

GROUNDCOVERS & GRASSES



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NATIVE SPECIES										
Aster, Stokes <i>Stokesia laevis</i>	8-10	Low	M	Full Sun	Summer	Many	1-2'	Medium	Perennial	Works well at the front of perennial borders. Requires acidic, well-drained soil. Cultivars come in a wide range of colors. Cold hardy.
Beach Morning Glory <i>Ipomoea imperati</i> (= <i>I. stolonifera</i>)	8-10b	Low	H	Full Sun	Spring - Fall	White	0.5'	Fast	Herbaceous	Works well as a groundcover. Likes well-drained, sandy soils. Showy flowering vine (non-climbing) for stabilizing beach dunes.
Beach Sunflower <i>Helianthus debilis</i>	8-10	Low	H	Full Sun	All Year	Yellow and Black	1'-2'	Fast	Annual	Showy flowers, extreme drought and salt tolerance. Although annual, profuse seeding causes colonies to persist well. Excellent groundcover needing no maintenance or irrigation.
Bitter Panicgrass <i>Panicum amarum</i>	8a-11	Low	H	Full Sun	All Year	Green	3.5'	Fast	Ornamental Grass	Coastal; good for stabilizing dunes. Well to excessively drained, moderately coarse-textured and coarse-textured soils. Bluish leaves.
Black-eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	8a-10	Low	L	Partial Sun	Spring - Fall	Yellow and Black	3'	Medium	Perennial	Works well in wild gardens, flowerbeds or as a border. Likes rich, well-drained soils. Popular as a cut flower. Not damaged by root-knot nematodes.
Blanket Flower <i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	8a-11	Low	H	Full Sun	All Year	Red, Orange, Yellow	2'	Fast	Annual/ Perennial	Works well as border or bedding plant. Requires a well-drained soil. Flower has great variation in color. Few insect problems. Re-seeds readily.
Blue Flag Iris <i>Iris hexagona</i>	8a-10a	High	L	Partial Sun	Spring	Blue, Purple	4'	Medium	Perennial	Use as accent plant in wet areas. Large plant size not suitable for small gardens. Needs moist to wet soil. Striking flower. Also called Dixie or Prairie Iris.
Blue Porterweed <i>Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</i>	9b-11	Low	H	Full Sun	All Year	Blue, Purple	2'	Fast	Perennial	Use as groundcover or in wildflower garden. Likes well-drained soils. Flowers open in morning. Asian import, <i>S.urticifolia</i> has an upright habit.
Blue-eyed Grass <i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>	8a-11	Low	L	Full Sun	Spring	Blue, Purple	1'	Medium	Perennial	Use at front edge of flowerbed. Will tolerate dry conditions, but likes moist soils. Lovely blue wildflower adds diversity and spring color to lawns.
Butterfly Weed <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	8a-10	Low	M	Partial Sun	Spring - Fall	Orange	2'	Fast	Perennial	Plant in mixed borders or in wild gardens. Prefers well-drained, sandy soils. Also known as pleurisy root. Sap is not milky.
Cardinal Flower <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	8a-9b	High	L	Partial Sun	Summer - Fall	Red	6'	Medium	Perennial	Use at edge of pond or water garden or in low, wet areas. Requires moist soils. Stalks of intensely red flowers. Hummingbird-pollinated.
Cinnamon Fern <i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	8a-10	High	L	Partial Sun	N/A	N/A	4'	Medium	Fern	Use in massed borders or as accent plant. Requires moist, acidic soil. Should not let site dry out. "Bloom" is cinnamon-colored spike.
Climbing Aster <i>Aster carolinianus</i> = <i>Symphotrichum carolinianum</i>	8a-11	Low	L	Partial Sun	Summer - Winter	Pink - Lavender	10'	Fast	Perennial	Best in informal garden due to sprawling, vine-like growth habit. Prefers wet soils. Cut back severely after flowering for vigorous, full growth.
Common Tickseed <i>Coreopsis leavenworthii</i>	8a-11	Low	L	Full Sun	All Year	Yellow	5'	Fast	Perennial	Nice in wildflower garden. Likes moist, sandy soils. Yellow petals with brown centers. Creates brilliant masses of yellow blooms in spring.
Dotted Horsemint <i>Monarda punctata</i>	8a-10a	Low	H	Partial Sun	Spring - Fall	Yellow, Lavender	4'	Fast	Perennial	Use in informal wildflower garden or in the back of border areas. Likes well-drained soil. Purple-spotted yellow flower with large lavender bracts.
Giant Leather Fern <i>Acrostichum danaeifolium</i>	8b-11	High	H	Partial Sun	N/A	N/A	8'	Medium	Fern	Specimen plant for wet areas. Requires moist to wet soils. Huge leaves. Needs large area to grow to full potential.

