



Topic: Jacaranda Blooms are Blue

Question: Are those Jacarandas I see in bloom? Are there two different types and do they flower better up north in Tampa than they do in South Florida?

Martin, e-mail

Answer: The trees with the large clusters of blue flowers are *Jacaranda mimosifolia* commonly called Jacaranda. These trees are native to Brazil and Argentina but they grow very well in our area. In spring, there might be as much as two months separation between early and late flowering trees. Dry weather and cool temperatures are said to enhance spring flowering. However, flower displays in the Tampa area are no more pronounced than those in Lee County.



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