> <p> Plant can tolerate dry to moist soils.</p> <p> Plant is adapted for wet soils.</p> <p><b>Region</b></p> <p><b>N</b> Plant does well in North Florida.</p> <p><b>C</b> Plant is well-suited for Central Florida.</p> <p><b>S</b> Plant does best in South Florida.</p> <p><b>Height</b>                      The average height of a mature plant</p> <p><b>Wildlife use</b>                      Plant is a source of nectar, seeds, etc., for birds, butterflies or other pollinators, or is a host plant for butterfly and/or moth species indicated.</p> <p><b>Species with *</b>                      Some genera have a number of species that are suitable for different regions of the state. Find the species specific to your region at <a href="http://www.PlantRealFlorida.org">www.PlantRealFlorida.org</a>.</p> |
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**You can help build native wildflower corridors for the wildlife depending on them.**

For plant profiles, planting information and more resources on using native wildflowers and plants in landscapes, visit [www.FlaWildflowers.org/planting](http://www.FlaWildflowers.org/planting).

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## Wildflowers

| Common name            | Scientific name                   | Light | Color of bloom | Bloom season | Soil moisture | Height   | Region  | Wildlife use  |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------|---------|---|
| Wild columbine         | <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>       |       |                |              |               | 18 in    | N       | Hummingbirds, pollinators   |
| Milkweed               | <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>         |       |                |              |               | 18 in    | N C S   | Host plant for Monarch, Queen   |
| Greeneyes              | <i>Berlandiera subacaulis</i>     |       |                |              |               | 18 in    | N C S   | Pollinators   |
| Seaside oxeye daisy    | <i>Borrchia frutescens</i>        |       |                |              |               | 2-3 ft   | Coastal | Butterflies, pollinators  |
| Partridge pea          | <i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>   |       |                |              |               | 3 ft     | N C S   | Seed eaten by birds; host plant for Cloudless sulphur, Gray hairstreak, Ceraunus blue |
| Green and gold         | <i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>    |       |                |              |               | 6 in     | N C     | Pollinators   |
| Lanceleaf tickseed     | <i>Coreopsis lanceolata*</i>      |       |                |              |               | 12-18 in | N C     | Butterflies, pollinators  |
| Leavenworth's tickseed | <i>Coreopsis leavenworthii*</i>   |       |                |              |               | 18-24 in | N C S   | Butterflies, pollinators  |
| Twinner                | <i>Dyschoriste oblongifolia</i>   |       |                |              |               | 6 in     | N C S   | Butterflies; host plant for Common buckeye  |
| Purple coneflower      | <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>         |       |                |              |               | 18 in    | N       | Pollinators; seed eaten by birds  |
| Elephant's foot        | <i>Elephantopus elatus</i>        |       |                |              |               | 18 in    | N C S   | Butterflies, pollinators  |
| Yellowtops             | <i>Flaveria linearis</i>          |       |                |              |               | 2-3 ft   | N C S   | Pollinators   |