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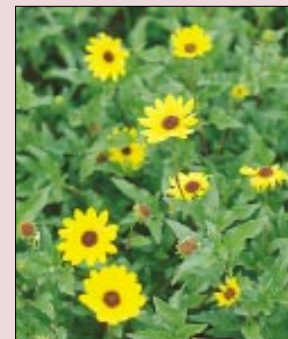
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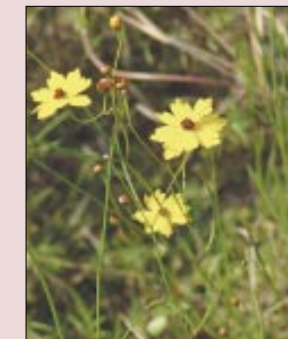
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Giant Sword Fern <i>Nephrolepis biserrata</i>	10b-11	Low	L	Partial Sun	N/A	N/A	4'	Medium	Fern	Can be used as a dense groundcover in shady, moist areas. Prefers moist, sandy soils. Fronds grow from 3.5 to 4 feet long.
Golden Creeper <i>Ernodea littoralis</i>	9b-11	Low	H	Full Sun	All Year	White,	2'	Medium	Semi-woody Evergreen	Good choice for oceanfront gardens and as groundcover in dry areas. Needs dry, well-drained soils. Small flowers, dark green leaves. Rare plant.
Gopher Apple <i>Licania michauxii</i>	8a-11	Low	H	Full Sun	Spring - Summer	Yellow, Green	1'	Medium	Woody Evergreen	Good choice for coastal landscapes. Thrives in very well drained sandy soils. Underground shrub that pokes its leaves, edible fruits and flowers above ground. Gopher tortoise food.
Green Eyes <i>Berlandiera subacaulis</i>	8b-10	Low	L	Partial Sun	All Year	Yellow	1.5'	Fast	Perennial	Nice addition to wildflower garden. Likes sandy or rocky, well-drained soils. Greenish-yellow central disk flower. Native only to Florida.
Iris, Virginia <i>Iris virginica</i>	8a-9b	High	L	Partial Sun	Spring	Blue, Purple	4'	Medium	Perennial	Use as accent plant in wet areas or in water garden. Needs a moist to wet soil. Large, striking flower. Also called Virginia Iris.
Lizard's Tail <i>Saururus cernuus</i>	8a-10b	High	L	Partial Sun	Spring - Fall	White	3'	Fast	Annual	Use in wet areas and water gardens. Likes moist to wet soils. Nodding spikes of white flowers. Forms extensive colonies by spreading rhizomes.
Lopsided Indiangrass <i>Sorghastrum secundum</i>	8a-11	Low	M	Partial Sun	Summer - Fall	Gold - Brown	4'	Medium	Ornamental Grass	Use in informal garden. Well suited for acidic soils. Produces tall attractive spikes towards end of summer to fall.
Muhly Grass <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	8a-11	Low	H	Partial Sun	Fall - Winter	Purple	1'-3'	Medium	Ornamental Grass	Wonderful accent plant. Grows nearly symmetrical. Creates cover for wildlife. Mixes well with wildflowers. Lovely purple plumes in fall.
Paint Brush <i>Carphephorus corymbosus</i>	8a-11	Low	L	Full Sun	Summer - Fall	Purple	3'-4'	Fast	Perennial	Blends well in butterfly or wildflower gardens. Often found in pinelands. Does best in acid soils.
Quailberry <i>Crossopetalum ilicifolium</i>	10b-11	Low	L	Partial Sun	All Year	White	1'-2'	Medium	Semi-woody Evergreen	Attractive holly-like leaves with inconspicuous flowers and persistent red berries. Excellent for use around and beneath trees, but not in deep shade. Threatened species that thrives in well-drained soils.
Powderpuff <i>Mimosa strigillosa</i>	8a-10a	Low	L	Full Sun	Spring - Summer	Pink	0.5'	Fast	Perennial	Carpeting groundcover with fern-like leaves sensitive to touch. Adds color to lawns. Can be mowed. Flowers resemble pink puffballs. Very drought-tolerant once established.
Prickly Pear Cactus <i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	8a-11	Low	H	Full Sun	Spring	Yellow	4'	Medium	Succulent	Specimen or accent plant with showy flowers; spines and glochids. Host of cochineal insects used to make red dye. Edible fruit, also feeds gopher tortoise.
Purple Coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	8a-9b	Low	M	Full Sun	Summer - Fall	Reddish- purple	2'	Medium	Perennial	Clumping plant. Prefers well-drained soils. Long lasting cut flowers. Used medicinally. Needs little care. Handles heat well.
Purple Lovegrass <i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	8a-9b	Low	L	Full Sun	Summer - Fall	Purple	2.5'	Medium	Ornamental Grass	Finely textured accent plant with purple plumes in the fall. Likes dry areas with alkaline soil. Cover for small birds. Ideal to plant with drought-tolerant wildflowers.
Railroad Vine <i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i>	9a-11	Low	H	Full Sun	All Year	Pink - Lavender	0.5'	Fast	Vine	A creeping, flowering vine. Normally of beaches and coastal dunes. Large rosy pink flowers, open only in morning. Needs sun. Sap may cause dermatitis.
Rain Lily <i>Zephyranthes atamasco</i>	8a-9b	Low	H	Partial Sun	Winter - Summer	White, Pink	1'	Medium	Perennial	Wonderful in mass plantings. Prefers moist, not soggy rich soil. Grass-like foliage. Blooms after rains during warm seasons. Short-lived flowers.

