



What's Blooming?

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The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Display Garden at Terry Park

COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	TYPE
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 urticifolia</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.
Calico Flower	<i>Gloriosa rothschildiana</i>	Part sun to shade; average soil; Average moisture; will endure short periods of drought	Dense foliage vine with very unusual flowers and bright green heart shaped leaves. Slender woody stems coil around fence wire and other supports. Summer bloomer; flowers is a purplish-brown pattern that is reminiscent of Calico fabric.	A vine especially good at covering chain link and other wire fences. Nice growing up a trellis.
Chaste Tree	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Full sun, drought tolerant	Blue-lowering fragrant shrub, blooms in summer, Chaste tree is a bittersweet, slightly astringent herb. Butterfly attractant.	.12" tall growing deciduous shrub
Downy Jasmine	<i>Jasminum multiflorum</i>	Full sun to partial shade. Moderately drought tolerant.	Grayish-green, mounding shrub with spreading, cascading stems & leaves. White star-shaped flowers appear year-round.	Viney, evergreen shrub getting 6-10 feet tall.

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Dwarf Poinciana 'Yellow Bird'	<i>caesolpinia pulcherrima 'flava'</i>	Full sun-partial shade. Use in droughty soil.	8' - 12' tall and wide with yellow blossoms & fern-like leaves. Thorny stem & branches	Evergreen shrub or small tree.
Dwarf Red Powder Puff	<i>Calliandra haematocephala 'Nana'</i>	Full or partial sun, need good drainage	The red flowers are attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds. Flowers most of the year.	Shrub up to 6'
Firebush	<i>Hamelia patens</i>	Native to Florida, coastal, landscapes or disturbed soil. Sun or shade, dry or moist places.	Bushy, tall-growing shrub or tree w/ flowers that are reddish orange. Leaves are dark green and young stems appear red. Cold sensitive.	10' or higher, evergreen shrub
Firecracker	<i>Russelia equisetiformis</i>	Full sun in any soil. Drought tolerant. Sometimes looks weedy.	Profuse blooms of bright, red long, tubular flowers blooming year-round. Drooping stems and narrow linear leaves on plants 6' high. Sprawling habit. Attracts hummingbirds.	Perennial, shrubby and mound forming growth habit.
Frangipani	<i>Plumeria rubra var. acutifolia</i>	Small-growing tree for coastal, warm, sandy soils. High drought tolerance	Small tree in a wide variety of colors. Long-lasting flowers that are sweetly perfumed.. Blossoms usually appear before leaves. The flowers have twisted overlapping corollas.	Flowering tropical tree
Gloriosa Lily	<i>Gloriosa rothschildiana</i>	Sun to part shade, well drained soils;	Twining vine has tendrils at leaf tips that grasp a trellis; other plants, etc.	Fast growing vine in warm weather, grows from a tuberous root ;dormant in winter.
Ground Rose	<i>Rosa "pink supreme"</i>	Plant in full sun, in moist soil with good drainage	Single pink blooms all year, the plant grows branches with multi blooms per branch. They are disease resistant hardy and need no spraying, pruning or deadheading.	Ground cover perfect included in a perennial border, edging a walkway or as a mass focal point.

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Ixora Maui	<i>Ixora coccinea</i>	Full sun to partial shade, well-drained acidic soil; blooms Spring to Winter.	Flowering shrub with large red blossoms. A prolific bloomer used as hedges and foundation shrubs.	Woody tropical shrub growing 4-8 feet tall.
Mexican Flame Vine	<i>Pseudogynoxys chenopodioides</i>	Full sun or shade. Tolerant of soil variations.	Flowers are daisy like vivid orange, deepening to red-orange in clusters. Blooms in Spring and Summer. Once plant is established it thrives with little attention.	Perennial, evergreen, self supporting vine, 15'-20'x3'-5'.
Mimosa	<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.
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.
Periwinkle	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	Full sun to shade; Wide soil range, groundcover or border plant.	Flowers have a wide range of colors: white, pink or purple. Heat and drought tolerant, water only during drought.	Annual bedding plant. Reseeds freely.
Plumbago	<i>Plumbago auriculata</i>	Grows best in full sun on well-drained soil. Many uses. Low border hedge	Flowers grow in blue or white clusters, Flowers bloom most of the year. Drought-tolerant blue varieties have stronger blooming stems.	Evergreen woody shrub, Height 3'-5' with a spread 3'-4'
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

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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
Starry Rosinweed	<i>Silphium asteriscus</i>	Full sun, drought tolerant	Yellow blooms, blooms year round, Grows 2-3 feet. Leaves have sand paper texture.	Perennial, reseeds
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.
Yellowtop	<i>Flaveria linearis</i>	Native to Florida, partial shade in landscapes and open coastal areas.	Short, compact plants with narrow leaves and bunches of golden yellow flowers. Attracts butterflies seeking nectar.	Perennial wildflower, 2-3' tall with stiff, erect stems