| Indian blanket         | <i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>       |       |                |              |               | 15 in    | N C S   | Butterflies, pollinators  |
| Beach sunflower        | <i>Helianthus debilis*</i>        |       |                |              |               | 15 in    | C S     | Pollinators   |
| Pineland heliotrope    | <i>Heliotropium polyphyllum</i>   |       |                |              |               | 18 in    | C S     | Butterflies, pollinators  |
| Shortleaf blazing star | <i>Liatris tenuifolia</i>         |       |                |              |               | 24-30 in | N C S   | Butterflies, pollinators  |
| Dotted horsemint       | <i>Monarda punctata</i>           |       |                |              |               | 3-4 ft   | N C S   | Pollinators   |
| White beardtongue      | <i>Penstemon multiflorus*</i>     |       |                |              |               | 18-24 in | N C S   | Pollinators   |
| Woodland phlox         | <i>Phlox divaricata</i>           |       |                |              |               | 6 in     | N       | Pollinators   |
| Silky goldenaster      | <i>Pityopsis graminifolia</i>     |       |                |              |               | 2-3 ft   | N C S   | Pollinators   |
| Black-eyed susan       | <i>Rudbeckia hirta*</i>           |       |                |              |               | 15-18 in | N C S   | Seed eaten by birds   |
| False petunia          | <i>Ruellia caroliniensis</i>      |       |                |              |               | 18 in    | N C S   | Pollinators; host plant for Common buckeye, Malachite, Crescent, White peacock        |
| Tropical sage          | <i>Salvia coccinea</i>            |       |                |              |               | 2-3 ft   | N C S   | Butterflies, hummingbirds, pollinators  |
| Starry rosinweed       | <i>Silphium asteriscus</i>        |       |                |              |               | 3-4 ft   | N C     | Pollinators   |
| Blue-eyed grass        | <i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i> |       |                |              |               | 6 in     | N C S   | Butterflies   |
| Seaside goldenrod      | <i>Solidago sempervirens*</i>     |       |                |              |               | 3-4 ft   | Coastal | Butterflies, pollinators  |
| Indian pink            | <i>Spigelia marlandica</i>        |       |                |              |               | 1-2 ft   | N       | Pollinators   |
| Blue porterweed        | <i>Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</i> |       |                |              |               | 2 ft     | C S     | Butterflies, pollinators; host plant for Common buckeye, Tropical buckeye             |
| Stokes' aster          | <i>Stokesia laevis</i>            |       |                |              |               | 18 in    | N C     | Pollinators   |
| Elliott's aster        | <i>Symphotrichum elliottii*</i>   |       |                |              |               | 4-5 ft   | N C     | Butterflies, pollinators  |
| Frostweed              | <i>Verbesina virginica</i>        |       |                |              |               | 2-5 ft   | N C     | Butterflies, pollinators  |
| Giant ironweed         | <i>Vernonia gigantea</i>          |       |                |              |               | 4-6 ft   | N C S   | Butterflies, pollinators  |
| Florida violet         | <i>Viola sororia</i>              |       |                |              |               | 6 in     | N C S   | Butterflies   |