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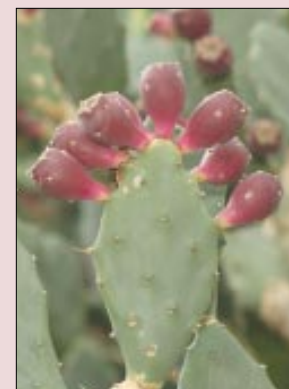
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Royal Fern <i>Osmunda regalis</i>	8a-10b	High	L	Partial Sun	N/A	N/A	5'	Medium	Fern	Showy elegant specimen fern. Requires damp moist site. Light green twice-divided fronds give plant an airy look.
Sage, Lyre-Leaved <i>Salvia lyrata</i>	8a-10a	High	L	Partial Sun	Spring - Fall	Purple - Blue	1.5'	Medium	Perennial	Attractive wildflower or butterfly garden plant. Purple-green basal leaves. Slender stalks of purple-blue flowers.
Sage, Tropical Red <i>Salvia coccinea</i>	8a-11	High	M	Full Sun	All Year	Red	2'	Fast	Perennial	Colorful wildflower garden addition. Red flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Re-seeds profusely.
Saltgrass <i>Distichlis spicata</i>	8b-11	High	H	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	1.5'	Medium	Turfgrass	Good substitute for turfgrass in coastal areas. Can handle high temps and brackish water. Can be mowed.
Saltmeadow Cord Grass <i>Spartina patens</i>	8a-11	High	H	Full Sun	Spring - Fall	Green	2'	Medium	Ornamental Grass	Border or background plant. Spreads by rhizome eventually creating mats. Well-adapted to salty conditions.
Sand Cord Grass, Switchgrass <i>Spartina bakeri</i>	8b-11	High	M	Full Sun	Fall - Spring	Green	3-6'	Medium	Ornamental Grass	Massed or accent plant with a delicate look. Robust perennial of saltmarshes and dunes. Stabilizes dunes and parking lots. Can handle moist conditions.
Sea Oats <i>Uniola paniculata</i>	8a-11	High	H	Full Sun	Spring - Fall	Green	3-6"	Medium	Ornamental Grass	Protected species. Stabilizes beach dunes. Flower and seed heads are distinctive and attractive in dry flower arrangements. Doesn't do well away from the coast.
Sea Oxeye Daisy <i>Borrichia frutescens</i>	8b-11	High	H	Full Sun	Spring - Summer	Yellow	3'	Medium	Semi-woody Perennial	Bedding plant. Excellent seaside plant with silvery foliage. Forms extensive colonies.
Sea Purslane <i>Sesuvium portulacastrum</i>	9-10b	High	H	Full Sun	All Year	Pink	.5'-1'	Medium	Perennial	Small, neat, non-invasive bedding plant. Handles saline conditions well. Succulent beach stabilizer wildflower.
Seashore Dropseed <i>Sporobolus virginicus</i>	8a-11	High	H	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	1'	Medium	Turfgrass	Good substitute for turfgrass in low coastal areas. Spreads by rhizome to form mats. Skipper butterfly host plant. Mows well.
Seashore Paspalum <i>Paspalum vaginatum</i>	8b-11	High	H	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	2'	Medium	Turfgrass	Excellent species for seaside planting. Coastal grass, dune stabilizer and lawngrass Spreads by rhizome. Mows well.
Seaside Goldenrod <i>Solidago sempervirens</i>	8a-11	High	H	Full Sun	Spring - Fall	Yellow	6'	Fast	Perennial	Wonderful addition to wildflower gardens. Flower spike 3-4 feet tall. Spreads by rhizome. Non-allergenic.
Shrub Verbena <i>Lantana depressa</i>	10b-11	High	H	Full Sun	All Year	Yellow	.5'-6'	Medium	Perennial	Accent or edge plant. Most plants of <i>Lantana depressa</i> in cultivation are hybrids. Native hybridizes freely with <i>Lantana camara</i> . Excellent butterfly plant.
Smooth Water-Hyssop <i>Bacopa monnieri</i>	8a-11	High	H	Full Sun	Summer	White, Purple, Pink	.5'	Medium	Perennial	Succulent mat-forming butterfly host plant. Flowering groundcover for wet areas. Can handle some brackish water inundation.
Snowberry <i>Chiococca alba = C. pinetorum</i>	9b-11	High	H	Full Sun	All Year	Yellow	10"	Medium	Evergreen Vine-like	Inconspicuous flowers provide a pleasant fragrance. White fruits contrast nicely against its shiny green foliage.
Southern Shield Fern <i>Thelypteris kunthii</i>	8a-10b	High	L	Partial Sun	N/A	N/A	2.5'	Medium	Fern	Accent or foundation plant. Erect to arching fronds. Soft appearance. Can grow on rocks and in shade.

