



## What's Blooming?

## March and April

### The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Display Garden at Rutenberg Park

COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TYPE
<b>Beach Sunflower</b>	<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.
<b>Cocoplum</b>	<i>Chrysoblanus icaco</i>	Native; full sun to partial shade; wide range of soils. tolerant of urban conditions; low nutritional requirements; drought tolerant	Shiny dark green leaves; edible fruit eaten fresh or used to make jellies. Spikes of tiny; fragrant white flowers, blooming all year.	Evergreen shrub 15'-20', often grown as a hedge.
<b>Coral Honeysuckle</b>	<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
<b>Crinum Lily</b>	<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.
<b>Elderberry</b>	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Sun to part shade, found in moist areas, establishes quickly on disturbed sites	Florida native plant with small, fragrant, white flowers borne in flattish heads, blooming most of the year. Edible, 1/4", shiny, round, black berries, usually ripening in summer.	Good filler plant in the landscape where it can be used as a shrub or small tree. A good screen to block objectionable views.

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<b>Milkweed, Butterflyweed</b>	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Sun to partial shade. Usually found growing in poor, dry soil but responds to irrigation and better soil by producing larger clumps and more flowers.	Found throughout the state, is popular in native landscapes for its bright orange flowers. It has alternate leaves and the sap is not milky.	Perennial
<b>Mimosa</b>	<i>Mimosa strigillosa</i>	Groundcover or turf alternative for well-drained, open lawn or partially shady landscape beds & rain gardens.	Prostrate and ground-hugging plant. Creeping stems root wherever they touch the soil surface. Bluish-green, ferny leaflets sensitive to touch. Bright, pink, pompom-shaped flowers.	Deciduous native wildflower getting 3-6" tall only.
<b>Necklace Pod</b>	<i>Sophora tomentosa var. occidentalis</i>	South Florida native for sunny, open & scrubby areas, Salt and drought-tolerant.	Loose-growing shrub w/yellow pea-like flowers on long spikes on the branch tips, Butterfly and hummingbird attractant; blooming most of the year. Thicket-forming or sheer as hedge. Fast-growing.	Woody shrub growing 5-10 feet high; best used as a background plant.
<b>Scorpion Tail</b>	<i>Heliotropium angiospermum</i>	Florida native. Wet property borders or canal banks, rain gardens & disturbed soil.	Tiny, white flowers with 5 petals, paired and that appear only on one side of a curved terminal spike,	Shrub-like herb, short-lived, self-sowing in sun or shade
<b>Silver Trumpet Tree</b>	<i>Tabebuia caraiba</i>	Full sun/partial shade, drought tolerance high	Silvery foliage, deeply furrowed silvery bark; showy flowers in winter, spring; multitudes of 2"-3" golden yellow trumpet-shaped blooms borne in terminal flower clusters	Small 25'-30' ornamental evergreen tree
<b>Tropical Salvia</b>	<i>Salvia coccinea</i>	Open woods, rain gardens or landscapes. Self-seeds on infertile dry or moist soils.	Spikes of small tubular, red flowers (sometimes pink) aromatic leaves, re-seeds easily in shady places. Dead-heading keeps it bushy. Butterfly attractant.	Native perennial herb and wildflower