# Shrubs

| Common name          | Scientific name                      | Light | Color of bloom | Soil moisture | Evergreen or Deciduous | Height   | Region | Wildlife use   |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|----------|--------|--|
| Marlberry            | <i>Ardisia escallonioides</i>        |       |                |               |                        | 3-20 ft  | C S    | Pollinators; fruit eaten by birds                      |
| Pipestem             | <i>Agarista populifolia</i>          |       |                |               |                        | 6-14 ft  | N C    | Pollinators  |
| False indigo         | <i>Baptisia alba</i>                 |       |                |               |                        | 2-3 ft   | N      | Host plant for Southern dogface, Silverspotted skipper |
| Georgia calamint     | <i>Calamintha georgiana</i>          |       |                |               |                        | 1-3 ft   | N C S  | Pollinators  |
| American beautyberry | <i>Callicarpa americana</i>          |       |                |               |                        | 4-6 ft   | N C S  | Fruit eaten by birds                                   |
| Sweetshrub           | <i>Calycanthus floridus</i>          |       |                |               |                        | 3-5 ft   | N C    | Fruit eaten by birds                                   |
| Sea grape            | <i>Coccoloba uvifera</i>             |       |                |               |                        | 10-20 ft | C S    | Fruit eaten by birds                                   |
| False rosemary       | <i>Conradina canescens</i>           |       |                |               |                        | 2-3 ft   | N C S  | Pollinators  |
| Bloodberry           | <i>Cordia globosa</i>                |       |                |               |                        | 4-6 ft   | S      | Butterflies  |
| Hawthorne            | <i>Crataegus marshallii</i>          |       |                |               |                        | 5-8 ft   | N C    | Fruit eaten by birds                                   |
| Cocoplum             | <i>Chrysobalanus icaco</i>           |       |                |               |                        | 12-15 ft | C S    | Pollinators  |
| Coralbean            | <i>Erythrina herbacea</i>            |       |                |               |                        | 3-5 ft   | N C S  | Butterflies, hummingbirds                              |
| Spanish stopper      | <i>Eugenia foetida</i>               |       |                |               |                        | 10-20 ft | S      | Fruit eaten by birds                                   |
| Florida privet       | <i>Forestiera segregata</i>          |       |                |               |                        | 12-15 ft | N C    | Fruit eaten by birds                                   |
| Firebush             | <i>Hamelia patens</i>                |       |                |               |                        | 4-6 ft   | C S    | Butterflies, hummingbirds                              |
| Hibiscus             | <i>Hibiscus coccineus</i>            |       |                |               |                        | 4-6 ft   | N C S  | Hummingbirds, pollinators                              |
| Oakleaf hydrangea    | <i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>         |       |                |               |                        | 5-10 ft  | N C    | Pollinators  |
| St John's wort       | <i>Hypericum tenuifolium</i>         |       |                |               |                        | 1-2 ft   | N C S  | Pollinators  |
| Florida anise        | <i>Illicium floridanum</i>           |       |                |               |                        | 8-12 ft  | N C    | Cover for birds  |
| Yellow anise         | <i>Illicium parviflorum</i>          |       |                |               |                        | 8-12 ft  | N C    | Cover for birds  |
| Sweetspire           | <i>Itea virginica</i>                |       |                |               |                        | 3-8 ft   | N C    | Pollinators  |
| Wild sage            | <i>Lantana involucrata</i>           |       |                |               |                        | 3-5 ft   | C S    | Butterflies; fruit eaten by birds                      |
| Christmasberry       | <i>Lycium carolinianum</i>           |       |                |               |                        | 3-10 ft  | C S    | Pollinators  |
| Fetterbush           | <i>Lyonia lucida</i>                 |       |                |               |                        | 4-9 ft   | N C S  | Pollinators  |
| Salt-and-pepper      | <i>Melanthera nivea</i>              |       |                |               |                        | 4-6 ft   | N C S  | Pollinators  |
| Simpson's stopper    | <i>Myrcianthes fragrans</i>          |       |                |               |                        | 5-20 ft  | N C S  | Fruit eaten by birds                                   |
| Dwarf wax myrtle     | <i>Myrica cerifera 'Dons Dwarf'</i>  |       |                |               |                        | 2-3 ft   | N C S  | Fruit eaten by birds                                   |
| Wild coffee          | <i>Psychotria nervosa</i>            |       |                |               |                        | 6-9 ft   | C S    | Pollinators  |
| Sweet pinxter azalea | <i>Rhododendron canescens*</i>       |       |                |               |                        | 5-10 ft  | N C    | Butterflies, pollinators                               |
| Dwarf palmetto       | <i>Sabal minor</i>                   |       |                |               |                        | 6-9 ft   | N C    | Pollinators  |
| Chapman's cassia     | <i>Senna mexicana var. chapmanii</i> |       |                |               |                        | 2-4 ft   | S      | Pollinators; host plant for Sulphur                    |
| Saw palmetto         | <i>Serenoa repens</i>                |       |                |               |                        | 3-20 ft  | N C S  | Pollinators  |
| Little blueberry     | <i>Vaccinium darrowii*</i>           |       |                |               |                        | 3 ft     | N C    | Fruit eaten by wildlife                                |
| Walter's viburnum    | <i>Viburnum obovatum*</i>            |       |                |               |                        | 6-30 ft  | N C    | Pollinators; fruit eaten by birds                      |
| Coontie              | <i>Zamia pumila</i>                  |       |                |               |                        | 2-4 ft   | N C S  | Host plant for Atala                                   |

