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LAKE NONA PLANTS



AFRICAN IRIS

Characteristics: Clumping, evergreen perennial with sword-like green foliage and white to cream flowers with yellow and purple markings. Provides a tropical, textured look in landscapes. Grows 2–3 ft tall and 2–3 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; remove spent flowers and trim old foliage to keep tidy. Excellent for borders, mass plantings, or accent areas.



ANISE

Characteristics: Evergreen shrub, 6–10 ft tall, dense growth, glossy fragrant leaves, deep red star-shaped flowers, deer-resistant. Grows 6–10 ft tall and 6–8 ft wide, forming a dense, bushy shape.

Light & Water: Shade to partial shade. Likes moist to wet soils; tolerates boggy areas well.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; keep soil consistently moist and trim lightly to maintain shape. Not edible.



APOSTLE IRIS

Characteristics: Clumping perennial with strap-like green leaves and unique iris-like flowers, often blue or purple with yellow markings. Flowers open sequentially along the stems, creating long-lasting blooms. Grows 3-4 ft tall and 2–3 ft wide.

Light & Water: Partial shade to full sun; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil and can tolerate brief dry periods.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; remove old foliage and spent flower stalks as needed. Great for tropical borders, shaded gardens, or mass plantings.



BLUE DAZE

Characteristics: Low-growing, spreading groundcover with soft gray-green leaves and bright blue flowers that bloom daily in warm weather. Suspectable to deer. Grows 6–12 in tall and spreads 2–3 ft wide

Light & Water: Needs full sun for best flowering. Prefers well-drained soil; water regularly but don’t keep it soggy.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; trim occasionally to keep it tidy and encourage new growth. Heat-and drought-tolerant once established.



BROMELIADS

Characteristics: Tropical, colorful plants that grow in rosettes and hold water in their centers. They add bold texture and vibrant color to landscapes. Many varieties exist, but the main ones used are Imperial, Odorata, and Neoregelia.

Light & Water: Prefer bright shade to partial sun depending on the variety. Keep centers filled with clean water; soil should stay lightly moist but well-drained.

Maintenance: Very low-maintenance; remove old leaves and pups as needed.

Odorata Bromeliad



Imperial Bromeliad



Neoregelia Bromeliad



DWARF BOTTLE BRUSH

Characteristics: Compact evergreen shrub, usually 2–3 ft tall, with blue-green foliage and red, brush-like flowers. Great for borders and small spaces. Grows 2–3 ft tall and 3–4 ft wide

Light and Water: Needs full sun. Moderate water; prefers well-drained soil and becomes drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune lightly after blooms to keep shape.



CARDBOARD PALM

Characteristics: Slow-growing cycad with thick, stiff, cardboard-like leaves; forms a low, rounded, architectural shape. Grows 4-5 ft tall.

Light & Water: Grows well in full sun to partial shade with moderate water and well-drained soil; drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Very low-maintenance; remove old fronds as needed.



CLUSIA

Characteristics: Evergreen shrub or small tree with thick, leathery leaves; can be shaped as a hedge or left to grow naturally. Low cold tolerance. Can get 20 plus ft tall.

Light & Water: Thrives in full sun to partial shade; moderate water once established.

Maintenance: Prune to shape as desired.



COONTIE

Characteristics: Low, clumping cycad with stiff, palm-like fronds; native and extremely hardy. Grows 2-3 ft tall and 2–3 ft wide.

Light & Water: Handles full sun to full shade; needs well-drained soil and low to moderate water. Very drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Minimal; remove old fronds as needed. Tough, long-lived, and Florida-friendly.



CORDGRASS

Characteristics: Strong, sturdy blades that don't flop. Tall clumping grass.

Light & Water: Excellent for wetland areas. Loves constant moisture. Helps with erosion control. Requires full sun.

Maintenance: Do not cut back unless cleaning dead stems.



CRINUM LILY GREEN & QUEEN EMMA

Characteristics: A popular Crinum variety with large, fragrant, white flowers and lush green foliage. Low cold tolerance. Very ornamental and dramatic in beds or borders. Grows 5-6 ft tall. Low cold tolerance

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate to consistent water for best flowering.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; trim old foliage and spent blooms to encourage new growth.