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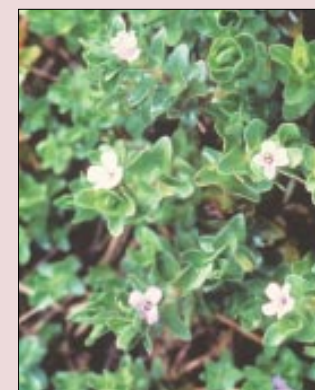
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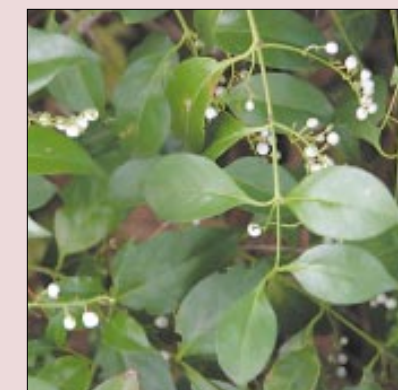
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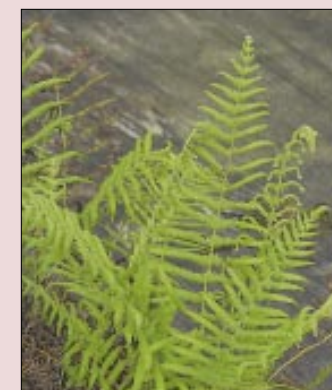
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Spider Lily <i>Hymenocallis latifolia</i>	9b-11	Low	H	Full Sun	Summer	White	3'	Medium	Perennial	Accent or foundation plant. Strap-like leaves. Showy, fragrant flowers attractive to large hawkmoths. Low maintenance. Susceptible to lubber grasshoppers.
Verbena, Beach <i>Glandularia (Verbena) maritima</i>	8b-11	Low	H	Full Sun	Summer or All Year	Lavender	1'	Fast	Perennial	Also called Coastal Mock Vervain. Readily spreads and re-seeds in sandy, well-drained areas. Does not like to be mulched.
Wild Columbine <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	8a-8b	Medium	L	Partial Sun	Spring	Red	3'	Medium	Perennial	Dainty plant with nodding blooms. Endangered in Florida.
Wild Petunia <i>Ruellia caroliniensis</i>	8a-10a	Medium	L	Full Sun	Spring	White - Purple	1'-3'	Medium	Semi- woody	Pale blue flowers brighten up shady wooded areas, also sunny sites.
Wiregrass <i>Aristida stricta = A. beyrichiana</i>	8a-10a	Low	L	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	2'-3'	Medium	Bunchgrass	Flowers following fire. A gopher tortoise staple food. Ideal for mixing with wildflowers in dry areas.
Yellow Canna <i>Canna flaccida</i>	8a-11	High	L	Full Sun	Spring - Summer	Yellow	4'-5'	Fast	Perennial	Clumps readily expand in low, disturbed wet sites. Erect, robust perennial with showy yellow flowers. The canna leaf roller insect may chew foliage.
Yellowtop <i>Flaveria linearis</i>	8b-11	Medium	H	Full Sun	Spring - Fall	Yellow	3'	Fast	Perennial	Goldenrod relative with dense flat-topped clusters of small yellow flowers. Easy to grow and propagate.
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Agapanthus <i>Agapanthus africanus</i>	9a-11	Medium	L	Partial Sun	Spring - Summer	Blue - Lavender	2'	Medium	Perennial	Clumping mound-shaped bedding or accent plant with showy flowers. Relatively short-lived in South Florida. Good container plant.
