

What's Blooming?

September & October, 2011

The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Display Garden surrounds the Eco-Living Center at Rutenberg Park.

COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TYPE
Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Prefers moist, semi-shady areas Needs more water if in full sun.	Erect, clump-forming, fleshy stems & grass like leaves. 1'-2' tall w/ 3 petaled flowers. Blooms Spring, autumn & summer. Cut back at end of summer, will grow back.	Perennial ground cover, flowers throughout the year.
Blanket Flower	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	Well-drained soil, wet or dry found in meadows, side walk borders and bed edges.	Brightly colored wildflower w/ red & golden-tipped, ray flower petals. Flower exhibits variation in color. Spread by crumbling dry seed heads on soil in new garden areas.	Herb like groundcover and native wildflower
Beach Sunflower	<i>Helianthus debilis</i>	Grows abundantly In well drained soil Full sun, drought tolerant.	Low growing with above ground Stems. Yellow "daisy-like" flowers Flowers year around in south Florida Re-seeds, may need cutting back.	Wide spreading groundcover
Railroad Vine	<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i>	Wide range of soil, high drought and salt tolerance	Sprawling groundcover w/ long runners. Pink trumpet shaped flowers. Fast growing, blooms best May-November	Perennial vine
Porterweed	<i>Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</i>	Florida Native, Part shade to full sun, acidic to alkaline soil. High drought tolerance	Hardy, grows 1'-3'tall spread to 3'with blue flowers on stringy spikes at the end of the stems, flowers all year round and flowers attract butterflies.	Perennial, herbaceous low growing shrub
Tropical Sage	<i>Salvia coccinea</i>	Open woods, rain gardens, meadows or sidewalk edges	Spikes to small tubular, red flowers & aromatic leaves, re-seeds easily in shady places & open woods. Dead-heading keeps it bushy.	Perennial herb and wildflower
Scorpion tail (Butterfly Heliotrope)	<i>Heliotropium angiospermum</i>	Wet canal or property borders, rain gardens & disturbed soil	Tiny, white flowers w.5 petals, paired and appear only on one side of a curved terminal spike	Shrub-like herb, short-lived, self-sowing in sun or shade

Necklace Pod	<i>Sophora tomentosa</i>	South Florida, Sunny, open, scrubby areas at the edge of hammocks; Zones 10-11	Showy, loose-growing native shrub; yellow flowers attracts butterflies and humming birds; pea-like flowers carried on spikes 6-15" long at the branch tips; flowers open first at the bottom of the spike, blooming most of the year. Bears fuzzy brown pods 4-6" long and beadlike, narrowing between the seeds, seeds are poisonous; new growth is grayish and velvety with silvery tint.	Plant grows 5-10' high' high salt and drought tolerant; best used as a background plant
Firebush (non-native, dwarf or compacta)	<i>Hamelia patens var. glabra or Hamelia patens 'African'</i>	Beach, landscape or disturbed soil, sunny and dry preferred	Compact and dense growing shrub with flowers that are more yellow to red-orange and the leaves are smooth compared to the native. Young stems appear red.	10' or more shrub or small tree (un-pruned)
Crinum Lily	<i>Crinum americanum</i>	Native to Florida, grows in zones 8-10, sun to part shade. Habitat: edges of fresh water swamps and other moist sites	Flowers snow white and fragrant, with three long, slim curved petals in clusters at the top of a tall stalk, blooms in spring and summer.	Perennial 2.5' tall, start from seed or bulb division
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Sunshine Mimosa, Powderpuff	<i>Mimosa strigillosa</i>	Picnic area, beach-front & small open lawn or partially shady landscape beds & rain gardens.	Prostrate 6-9" tall creeping stems which root wherever they touch. Bluish-green, ferny leaflets sensitive to touch. Bright, pink, stamen, pompom-shaped flower head. Each flower tipped with golden pollen	Creeping groundcover for landscapes or lawn

Pentas	<i>Pentas lanceolata</i>	Somewhat fertile, well drained soils that retain moisture	Clustered umbels of red star shaped five-petaled red flowers on upright or mounding plants 3' high. Blooms in shade or full sun.	Perennial, sometimes sprawling shrub
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Scarlet Milkweed	<i>Asclepias Curassavica</i>	Essential to any butterfly garden, grows in fields& damp meadows, full sun to part shade, zones 5-11	Named for its milky sap, Important nectar source for bees and other insects, host plant for butterflies. Has bunches of orange, yellow, and red tubular flowers. Larval food for the monarch butterfly.	A common non-native perennial, Height 2'-3' It blooms much of the year and reseeds freely.
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Freshwater edges, wet or dry or drainage swales	Produces root suckers, foliage & Large umbrels of white flower heads.	Large, rambling shrub
Periwinkle	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	Full sun to shade; Wide soil range, ground cover and border plantings	Flowers wide range of flower color, white, pink ,purple Heat and drought tolerant, water only during drought.	1-2' annual prolific self reseeding