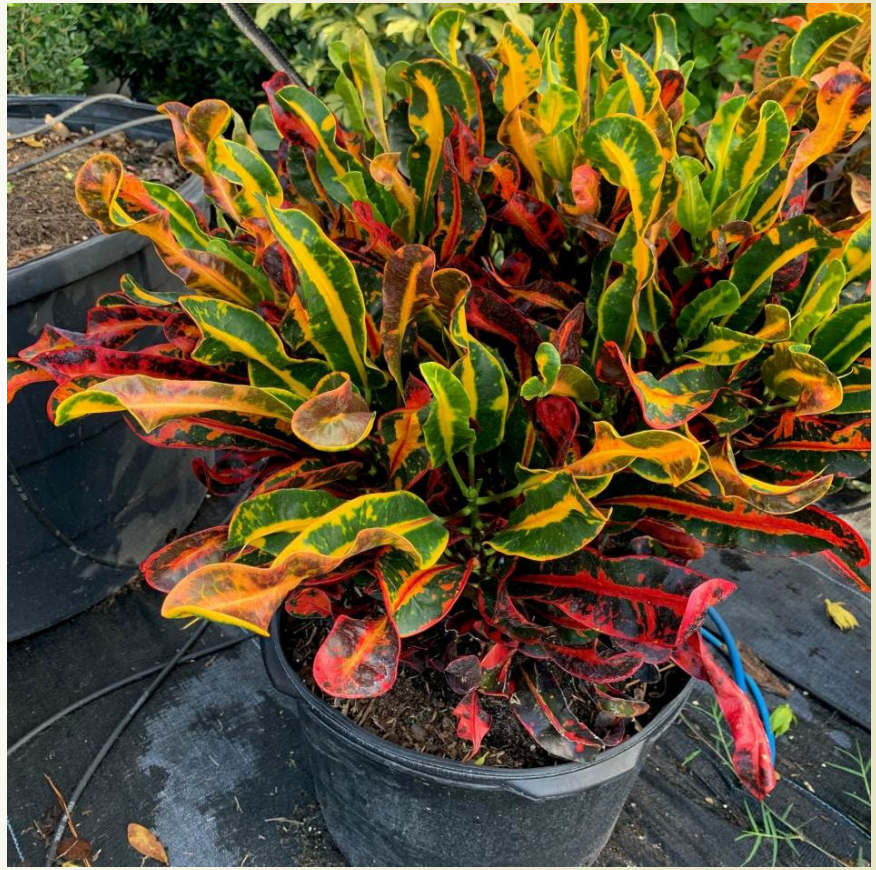


CROTON MAMMY

Characteristics: Tropical shrub with bold, variegated foliage in shades of red, orange, yellow, and green. Upright, bushy habit adds vibrant color to landscapes. Grows 4–6 ft tall and 3–5 ft wide,

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, allowing soil to dry slightly between waterings.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune to maintain shape and remove any damaged leaves. Protect from cold temperatures.



CROTON GOLD DUST

Characteristics: Compact tropical shrub with dark green leaves speckled with bright yellow “gold dust” spots; adds striking color and texture. Grows 3-4 ft tall and 3–4 ft wide,

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, letting soil dry slightly between waterings.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune to maintain shape and remove damaged leaves. Protect from frost.



CROWN GRASS

Characteristics: Light green color year-round in Florida. Forms spreading mats or small clumps.

Light and water needs: Full sun preferred. Low-moderate watering.

Maintenance: Cut back late winter/ early spring.



ELLIOTS LOVE GRASS



Characteristics: Light tan seedheads late summer/fall.

Light and water needs: Full sun and extremely drought tolerant.

Maintenance: Low maintenance.

EMERALD BLANKET

Characteristics: Fast-growing, low-growing groundcover with bright green, glossy leaves and small yellow daisy-like flowers; excellent for erosion control and filling large areas. Grows 6–12 in tall and spreads rapidly. **Susceptible to deer**

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; trim occasionally to control spread and encourage dense growth.



FOUNTAIN GRASS

Characteristics: Great color and motion in the landscape. Compact mounding shape. Comes in green, red, or burgundy foliage varieties.

Light and water needs: Full sun. Low–moderate once established.

Maintenance: Cut back late winter.



FAKAHATCHEE GRASS

Characteristics: Strong, sturdy blades that don't flop. Tall clumping grass, 4–6 ft.

Light & Water: Full sun preferred. Low-moderate watering.