Aloe <i>Aloe vera = A. barbadensis</i>	10a-11	Low	H	Partial Sun	Spring - Summer	Yellow	1.5'	Medium	Perennial	Clump-forming coarsely textured specimen plant. Fleshy leaves have sap that soothes burns and cuts. Requires well-drained soils.
Anthurium <i>Anthurium andreaeanum</i>	10a-11	Medium	L	Partial Sun	All Year	White - Scarlet	2'	Medium	Perennial	Showy heartshaped bract varies from white to deep red with flower spike projecting from center. Well-drained coarse soils discourage crown rot. Time-release fertilizer encourages flowering. Only slight drying between waterings.
Apostle Plant <i>Neomarica northiana</i>	10-11	Medium	L	Full Sun	Spring - Summer	White, Purple	3'	Medium	Perennial	Clumping groundcover with showy flowers and ridged sword-shaped leaves. Spreads by creeping rhizomes. Best in partial shade, well-drained rich soil.
Artillery Plant <i>Pilea microphylla</i>	10b-11	Low	L	Full Sun	Summer	White - Pink	1'	Medium	Annual/ Perennial	Short-lived groundcover with a fern-like appearance. Spreads by seed and root expansion. Varied cultivars available. Persistent and hardy. Inconspicuous flowers.
Asian Sword Fern <i>Nephrolepis multiflora</i>	INVASIVE NON-NATIVE PLANT. See Plants not recommended for Landscaping (pages 15-17).									
Asparagus Fern <i>Asparagus aethiopicus = A. densiflorus</i>	INVASIVE NON-NATIVE PLANT. See Plants not recommended for Landscaping (pages 15-17).									
Bahiagrass <i>Paspalum notatum</i>	8a-11	Medium	L	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	2'	Medium	Turfgrass	Low-maintenance, deep-rooted turfgrass. Tolerates wide range pH range in sandy soils, moderately shady conditions and foot traffic. Several cultivars available.
Begonia, Wax <i>Begonia cucullata = B. semperflorens</i>	8a-11	Medium	L	Full Sun	All Year	Red	1'	Medium	Annual/ Perennial	Compact bedding or accent plant with showy flowers and glossy leaves. Often succumbs to summer heat and nematodes. Sun-adapted cultivars available.

