

FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING™

PLANTS FOR WET AREAS OF BAKER COUNTY

The list of plants below is intended to be a starting point for making landscape decisions, and not an all-inclusive list of plants suitable for Florida-Friendly Landscapes. As long as a plant isn't invasive, and is planted in the right location (right plant, right place) it could be considered for use in a Florida-Friendly Landscape. In some cases, these plants only tolerant occasional flooding.

Trees							
Species Name	Native	Growth Rate	Flower/Color Season	Attracts Wildlife	Sun/Shade Tolerance (Optimum Light)	Evergreen/Deciduous	Notes
River Birch <i>Betula nigra</i>	Yes	Fast	N/A	N/A	Full sun to partial shade	Deciduous	Grows best with high soil moisture; tolerates periodic flooding but not long periods of drought
Weeping Willow <i>Salix babylonica</i>	No	Fast	N/A	N/A	Full sun to partial shade	Deciduous	Attractive weeping branches; sheds branches; roots clog pipes
Florida Maple <i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>floridum</i>	Yes	Fast	Excellent fall color	N/A	Full sun to partial shade	Deciduous	Grows to 50 to 60 feet tall
Red Maple <i>Acer rubrum</i>	Yes	Fast	Good spring color; excellent fall color	N/A	Full sun to partial shade	Deciduous	Grows 50 to 80 feet tall
Sweet Bay <i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Yes	Medium	White flowers in spring	N/A	Sun or shade	Evergreen	Leaves silver on underside; grows 50 to 60 feet tall
Southern Magnolia <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Yes	Medium	Large, fragrant white flowers late spring	N/A	Sun or shade	Evergreen	Large coarse leaves and large fruit cause clean up problems; grows 60 to 80 feet tall
Black Gum <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Yes	Slow	Good fall color	Bees	Sun or shade	Deciduous	Comes out late and shed leaves early; great honey source

Bald Cypress <i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Yes	Medium	Fair fall color	N/A	Sun or shade	Deciduous	Produces “knees” that protrude out of soil up to 2 feet; can grow up to 100 feet tall
Pond Cypress <i>Taxodium ascendens</i>	Yes	Medium	Fair fall color	N/A	Sun or shade	Deciduous	No knees; grows 50 to 60 feet tall
Sycamore <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Yes	Fast	Poor fall color	N/A	Full sun	Deciduous	Large leaves and fruit cause clean-up problems; lace bugs bad on leaves; grows up to 150 feet tall
Live Oak <i>Quercus virginiana</i>	Yes	Medium	N/A	Acorns are food source	Sun or shade	Evergreen	Makes long-lived spreading tree with attractive form up to 80 feet tall
Shumard Oak <i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Yes	Fast	Good fall color	Acorns are food source	Sun or shade	Deciduous	Grows 80 to 100 feet tall
Florida Elm <i>Ulmus americana</i> var. <i>floridana</i>	Yes	Fast	Fair fall color	Seeds are food source	Sun or shade	Deciduous	No problems with Dutch elm disease; grows 60 to 80 feet tall
Winged Elm <i>Ulmus alata</i>	Yes	Fast	Poor fall color	N/A	Sun or shade	Deciduous	Interesting bark protrusions (wings) on smaller branches; Grows 40 to 50 feet tall
Green Ash <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Yes	Fast	Fair fall color	Seeds are food source	Sun or shade	Deciduous	Grows to 60 feet tall
Tulip Tree <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Yes	Fast	Good fall color	N/A	Sun or shade	Deciduous	Grows 100 to 150 feet tall
American Holly <i>Ilex opaca</i>	Yes	Medium	Red berries in winter	Berries are food source	Full sun to partial shade	Evergreen	Numerous cultivars are available; grows 20 to 30 feet tall
Fringe Tree <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Yes	Slow	Frilly clusters of white flowers in spring	N/A	Full sun to partial shade	Deciduous	Grows 20 to 25 feet tall
Red Buckeye <i>Aesculus pavia</i>	Yes	Slow	Showy red flower clusters in very early spring	N/A	Partial to full shade	Deciduous	No fall color; grows 15 to 20 feet tall

