



What's Blooming?

July/August 2012

The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Display Garden at Lakes Park

COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TYPE
Allamanda	<i>Allamanda schottii</i>	Light shade to full sun, flowers more in full sun; wide soil range; requires medium amount of water	Trumpet shaped yellow 2" long flowers; blooms spring, summer & fall.	Evergreen 5'-3'x2-3' shrub. Compact form good for smaller spaces Seldom flowers if kept shorter than three feet
Beach Sunflower	<i>Helianthus debilis</i>	native wildflower Grows abundantly in poor, well-drained & dry soil. Flowers in full sun.	Low-growing, vine-like growth habit. Stems hug the ground. Yellow "daisy-like" flowers. Flowers year-round in south Florida on beach dunes.	Herbaceous wildflower, re-seeds easily even when cut back.
Bird of Paradise	<i>Strelitzia reginae</i>	Full sun/partial shade; prefers fertile soil with moisture, but is very adaptable to dry areas.	plant with no trunk, large banana like leaves often waxy, rising from the base. Flowers large and showy, bilaterally symmetrical, emerging from a boat-shaped bract, with upright flowers with yellow sepals, and with 2 blue petals.	large shrub like perennial; Height 4'-5'
Blackberry lily	<i>Belamcanda chinensis</i>	Grows in part sun/part shade; is salt tolerant; wide range of soils	Orange/yellow flowers in Summer; strap-like leaves up to 18"long, borne on upright stems. Plants die back in winter.	Upright grass-like herbaceous perennial related to iris.
Bougainvillea	<i>Bougainvillea spectabilis</i>	Full sun to partial shade; well draining soil	Flowers can be several different colors: from pink, to red to orange, to white and yellow. Plant will reach over 30'	Evergreen vine type(red flower only) or Shrub

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Canna Lily 'Yellow King Humbert'	<i>Canna x generalis</i>	Sun and lots of water	Canna lilies are remarkably easy to grow. These are great flowers for a wet area. They will even grow in moderately polluted wetlands. Cannas look best in masses. Leaf rolling caterpillars can be devastating to the foliage, but are easily controlled.	perennial
Celosia	<i>Celosia argentea spicata</i>	Full Sun	The Spicata Group (often classified as a distinct species, <i>C. spicata</i>) includes cultivars with slender, cylindrical pink or rose flower heads which have a metallic sheen because the individual flowers are silvery-white at their bases.	Annual
Coral Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Native to Florida. Part shade to full sun, very drought tolerant. Train on wire fences or mail box.	Tubular, 2" orange-red flowers, growing in clusters at the end of branches. Flowers appear throughout the year. A yellow variety is rare, attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.	A showy evergreen vine that blooms heavily in the Spring
Crinum Lily	<i>Crinum americanum</i>	Native to Florida, sun to part shade. Prefers edges of fresh water swamps and other moist sites.	Snow white, fragrant flowers, with three long, curved petals in clusters at the top of a tall stalks, 2.5' tall. Blooms in spring and summer.	Herbaceous perennial. Start from seed or bulb division.
Dwarf Poinciana	<i>Caesalpinia pulcherrima</i>	Full sun-partial shade. Use in well draining soil; drought tolerant.	8'-12' tall and wide with red & orange blossoms & fern-like leaves. Thorny stem & branches.	Evergreen shrub or small tree
Fountain Grass (Purple or Red)	<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	Full sun; wide range of soil; medium drought tolerant	Medium growth rate; 3' in height; purple plumose flower spikes.	perennial bunch grass
Fringed Hibiscus	<i>Hibiscus schizopetalus</i>	Full sun or shade planted under palms or pines. Prefers fertile, moist soil.	Slim, drooping branches, evergreen leaves; small fringed red flowers hanging on string-like peduncles.	Tropical shrub up to 12' in height.

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Gold Mound	<i>Duranta repens</i> 'Gold Mound'	Full sun, partial shade, moderate drought tolerance. Will freeze, but resprout in spring.	Showy lavender, blue or white flowers summer thru fall. Poisonous fruit; susceptible to insects; irritating sap; thorns; may spread aggressively.	Evergreen 4' shrub; foliage is a solid golden color
Heliconia	<i>Heliconia</i> 'Caribea <i>Jacquinii</i> '	Full sun/partial shade; well drained soil; not drought tolerant.	Heliconias are a tropical plant related to bananas, cannas and gingers. The flower is insignificant. True flowers are hidden inside specialized leaves, called bracts. Heliconias grow from underground rhizomes.	perennial size range from 2'-4' tall.
Marigold	<i>Tagetes patula</i>	Fertile soil with good drainage; at least 6 hrs. of full sun; needs frequent watering.	Height 1"-3" Flower colors orange, yellow, bicolored. In the sunflower family.	annual with showy flowers.
Mexican Petunia 'Snow White'	<i>Ruellia tweediana</i> 'Snow White'	Full sun/partial shade; prefers fertile soil with moisture, but is very adaptable to dry areas.	Flowers early spring through late fall; bears many trumpet shaped, petunia-like flowers on dark stems; fast-grower.	Evergreen herbaceous perennial, border or background plant. Possible invasive tendencies
Mexican Sage	<i>Salvia leucantha</i>	Full sun; wide range of soil; moderately drought tolerant.	Upright stems; Purple flowers are arranged in whorls and blooms from summer to fall.	Herbaceous perennial 1'-2' in Height
Mexican Zinnia	<i>Zinnia haageana</i>	Full sun, heat and drought tolerant.	Bushy annual 2'x1'wide. Flower heads come in bright orange, yellow and red depending on the cultivar.	Bushy annual used as bedding plant
Pentas	<i>Pentas lanceolata</i>	Prefers fertile and well-drained soils that retain water. Once established, is drought tolerant.	Clustered umbels of red star-shaped, five-petaled red flowers on upright or mounding plants, 3' high. Blooms in shade or full sun. Butterfly attractant.	Perennial, sometimes sprawling, low growing shrub

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Rose Cactus	<i>Pereskia bleo</i>	Full sun/partial shade; drought tolerant, deciduous in winter	Has sharp spines; is a true cactus. Pretty pink/purple flowers and red colored triangular fruit.	Shrub-like cactus growing to 10', but sometimes remains a spreading shrub to only 2'-3'
Tampa Verbena	<i>Glandularia tampensis</i>	variety of soils; Full sun to part sun;	May to November blooms attracts butterflies.	Native, perennial ground cover and trailing herb.
Tropical Water Lily	<i>Nymphaea 'Director George T. Moore'</i>	Very free-flowering lily for growing in medium to large water gardens only.	7 to 10" deep violet-blue star-shaped flower. Leaves are 10-12 inches wide, green color w/ a few purple blotches.	Tropical lily
Yellow Alder	<i>Turnera ulmifolia</i>	Full sun to partial shade, most soils.	Year-round yellow-flowering evergreen shrub. Requires pruning for neat appearance. Attracts butterflies.	3' tall evergreen shrub. Self seeds each year.
Yellow Walking Iris	<i>Neomarica longifolia</i>	Filtered morning sun or part shade. Well drained sandy soil. Cold hardy.	Fan-shaped upright perennial with bright green leaves and yellow flowers w/ brown spots. Individual flowers only last a day. New flowers constantly bloom in summer.	Perennial native wildflower standing 1-2 feet tall.