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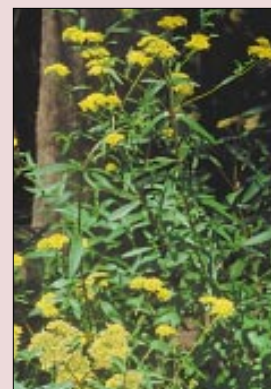
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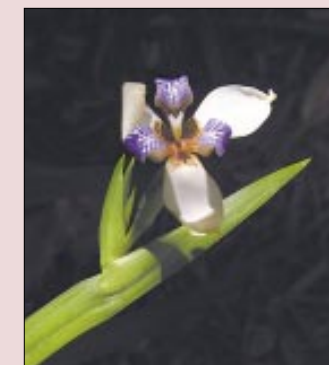
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Bermuda Grass <i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	8a-11	High	H	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	.5'	Medium	Turfgrass	High-maintenance, fine-textured turfgrass commonly found on golf courses or athletic fields. Several cultivars available with similar characteristics.
Bird's Nest Fern <i>Asplenium nidus</i>	10b-11	Medium	L	Partial Sun	N/A	N/A	2.5'	Medium	Fern	Asian fern with stiff erect fronds arranged in a rosette. Grows well in containers or aerially mounted as an epiphyte.
Cast-iron Plant <i>Aspidistra elatior</i>	9a-11	Medium	M	Partial Sun	All Year	Inconspicuous	2'	Medium	Perennial	Upright, clumping, coarse textured groundcover or accent plant with glossy, dark green leaves. Tolerates harsh site conditions.
Centipede Grass <i>Eremochloa ophiuroides</i>	8a-8b	Medium	H	Full Sun	All Year	N/A	.5'	Medium	Turfgrass	Low-maintenance vigorous turfgrass. Will not withstand foot traffic. Susceptible to nematodes and other diseases. Dense, low growing.
Daylily <i>Hemerocallis hybrids</i>	8a-10b	Medium	M	Full Sun	Spring-Summer	Many	3'	Medium	Perennial	Lily-like clump forming groundcover or mass planting. Individual flowers only last one day. Thousands of cultivars available.
False Heather <i>Cuphea hyssopifolia</i>	9b-11	Medium	L	Partial Sun	All Year	Purple - White	1.5'	Medium	Semi-woody Perennial	Compact groundcover or edging plant with fine texture and low branching. Showy flowers more prevalent during warm months.
Fountain Grass <i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	8-11	Medium	L	Full Sun	Spring - Summer	Reddish	3'	Fast	Ornamental Grass	Rather invasive plant that can spread and overtake other sites. Clumping bunchgrass used as a groundcover or accent plant. Feathery flower spikes 2-3 feet high. Green or purple foliage.
Ginger, Butterfly <i>Hedychium coronarium</i>	9a-11	Medium	M	Partial Sun	Spring	White	5'	Fast	Perennial	Multi-stemmed clump forming accent plant with large showy, fragrant flowers. Readily divided into new plants. Will get very large if not periodically divided.
Holly Fern <i>Cyrtomium falcatum</i>	9a-11	Medium	M	Partial Sun	All Year	N/A	1.5'	Medium	Perennial Fern	Dense groundcover with an arching form and leathery green foliage. Prefers moist, shady areas. Readily divided into new plants.
Iris <i>Iris spp.</i>	8a-9a	Medium	L	Partial Sun	Spring	Blue, Purple	2'	Depends on species	Perennial	Upright groundcover or accent plant with flat sword shaped leaves and showy flowers. Different species have different growth requirements. Many cultivars available.
Juniper, Parson's <i>Juniperus chinensis 'Parsonii'</i>	8-10b	Medium	M	Full Sun	Spring	N/A	2'	Medium	Conifer	Spreading groundcover, foundation or specimen plant with blue-green to grayish foliage depending on cultivar. Requires well-drained soil conditions.
Juniper, Shore <i>Juniperus conferta</i>	8a-10a	Medium	H	Full Sun	Spring	N/A	2'	Medium	Conifer	Creeping groundcover or cascading plant with blue-green needle-like foliage. Prefers drier well-drained soils. Many cultivars available.
Kalanchoe <i>Kalanchoe blossfeldiana</i>	9b-11	Medium	M	Full Sun	Winter	Many	1.5'	Medium	Perennial	Upright, glabrous bedding or accent plant with blue-green foliage and showy flowers that bloom in response to day length. Many cultivars available.
Lantana <i>Lantana camara</i>	INVASIVE NON-NATIVE PLANT. See Plants Not Recommended for Landscaping (pages 15-17).									
Lantana, Gold Mound <i>Lantana camara 'Gold Mound'</i>	INVASIVE NON-NATIVE PLANT. See Plants Not Recommended for Landscaping (pages 15-17).									
Lantana, Trailing <i>Lantana montevidensis</i>	9a-11	Medium	H	Full Sun	All Year	Purple	2'	Medium	Perennial	Spreading groundcover or cascading planter box plant with showy flowers and aromatic leaves. Full sun and well-drained soil promotes compact growth. Sterile and non-invasive in Florida, unlike <i>Lantana camara</i> .

