

A Series on Native
Florida Wildflowers
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Wildflowers: What's Blooming

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Alligator Lily (*Hymenocallis palmeri*)

This member of the amaryllis family attracts pollinators to its fragrant flowers in spring and summer. It grows in wet woods, prairies, and ditches throughout the state. In the landscape it requires constant soil moisture, making it suitable for rain gardens and ponds edges.



False Dragonhead (*Physostegia spp.*)

Also called “obedient plant” because an individual flower often stays put when pushed to one side, this mint family relative prefers damp pinelands, riverbanks, and swamp borders. Pink to rose purple blooms are seen mainly during spring and summer and bare a slight resemblance to foxglove flowers.



Lizard's Tail (*Saururus cernuus*)

This is the only representative of the Lizard Tail family that grows in Florida. Its name comes from the 6 to 8-inch bottlebrush spike of white flowers that droop, arching over arrowhead-shaped or heart-shaped leaves. After maturity, the flowers become a string of nutlets that resemble a lizard's tail.

