



FYN Garden Q & A Series

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FYN Topic: Small Florida-Friendly Landscaping Trees

Question: Does the walking tour at Rutenberg Park show examples of small trees? I need one for a narrow (20' wide) side yard? Elana, Estero

Answer: Yes, you are talking about the Florida-Friendly Landscaping display surrounding the old Rutenberg Park Library. A free, guided, walking tour by extension staff occur each Wednesday at 10:30AM. Many small native trees and palms look particularly nice this time of year. Small trees grow 15 to 20 feet high and wide. What tree features are important to you? Shade for your lanai, attractive foliage, showy flowers or ease of maintenance? Small trees unique to this Florida-Friendly landscape include: cinnecord, cinnamon-bark, *Coccoloba diversifolia*, willow bastic, Florida elm, red maple, varnish-leaf, sweet acacia, wild lime, Florida privet, Simpson's Stopper and several others.

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://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu>

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Varnishleaf



Jamaican Caper



Cinnamon-bark



Florida Red Maple

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