Maintenance: Cut back late winter/ early spring.



FLAX LILLY

Characteristics: Clumping, grass-like perennial with strappy green leaves and small, blue to purple flowers followed by vibrant blue berries. Adds texture and color to landscapes. Grows 1–2 ft tall and spreads 2–3 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; remove old or damaged leaves to keep tidy. Excellent for borders, mass plantings, or under trees.



FOXTAIL FERN

Characteristics: Evergreen, clumping fern-like plant with arching, soft, bushy fronds resembling a foxtail. Adds a lush, tropical texture to landscapes and containers. Grows 2–3 ft tall and 3–4 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, well-drained soil preferred, drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; trim back old or damaged fronds to maintain shape and encourage new growth.



FIRECRACKER

Characteristics: Graceful, arching shrub with thin, rush-like stems and bright red tubular flowers. Grows 3–4 ft tall and spreads 4–6 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; trim lightly to maintain shape and encourage blooming. Excellent for borders, containers, or cascading over walls.



GARDENIA AIMEE

Characteristics: Compact, evergreen shrub with glossy dark green leaves and fragrant white flowers. Ideal for hedges, borders, or accent planting. Compact shrub, 3–4 ft tall

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate, consistent water with well-drained, slightly acidic soil.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune lightly after flowering to maintain shape and remove spent blooms. Fertilize regularly for best results.



GARDENIA BUTTONS

Characteristics: Compact evergreen shrub with glossy green leaves and highly fragrant, white, double-petaled flowers. Great for small hedges, containers, or accent planting. Small, dense shrub, 2–3 ft tall

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate, consistent water with well-drained, slightly acidic soil.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune lightly after flowering to maintain shape and remove spent blooms. Fertilize regularly for optimal growth and flowering.



GARDENIA MIAMI SUPREME

Characteristics: Upright, dense evergreen shrub with glossy green foliage and large, fragrant white flowers. Ideal for hedges, borders, or specimen planting. Upright, larger shrub, 4–6 ft tall

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate, consistent water with well-drained, slightly acidic soil.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune after flowering to maintain shape and remove spent blooms. Fertilize regularly for best growth and blooms.



GIANT LEOPARD PLANT



Characteristics: Large glossy round leaves; bold tropical texture; yellow fall flowers. Grows 2–3 ft tall and 2–3 ft wide.

Light & Water: Shade; keep soil consistently moist.

Maintenance: Low; remove old leaves and protect from cold.

GOLD MOUND

Characteristics: Compact, rounded shrub with bright golden-yellow foliage that adds vibrant color year-round. Grows 2–3 ft tall and 3–4 ft wide. Low cold tolerance

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune to maintain shape and encourage dense growth. Excellent for borders, hedges, or mass plantings.



GRACEFUL BAMBOO

Characteristics: Clumping, evergreen bamboo with slender, upright canes and feathery green foliage. Dense growth makes it ideal for privacy screens or hedges. Grows 20–30 ft tall and 5–8 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil and regular irrigation during establishment.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; remove older canes to maintain density and appearance. Non-invasive clumping habit makes it easier to manage than running bamboo.



JACK FROST

Characteristics: Compact, dense evergreen shrub with striking silvery-white variegated leaves and dark green new growth. Grows 4–6 ft tall and 3–5 ft wide, ideal for hedges, borders, or accent planting.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune to maintain shape and encourage bushy growth. Performs well in a variety of landscape settings.



JAPANESE BOXWOOD

Characteristics: Dense, evergreen shrub with small, glossy green leaves. Grows 2–4 ft tall and 2–4 ft wide, ideal for formal hedges, borders, or topiary.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune to shape as desired. Slow-growing and very durable. Less tolerant of wet climates and prone to fungal issues, in this zone. Recommend using Dwarf Podocarpus.



JATROPHA

Characteristics: Evergreen tropical shrub with glossy green leaves and clusters of bright red flowers. Grows 4–6 ft tall and 3–5 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune lightly to maintain shape and encourage blooming. Excellent for borders, hedges, or butterfly gardens.



JUNIPER PARSONII

Characteristics: Low-growing, dense evergreen shrub with dark green, needle-like foliage and a spreading, mounding habit. Grows 1–2 ft tall and 3–4 ft wide, ideal for groundcover, rock gardens, or low borders.