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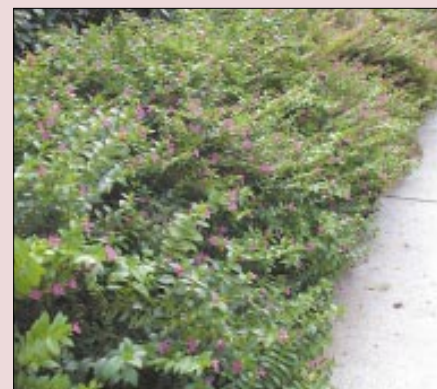
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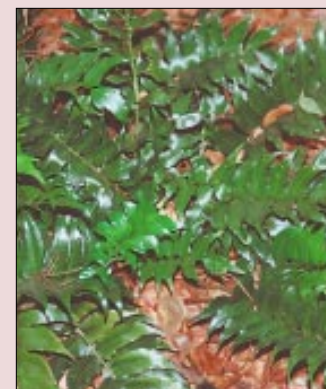
Cast-iron Plant
Aspidistra elatior



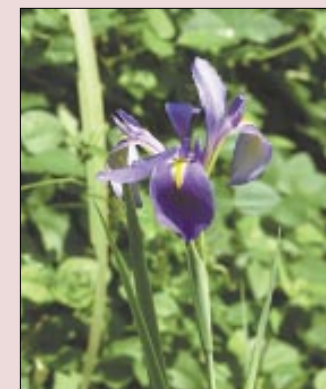
False Heather
Cuphea hyssopifolia



Ginger, Butterfly
Hedychium coronarium



Holly Fern
Cyrtomium falcatum



Iris
Iris spp.



Juniper, Parson's
Juniperus chinensis 'Parsonii'



