



FYN Garden Q & A Series

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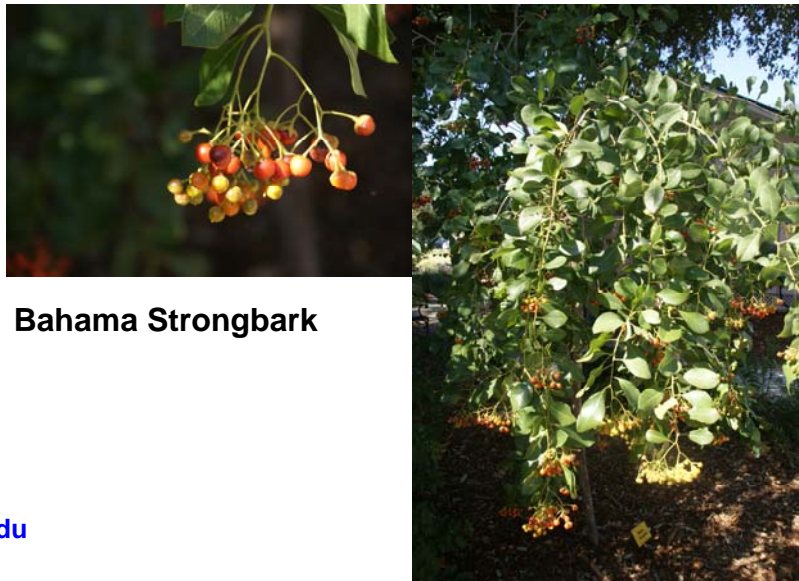
FYN Topic: Bahama Strong Bark

Question: I'm a new resident in Cape Coral from Minnesota. I want to plant natives only in my yard. Is there a guided tour in the Cape featuring only native plants? Vanessa from Cape Coral

Answer: Yes. Several years ago, Master Gardeners Joan and Warren Bush installed a native plant landscape surrounding the Cape Coral Historical Museum. Now a Florida Yard and Neighborhood demonstration garden, it features dozens of different native plants requiring no irrigation or fertilizer.

One beautiful example in the garden right now is a small endangered tree called Bahama Strongbark. (*Bourreria succulenta*).

The Lee County Master Gardeners provide a monthly guided tour on the second Wednesday of each month (1-4 p.m.). **Upcoming 2012 tour dates are Nov. 14, Dec. 11, Jan 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13 and Apr. 10.** There is also a tour of the historic rose garden sponsored by the garden club. The Florida Yard Tour will teach you how to use plants to conserve water, improve water quality in the Cape Coral canals and restore our environment. For more information, contact the Lee County Extension Office at 239-533-7504 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday –Friday.



Bahama Strongbark

Answer: Useful Links

<http://www.floridayards.org>

<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu>

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>

<http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu>

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