FYN Garden Q & A Series

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FYN Topic: Small Trees at Rutenberg Park

Question: Does the walking tour at Rutenberg Park have examples of small trees?
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Answer: Yes, you are talking about the display gardens surrounding the old Rutenberg Park Library. A free, guided, walking tour occurs each Wednesday’s at 10:30AM. No pre-registration is required. Many small, native trees and palms look particularly nice this time of year. Small trees grow 15 to 20 feet high and wide. Which features are important to you? Shade for your lanai, attractive foliage, showy flowers or ease of maintenance or something else? Small trees unique to this Florida-Friendly landscape includes: cinnecord, cinnamon-bark, Coccoloba diversifolia, willow bustic, Florida elm, red maple, varnishleaf, sweet acacia, 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://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu

Cinnamon-bark tree in flower at Rutenberg Park
(photo: Tom Becker)

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