Lantana, Trailing
Lantana montevidensis

GROUNDCOVERS & GRASSES

Common Name/ Scientific Name	Florida Hardiness Range	Watering Needs	Salt Tolerance	Light Range	Flower Season	Flower Color	Typical Height	Growth Rate	Plant Type	Comments
Lily Turf <i>Liriope spp.</i>	8a-10b	Low	M	Partial Sun	Summer	Purple, Pink	1'	Medium	Herbaceous	Dense clump forming grass-like groundcover with dark green recurving leaves and showy flower spikes. Will not tolerate foot traffic. Many cultivars available.
Mexican Bluebell <i>Ruellia tweediana = R. brittoniana</i>	INVASIVE NON-NATIVE PLANT. See Plants Not Recommended for Landscaping (pages 15-17).									
Mondo Grass <i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i>	8-10b	Low	M	Partial Sun	Summer	White	6"-10"	Medium	Herbaceous Perennial	Dense stemless clumping groundcover commonly found in shady areas. Dark green grass-like leaves curve toward the ground. Will not tolerate foot traffic.
Oyster Plant <i>Tradescantia spathacea = Rhoen spathacea</i>	INVASIVE NON-NATIVE PLANT. See Plants Not Recommended for Landscaping (pages 15-17).									
Pampas Grass <i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	8a-10a	Low	H	Partial Sun	Summer - Fall	White, Pink	6'	Medium	Ornamental Grass	Large clumping specimen grass with showy flower plumes on female plants and long, arching, serrated leaves. Excellent seaside plant. Tolerant of most soils.
Pentas <i>Pentas lanceolata</i>	8a-11	Medium	L	Full Sun	All Year	Many	3'	Fast	Perennial	Sprawling groundcover, accent or low hedge with showy flowers and abundant leaves. Will not tolerate freezing temperatures. Relatively pest free.
Purple Queen <i>Tradescantia pallida 'purpurea'</i>	8a-10a	Low	H	Partial Sun	All Year	Light Pink	1'	Fast	Perennial	Sprawling groundcover with an open growth habit. Showy flowers open only in the morning. Colorful foliage. Will tolerate poor sites. Can become invasive.
Sage <i>Salvia spp.</i>	8a-11	Low	L	Full Sun	Summer	Many	2'-5'	Varies by species	Perennial	Bushy, upright bedding or planter box plant with showy flowers and bright green leaves. Many species are available. Flowering time is species-dependent.
Scarlet Milkweed <i>Asclepias curassavica</i>	9b-11	Low	L	Full Sun	All Year	Orange and Yellow	3'	Fast	Perennial	Upright accent or perennial border plant with showy flower clusters and narrow leaves. Tolerates most growing conditions. Attracts butterflies. Poisonous.
Society Garlic <i>Tulbaghia violacea</i>	8a-11	Low	M	Partial Sun	Spring - Fall	Purple	1.5'	Medium	Perennial	Tuberous grass-like clumping groundcover or accent plant with showy flowers and garlic scented foliage. Flowers best in full sun, but tolerates partial shade.
Spiral Ginger <i>Costus barbatus</i>	8a-11	Low	M	Partial Sun	Spring	Red	5'	Medium	Perennial	Colorful accent or specimen plant with showy, waxy flowers atop tall stalks and large spirally arranged leaves. Also called Red Torch Ginger.
St. Augustine Grass <i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i>	8a-11	Low	H	Partial Sun	N/A	N/A	6"	Fast	Turfgrass	Vigorous, dense coarse textured turfgrass. Many cultivars with very different characteristics available. Moderately high maintenance. Spreads by stolons.
White-Flowered Wandering Jew <i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i>	INVASIVE NON-NATIVE PLANT. See Plants Not Recommended for Landscaping (pages 15-17).									
Yellow African Iris <i>Dietes bicolor</i>	9b-11	Low	L	Full Sun	All Year	Yellow with Black Spots	3'	Medium	Herbaceous Perennial	Upright, clump-forming groundcover or accent plant with showy flowers and long, narrow leaves. Blooms about every 10 days.
Zoysia Grass <i>Zoysia spp.</i>	8a-11	Low	M	Partial Sun	N/A	N/A	6"	Medium	Turfgrass	Dense, fine textured turfgrass. Good shade tolerance. Tolerant of most soil conditions. Typically mowed with reel mowers. Moderate maintenance required.

WATERING NEEDS Low Medium High

LIGHT Full Sun Partial Sun Shade

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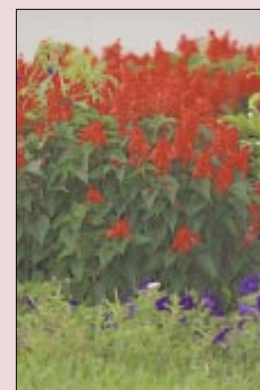
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