Shrubs

Fern Leaf Bamboo <i>Bambusa multiplex</i>	Yes	Slow	N/A	N/A	Sun or shade	Evergreen	Clumping type (not invasive); grows to 6 to 8 feet tall
Silverthorn <i>Eleagnus pungens</i>	No	Fast	N/A	Fruits are food source	Sun or shade	Evergreen	Good screening plant; fragrant flowers; grows 8 to 12 feet tall
Japanese Fatsia <i>Fatsia japonica</i>	No	Medium	N/A	N/A	Partial shade	Evergreen	Large, deeply lobed attractive leaves; grows to 5 to 7 feet tall
Chinese Holly <i>Ilex cornuta</i>	No	Medium	Red berries in fall	Berries are food source	Full sun to partial shade	Evergreen	Dark green glossy foliage; grows 3 to 20 feet tall, depending on variety
Inkberry or Gall berry <i>Ilex glabra</i>	Yes	Slow	Black berries in fall	Berries are food source	Full sun to partial shade	Evergreen	Good foundation plant or low screen; grows 2 to 8 feet tall
Yaupon Holly <i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	Yes	Medium	Red berries in fall	Berries are food source	Full sun to partial shade	Evergreen	Smaller varieties respond well to shearing; grows 4 to 15 tall depending on variety
Deciduous Holly <i>Ilex decidua</i>	Yes	Slow	Red berries in fall	Berries are food source	Full sun to partial shade	Deciduous	Good to use in a natural woodland setting; grows 12 to 15 feet tall
Oak Leaf Hydrangea <i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	Yes	Medium	White flowers in spring; bronze fall color	N/A	Partial shade to full shade	Deciduous	One of the best native shrubs; grows 6 to 7 feet tall
Sweetshrub <i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Yes	Fast	Maroon red fragrant flowers in spring	N/A	Partial shade	Deciduous	Tends to spread aggressively; grows 6 to 9 feet tall
Glossy Privet <i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	No	Fast	Clusters of tiny white flowers in spring	Bees	Full sun to partial shade	Evergreen	Glossy green foliage; grows 12 to 15 feet tall
Southern Wax Myrtle <i>Myrica cerifera</i>	Yes	Medium	N/A	N/A	Full sun to partial shade	Evergreen	Produces spreading clumps unless kept pruned

Needle Palm <i>Rhapidophyllum hystrix</i>	Yes	Slow	N/A	N/A	Partial to full shade	Evergreen	Produces clumps with glossy green leaves: grows 6 to 8 feet tall with very little trunk
Tea Olive <i>Osmanthus fragrans</i>	No	Medium	Very fragrant flowers fall and winter	N/A	Full sun to partial shade	Evergreen	Grows 10 to 15 feet tall
Swamp Hibiscus <i>Hibiscus coccineous</i>	Yes	Fast	Large, dark red flowers in summer	N/A	Full sun to partial shade	Deciduous	Grows to 4 to 6 feet tall before flowering
Titi <i>Cyrilla racemiflora</i>	Yes	Medium	Showy white flowers in spring	Attracts bees and butterflies	Full sun to partial shade	Deciduous	Grows 8 to 10 feet tall
Grasses							
Fakahatchee Grass <i>Tripsacum capillaris</i>	Yes	Medium	N/A	N/A	Full sun to partial shade	Evergreen	Forms spreading clumps to 4 feet tall or more
Dwarf Fakahatchee Grass <i>Tripsacum floridanum</i>	Yes	Medium	N/A	N/A	Full sun to partial shade	Evergreen	Forms spreading clumps to 3 feet tall
Muhly Grass <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Yes	Medium	Pink flowers late summer to fall	N/A	Full sun to partial shade	Evergreen	Slowly forms clumps to 4 feet tall
Sand cordgrass <i>Spartina bakeri</i>	Yes	Medium	N/A	N/A	Full sun to partial shade	Evergreen	Forms very large clumps to 4 feet tall
Saltmeadow cordgrass <i>Spartina patens</i>	Yes	Medium	N/A	N/A	Full sun to partial shade	Evergreen	Forms clumps to 2 feet tall