



What's Blooming?

November/December

The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Display Garden at Rutenburg Park

COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TYPE
Bahama Cassia	<i>Senna mexicana</i> <i>var. chapmanii</i>	Any soil type, part sun, part shade	Native to Florida. Yellow flowers 1/2"-1" that attract many butterflies such as the sulfur.	Upright sprawling shrub 3'-5'
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.
Blue Porterweed	<i>Stachytarpheta</i> <i>urtioifolia</i>	Full sun to partial shade, any well- drained soil.	Plants 4' tall by 6" wide w/ blue or pink flowers on long stringy spikes at the end of stems. Attracts butterflies.	Fast growing perennial.
Blue Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia</i> <i>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 and Fall. Requires no maintenance. Self seeds easily.	Perennial native wildflower
Common Elderberry	<i>Sambucus</i> <i>canadensis</i>	Freshwater pond edges, wet or dry or un-mowed drainage swales	Produces root suckers, foliage & large umbrels of white flower heads. Fruit clusters attract wildlife. Tall growing, 8-12 feet.	Large, rambling shrub

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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
Milkweed, Butterflyweed	<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
Muhly Grass	<i>Muhlenbergia capillaries</i>	Moist, open sites in full sun, light shade	Pinkish foliage, attractive all year round. Robust, clump forming perennial grass.	Size varies from 1-4 feet, best flowering in autumn.
Pencilflower	<i>Stylasanthus 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
Scarlet Milkweed	<i>Asclepias curassavica</i>	Sun or part shade. Butterfly-attracting plant found in sandy fields, damp meadows and garden soils.	Named for its milky sap, with bunches of orange, yellow, and red tubular flowers. Nectar source for bees and other insects and a larval food for the monarch butterfly.	Herbaceous perennial growing 2'-3' ft. high. Reseeds freely and blooms all year.

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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
Seaside Goldenrod	<i>Solidago sempervirens</i>	Florida native grows best in full sun to light shade, grows in dry to damp soils.	Spikes or clusters of small, yellow, aster like flowers atop tall leafy stems. They spread from underground runners so they may need to be contained.	Perennial wildflower, up to 6' tall, blooms all year.
Shell Ginger	<i>Alpinia zerumbet</i>	Fills spaces in light shade. Wet to moist soil.	Large, white, red and yellow flowers. A robust ginger with thick, waxy-looking flowers creating dangling spikes. Roots spread sending new shoots sky-ward. Roots are easily divided and fragrant as ginger-roots. Large leaves and roots shade soil surface and keep down weeds.	Perennial herb. Use as an accent plant or as screen - 2 or 3 rows with 3' spread.
Tropical Salvia	<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
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.