

FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN

Exploring, Explaining and Conserving the World of Tropical Plants

Meet a Native!

For each of the native plants listed (and any others you have time for) fill out the table below. **Draw** a leaf in the 1st column. **Describe** each part of the plant in the columns provided. Add any other details you want. If you don't see flowers or fruits on the plant you find in the Garden, you can fill in the information later, using books or the Internet. Notes might describe animals that depend on the plants or important human uses.

<p><i>Sabal palmetto</i> (Sabal or Cabbage Palm)</p>	<p>Leaf (color, texture, etc)</p>	<p>Trunk (color, texture, lenticel shape)</p>	<p>Flowers (color, shape, pollinator)</p>	<p>Fruits (color, shape, disperser)</p>	<p>Characteristic to remember</p>	<p>Uses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Food: palm heart •Construction: thatch •Fruit boiled for syrup •Florida state tree!
<p><i>Serenoa repens</i> (Saw Palmetto)</p>	<p>Leaf</p>	<p>Trunk</p>	<p>Flowers</p>	<p>Fruits</p>	<p>Characteristic to remember</p>	<p>Uses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Medicine •Food – fruit & palm heart •Food for wildlife •Shelter for panther
<p><i>Bursera simaruba</i> (Gumbo Limbo)</p>	<p>Leaf</p>	<p>Trunk</p>	<p>Flowers</p>	<p>Fruits</p>	<p>Characteristic to remember</p>	<p>Uses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Antidote for poisonwood & mango dermatitis •Wood for carousel horses



<p><i>Callicarpa americana</i> (Beauty Berry)</p>	<p>Leaf (color, texture, etc)</p>	<p>Trunk (color, texture, lenticel shape)</p>	<p>Flowers (color, shape, pollinator)</p>	<p>Fruits (color, shape, disperser)</p>	<p>Characteristic to remember</p>	<p>Uses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • jelly from fruits • anti-microbial • may help treat skin cancer
<p><i>Guaiacum sanctum</i> (Lignum Vitae)</p>	<p>Leaf</p>	<p>Trunk</p>	<p>Flowers</p>	<p>Fruits</p>	<p>Characteristic to remember</p>	<p>Uses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first 'penicillin' – used to treat fever, venereal disease • gargle for sore throat and swollen glands • wood very dense and strong
<p><i>Psychotria nervosa</i> (Wild Coffee)</p>	<p>Leaf</p>	<p>Trunk</p>	<p>Flowers</p>	<p>Fruits</p>	<p>Characteristic to remember</p>	<p>Uses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crushed leaves stop bleeding • also used for fever, cold, anti-fungal

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