



## FYN Garden Q & A Series

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### FYN Topic: Captiva Needs Florida Friendly Plants

**Question:** We have recently bought a property on Upper Captiva in need of landscaping. Is there a list of landscape plants and edibles that are low maintenance, salt and drought tolerant - we do not have a sprinkler system. D. Rhoden

**Answer:** The coastal native plants you seek are mostly Florida-Friendly. Use native trees such as: gumbo limbo, silver buttonwood, orange Geiger tree, Simpson's stopper, sand live oak, live oak, wild mastic, Walter's viburnum and Florida thatch palm. Shrubs include marlberry, Spanish stopper, Florida privet, fire bush, silver saw palmetto, yellow necklacepod, beautyberry and groundcovers: like coontie, beach sunflower, wild sage, sunshine mimosa, sand cord grass or Florida gamagrass. Edibles for summer seeding include basil, 'yard long' bean, yam, cherry tomato, moringa, tropical pumpkin, pigeon pea, okra, edible hibiscus, hot pepper and sweet potato.

Attend the upcoming FYN Introductory class and discuss the possibilities with a Master Gardener on Saturday, June 22 from 1-4 PM at the Bonita Springs City Hall, 9101 Bonita Beach Road.

#### Useful Links

<http://www.floridayards.org>  
<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu>  
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>  
<http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/FYN/FYNHome.shtml>  
<http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu>



**Moringa flowers**



**Sunshine Mimosa**

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