Light & Water: Full sun; low to moderate water, prefers well-drained soil and is drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Very low-maintenance; prune lightly to maintain shape if needed. Tolerates a variety of soils and is deer-resistant.



MUHLY GRASS

Characteristics: Very showy pink-purpleplumes in fall; clumping habit.

Light & Water: Full sun preferred. Tolerates drought and even some flooding.

Maintenance: Low maintenance: little pruning needed. Plant in groups for best visual impact.



PALMETTO

Characteristics: Low-growing, spreading palm with fan-shaped green fronds and a shrubby, clumping habit. Grows 2–4 ft tall and 4–6 ft wide, excellent for groundcover or naturalized areas. green and silver.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; low to moderate water, very drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Very low-maintenance; prune dead fronds as needed. Native to Florida and attracts wildlife.





PLUMBAGO

Characteristics: Evergreen shrub with vivid blue or white flowers that bloom most of the year in warm climates. Sprawling, semi-vining growth habit. Grows 4–6 ft tall and 6–8 ft wide. **Susceptible to deer.** Low cold tolerance

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune after flowering to maintain shape and encourage new blooms.



PINEAPPLE GUAVA

Characteristics: Evergreen shrub or small tree with glossy green leaves, white flowers with red stamens, and edible, pineapple-flavored fruit. Grows 6–10 ft tall and 6–10 ft wide, suitable for hedges or specimen planting.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune lightly to shape and remove dead or crowded branches. Fruit attracts wildlife and is edible.



PINWHEEL JASMINE

Characteristics: Evergreen shrub with glossy green leaves and fragrant, white pinwheel-shaped flowers. Grows 3–5 ft tall and 3–5 ft wide, making it ideal for hedges, borders, or accent planting.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune lightly after flowering to maintain shape and encourage blooms. Heat-and drought-tolerant once established.



PHILODENDRON SELLOUM

Characteristics: Large, tropical evergreen with deeply lobed, glossy green leaves and a dramatic, architectural appearance. Grows 6–10 ft tall and 6–10 ft wide.

Light & Water: Partial shade to bright indirect light; moderate water, keep soil consistently moist but well-drained.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; remove old or damaged leaves as needed. Adds bold, tropical texture to landscapes or large containers.



PODOCARPUS DWARF

Characteristics: Compact, dense evergreen shrub with dark green, narrow leaves. Grows 3–4 ft tall and 2–3 ft wide, ideal for short hedges, borders, or foundation planting.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, tolerates wet soils better than boxwoods.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune to shape as needed. More tolerant of wet climates and less prone to fungal issues, making it a reliable alternative for formal hedges.



PODOCARPUS MAKI

Characteristics: Dense, upright evergreen shrub with dark green, narrow leaves. Grows up to 18 ft tall and 3–4 ft wide, ideal for tall hedges, screens, or specimen planting.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, tolerates wet soils better than many other hedging plants.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune to shape as needed. Very durable, drought-tolerant once established, and resistant to pests and disease.



BLUE PORTERWEED

Characteristics: Low-growing perennial, 1–3 ft tall. Spreads gradually, forming a dense mat. Bright blue flower spikes, blooms most of the year. Low cold tolerance

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade. Low to moderate water needs; drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Minimal care required light pruning to maintain shape or encourage more blooms can handle occasional neglect without issues



ROSEMARY

Characteristics: Woody, evergreen herb with needle-like fragrant leaves and small blue flowers. Grows 3–5 ft tall and 3–5 ft wide, suitable for hedges, borders, or culinary use.

Light & Water: Full sun; low to moderate water, prefers well-drained soil and drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune after flowering to maintain shape and encourage new growth. Excellent for both ornamental and culinary purposes.



SCHILLINGS

Characteristics: Dense, rounded, evergreen shrub with small, glossy dark-green leaves. Naturally forms a neat mounded shape without spines. Typically grows 3–4 ft tall and 4–5 ft wide.

Light & Water: Prefers full sun to partial shade. Very drought-tolerant once established and handles a variety of soil conditions.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; hold sits shape well with minimal pruning. Common for foundation plantings, low hedges, borders, and formal landscapes.



