



FYN Garden Q & A Series

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FYN Topic: Florida-Friendly Landscaping

Question: What part of our yard needs to use Florida-Friendly landscaping? Do these areas look a certain way? Karen from Pine Island

Answer: Florida-Friendly yards on Pine Island often look a certain way. Many lots had the native pine trees preserved with native flora underneath such as saw palmetto, goldenrod, etc. Yards planned for pets or children need a minimum of 250 square feet of lawn best kept in full sun. When starting out new, plant shade trees on the east, west or south facing sides of the house. Slash pine, live oak, red maple, sea grape and gumbo limbo are a few good choices. Follow up with a few native shrubs such as horizontal cocoplum, buttonwood or dwarf yaupon holly.



Native Slash Pine with Mockingbird

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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