



What's Blooming?

May/June 2012

The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Display Garden at Rutenberg

COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TYPE
Beautyberry; American beautyberry	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	Native; Part sun to full shade; well draining soil; Tolerant of drought and cold weather,	A colorful plant when in flower or fruit; one of the best ways to attract birds, which love the fruit; butterflies are attracted to the flowers. Flowers are small, clustered pale purple, appearing in spring and summer; fruit is small, round, bright purple fruits clustered along the stems and lasting throughout the year.	Beautyberry is a deciduous shrub; the shrub has an open multi-stemmed form with arching stems;
Cocoplum	<i>Chrysobalanus 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.
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

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Elderberry	<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.
Firebush	<i>Hamelia patens var. glabra</i>	Non-native firebush for sunny and dry landscapes. Use as understory shrub or accent.	Shrub w/compact and dense growth habit. Flowers are more yellow to red-orange compared to native. Cold sensitive.	6-10' evergreen shrub
Gum Tree; Torell's Eucalyptus	<i>Corymbia torelliana</i>	Sunny; well draining site; Some salt tolerance.	New leaves on terminal shoots are fuzzy rouge red; screen for background and buffers. Subject to damage in winds over 20-30 mph.	Evergreen tree; flowers are small white, multi-filament, in clusters of 3 each in panicles
Necklace Pod	<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.
Pencilflower	<i>Stylsanthes biflora</i>	Grows in full sun to partial shade and poor soil. Moderate drought resistance Low salt & cold tolerance.	Tiny nest-like, yellow-orange flowers growing singly or in small clusters. Flowers in spring, summer & fall when temperatures stay above 60°F. Turf alternative.	Perennial wildflower growing 2' or less. Good groundcover.
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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Porterweed	<i>Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</i>	Florida native, part shade to full sun, acidic to alkaline soil. High drought tolerance	Hardy, grows 1'-3'tall spreading to 3' with blue flowers on stringy spikes at the end of the stems, Flowers all year round and attract butterflies.	Perennial, herbaceous low growing shrub
Scorpion Tail	<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
Simpson Stopper	<i>Myrcianthes fragrans</i>	Native to South Florida; Sun to shade; found near the coast	Small tree with ornamental bark, fragrant flowers and decorative orange fruit that attracts birds. Exudes a pungent odor.	Dense shrub or informal hedge in sunny location
Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Native to S. Florida. 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 and Fall. Self seeds easily, but doesn't grow out of control.	Low-care ground cover or border. The plant spreads by underground rhizomes, forming clumps.
Wild Sage	<i>Lantana involucrata</i>	Along coast in dry well-drained soil in full sun	5' high, round shrub, Mostly white flowers with yellow centers, borne in clusters, becoming magenta colored drupes.	Upright, woody, native shrub.