

Florida Horticulture for Health Network – Resource Hub

CATEGORY: FLORIDA GARDENING & PLANTS

Ornamental Landscaping

Resources for Florida ornamental landscaping are listed below. Ornamental landscape plants are primarily used as visually pleasing decorative specimens in the landscapes of homes, businesses, public gardens and parks. They are diverse plants—annual and perennial flowers, trees, shrubs, and grasses. They may also provide food, shade or shelter.

Refer to Florida Gardening & Plants category in the Resource Hub and its sections on Florida Gardening Resources – Overview, Edible Gardening in Florida, Ethnobotany, Florida Wildlife and Insect and Identification | Gardening for Wildlife, and Safe Plants Lists/Poisonous Plants.

[Search all UF landscaping factsheets at askifas](#)

[Florida Friendly Landscaping™ interactive plant selector](#)

[Florida Friendly Landscaping™](#) plant guides, sample landscape designs, etc. (Many of these resources are also available in print format through local UF IFAS Extension offices)

[Florida Native Plant Society](#) - Interactive plant selector, growing information, etc.

[Plant Real Florida](#) – Florida native plant gardening guide, plant locator, etc.

[Florida Wildflower Foundation](#) –Plant lists for attracting pollinators, birds, etc.

[International Water Lily and Water Gardening Society](#) – Includes plant information and listings for local groups

[Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center plant database](#) - The University of Texas at Austin – includes Florida native plants

[Edible Ornamental Landscaping Guide for North-Central Florida](#) – factsheet

Books on Florida Gardening

Brown, SP., & Schoellhorn, R. (2006). *Your Florida guide to perennials: Selection, establishment, and maintenance*. University Press of Florida.

Broschat, TK., Meerow, AW., & Elliot, ML. (2017). *Ornamental palm horticulture* (2nd ed.). University Press of Florida.

Heugel, CN. (2015). *Native Florida plants for shady landscapes*. University Press of Florida.

MacCubbin, T., Lampl, J., Tasker, G., & Bowden, R. (2021). *Florida gardener's handbook: All you need to know to plan, plant, & maintain a Florida garden* (2nd ed.). Cool Springs Press.

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