

# FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN

Exploring, Explaining and Conserving the World of Tropical Plants

## Native Plants for your School Garden

Scientific Name	Common Name	Notes
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly weed	Orange flowers that attract butterflies and hummingbirds. 18-36 inches. Part to full sun.
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	Beautyberry	Shrub 4-8 ft, insignificant flowers but very showy clusters of purple fruit. Part to full sun. Good food source for birds.
<i>Coreopsis leavenworthii</i>	Tickseed	Florida state wildflower. Yellow daisy-like flower, 18-36 inches. Self-seeding annual. Grow in full sun.
<i>Flaveria linearis</i>	Yellowtop	Clusters of small yellow flowers, 24-48 inches tall. Perennial. Part to full sun.
<i>Galliardia pulchella</i>	Indian Blanket	Red flowers with yellow-tipped petals, 12-24 inches tall. Annual or short-lived perennial, reseeds easily. Grow in full sun.
<i>Guaiacum sanctum</i>	Lignum vitae	Small slow-growing tree; showy blue flowers, yellow seed pods, and red seeds; full sun.
<i>Hamelia patens</i>	Firebush	Small to medium shrub, orange tubular flowers, blooms throughout year. Part sun. Attracts butterflies.
<i>Jacquemontia pentanthos</i>	Sky-blue cluster vine	Vine or groundcover; many showy small blue flowers; part to full sun
<i>Lantana involucrata</i>	Wild Sage	Small woody shrub, small white flowers, 24-48 inches. Full sun. Attracts butterflies.
<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Muhly grass	Ornamental grass, 2-3 ft; feather-like, pink flower spikes; part to full sun.
<i>Passiflora suberosa</i>	Corky-stemmed passionflower	Slender vine, dark green lobed leaves, small white-green flowers, dark blue-purple fruits; attracts butterflies
<i>Psychotria nervosa</i>	Wild Coffee	Small to medium shrub, dark green glossy leaves, showy red berries. Part to full shade.
<i>Senna mexicana var. chapmanii</i>	Bahama senna	Small shrub with bipinnate leaves and clusters of showy orange-red flowers. Part to full sun.
<i>Serenoa repens</i>	Saw Palmetto	Clumping fan palm, 3-8 ft; part to full sun.
<i>Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</i>	Blue Porterweed	Small shrub, bluish-purple flower spikes, 12-36 inches. Perennial. Part to full sun. Attracts butterflies
<i>Tetrazygia bicolor</i>	West Indian Lilac	Med-lg shrub, showy white flowers, purple-black berries; part to full sun.

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<i>Thrinax radiata</i>	Florida thatch palm	Fan shaped leaves, 25 ft; showy clusters of white fruit; part to full sun.
<i>Zamia floridana</i>	Coontie	Only native cycad in Florida; 1-5 ft; part to full sun; sole food source for Atala butterfly.

Other Natives to Consider:	
<i>Acacia pinetorum</i>	Pineland Acacia
<i>Chrysobalanus icaco</i>	Cocoplum
<i>Coccothrinax argentata</i>	Silver Thatch
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Blazing star
<i>Peperomia obtusifolia</i>	Pepromia
<i>Pinus eliotii</i>	Dade County Slash Pine
<i>Pityopsis graminifolia</i>	Narrow leaf silkgrass
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black Eyed Susan

**For More Information:**

Association of Florida Native Nurseries – [www.afnn.org](http://www.afnn.org)

Florida Native Plant Society – [www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org)

Institute for Regional Conservation – [www.regionalconservation.org](http://www.regionalconservation.org)

Citizens for a Better South Florida - [www.abettersouthflorida.org](http://www.abettersouthflorida.org)