## Vines

| Common name             | Scientific name                     | Light | Color of bloom | Bloom season | Soil moisture | Evergreen or Deciduous | Region | Wildlife use  |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|--------|---|
| Dutchman's pipe         | <i>Aristolochia</i> species         |       |                |              |               |                        | N C S  | Host plant for Swallowtails   |
| Crossvine               | <i>Bignonia capreolata</i>          |       |                |              |               |                        | N C S  | Hummingbirds  |
| Trumpet creeper         | <i>Campsis radicans</i>             |       |                |              |               |                        | N C S  | Hummingbirds  |
| Swamp leatherflower     | <i>Clematis crispa</i>              |       |                |              |               |                        | N C    | Pollinators   |
| Virgin's bower          | <i>Clematis virginiana</i>          |       |                |              |               |                        | N C    | Pollinators   |
| Carolina jessamine      | <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>       |       |                |              |               |                        | N C S  | Pollinators   |
| Blue jacquemontia       | <i>Jacquemontia pentanthos</i>      |       |                |              |               |                        | C S    | Pollinators   |
| Coral honeysuckle       | <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>        |       |                |              |               |                        | N C S  | Butterflies, hummingbirds   |
| Corkystem passionflower | <i>Passiflora suberosa</i>          |       |                |              |               |                        | N C    | Host plant for Gulf fritillary, Variegated fritillary, Julia          |
| Maypop                  | <i>Passiflora incarnata</i>         |       |                |              |               |                        | N C S  | Host plant for Gulf fritillary, Zebra longwing, Variegated fritillary |
| Wild allamanda          | <i>Pentalinon luteum</i>            |       |                |              |               |                        | C S    | Pollinators   |
| Rubbervine              | <i>Rhabdadenia biflora</i>          |       |                |              |               |                        | C S    | Pollinators   |
| Climbing aster          | <i>Symphytotrichum carolinianum</i> |       |                |              |               |                        | N C    | Butterflies   |
| Native wisteria         | <i>Wisteria frutescens</i>          |       |                |              |               |                        | N C S  | Host plant for Skippers   |

## Grasses

| Common name          | Scientific name                                    | Light | Color of bloom | Bloom season | Soil moisture | Height | Region  | Wildlife use  |
|----------------------|--|-------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------|---------|---|
| Chalky bluestem      | <i>Andropogon virginicus</i> var. <i>glaucus</i> * |       |                |              |               | 2-3 ft | N C S   | Seed eaten by birds; host plant for Skipper, Satyr                          |
| Wiregrass            | <i>Aristida stricta</i> var. <i>beyrichiana</i>    |       |                |              |               | 1 ft   | N C S   | Seed eaten by birds   |
| Elliott's lovegrass  | <i>Eragrostis elliotti</i> *                       |       |                |              |               | 2-3 ft | N C S   | Pollinators; seed eaten by birds  |
| Upland river oats    | <i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>                     |       |                |              |               | 2-3 ft | N C     | Host plant for Skipper  |
| Muhlygrass           | <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>                     |       |                |              |               | 2-4 ft | N C S   | Good for wildlife cover; attracts beneficial insects                        |
| Britton's beargrass  | <i>Nolina brittoniana</i>                          |       |                |              |               | 1-2 ft | C       | Pollinators   |
| Little bluestem      | <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>                     |       |                |              |               | 5 ft   | N C S   | Pollinators   |
| Lopsided Indiangrass | <i>Sorghastrum secundum</i>                        |       |                |              |               | 4 ft   | N C S   | Host plant for Skipper; seed eaten by birds                                 |
| Pineywoods dropseed  | <i>Sporobolus junceus</i>                          |       |                |              |               | 1 ft   | N C S   | Pollinators   |
| Sand cordgrass       | <i>Spartina bakeri</i>                             |       |                |              |               | 3-5 ft | N C S   | Host plant for Skipper  |
| Tall redtop          | <i>Tridens flavus</i>                              |       |                |              |               | 3 ft   | N C     | Host plant for Skipper, Satyr   |
| Eastern gammagrass   | <i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>                       |       |                |              |               | 4-8 ft | N C S   | Good for wildlife cover; seed eaten by birds; host plant for Skipper, Satyr |
| Florida gammagrass   | <i>Tripsacum floridanum</i>                        |       |                |              |               | 2-3 ft | C S     | Good for wildlife cover; seed eaten by birds; host plant for Skipper        |
| Sea oats             | <i>Uniola paniculata</i>                           |       |                |              |               | 3-6 ft | Coastal | Seed eaten by birds   |
| Adam's needle        | <i>Yucca filamentosa</i>                           |       |                |              |               | 2 ft   | N C S   | Hummingbirds; host plant for White yucca moth                               |