SHELL GINGER

Characteristics: Tropical, evergreen ornamental ginger with large variegated or solid green leaves (depending on variety).Shell-like white and pink flowers in warm months. Size: Grows 6–8 ft tall, can reach10 ft in ideal conditions. Spreads by rhizomes, forming lush clumps.

Light & Water: Thrives in partial shade to full sun (best color in more sun). Prefers moist, well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low to moderate. Remove old canes at the base and trim frost damage if it occurs.



FALSE ROSEMARY

Characteristics: Florida-native, drought-tolerant shrub with silvery-gray, needle-like foliage and a pleasant minty fragrance when touched. Produces small lavender to pale purple flowers in spring and summer. Typically grows 1–3 ft tall and 2–4 ft wide.

Light & Water: Needs full sun and thrives in very well-drained, sandy soils. Excellent for dry, exposed areas. Avoid overwatering.

Maintenance: Very low. Occasional light trimming keeps shape. Avoid heavy irrigation—this plant struggles in wet conditions.



SOCIETY GARLIC

Characteristics: Clumping perennial with slender, grass-like leaves that have a mild garlic scent. Produces lavender-purple flowers on tall stalks throughout warm months. Grows about 1–2 ft tall and 1–2 ft wide.

Light & Water: Prefers full sun but tolerates partial shade. Needs moderate water and well-drained soil; drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Very low. Remove spent flower stalks and divide clumps every few years. Great for borders, mass plantings.



SWORD FERN

Characteristics: Classic evergreen fern with lush, arching fronds that create a full, tropical look. Soft-textured foliage forms a dense clump. Typically grows 2–3 ft tall and 2–4 ft wide. Non invasive.

Light & Water: Prefers partial shade to full shade. Needs regular moisture and thrives in humid, well-drained soil. Avoid full drying or harsh afternoon sun.

Maintenance: Low to moderate. Remove old/brown fronds to refresh the plant. Benefits from occasional fertilizing during the warm months. Great for shady beds or as a container/hanging basket plant.



TEXAS SAGE

Characteristics: Evergreen shrub with silvery gray foliage and vibrant purple flowers that bloom after rain or high humidity. heat- and drought-tolerant. Usually 4–6 ft tall and 4–6 ft wide.

Light & Water: Needs full sun and very well drained soil. Requires low water once established; overwatering leads to decline.

Maintenance: Very low. Light pruning to shape, but avoid frequent trimming—can stress the plant. Excellent for dry, hot landscapes and pollinator gardens.



THRYALLIS

Characteristics: Evergreen shrub with slender, bright green leaves and showy yellow flowers that bloom most of the year in warm climates. Attracts butterflies and adds long-lasting color. Grows 3–5 ft tall and 4–6 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune lightly after flowering to maintain shape and encourage continuous blooms. Great for hedges, borders, or accent plantings.



TICKSEED COREOPSIS

Characteristics: Low-maintenance perennial with bright, daisy-like yellow flowers and fine, green foliage. Blooms profusely in warm seasons and attracts pollinators. Typically grows 1–2 ft tall and 1–2 ft wide, depending on the variety.

Light & Water: Full sun; low to moderate water, drought-tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Very low. Deadhead spent flowers to encourage more blooms. Excellent for borders, mass plantings, and pollinator gardens.



TRIOSTAR

Characteristics: Tropical evergreen shrub with striking variegated foliage in shades of green, pink, and cream. Upright, architectural form adds vibrant color and texture. Grows 3–5 ft tall and 2–3 ft wide.

Light & Water: Shade; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil. Protect from frost.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; remove old or damaged leaves to keep tidy. Excellent for accent planting, containers, or tropical-themed landscapes.



VIBURNUM SUSPENSUM

Characteristics: Evergreen shrub with dense, dark green foliage and small white flowers in spring. Grows 6–10 ft tall and 4–6 ft wide, making it ideal for hedges or privacy screens.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil but tolerates occasional wet conditions.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune to shape after flowering. Very durable, heat-tolerant, and suitable for formal or informal hedges.



VIBURNUM ODORATISSIMUM

Characteristics: Evergreen shrub with dense, glossy green foliage and clusters of highly fragrant white flowers in spring. Can be used as a hedge, screen, or specimen plant. Grows 20-30 ft tall and 6–10 ft wide, but can be pruned to maintain a smaller size.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune after flowering to shape or control size. Very hardy and fast-growing, suitable for hedges, privacy screens, and large landscape features.

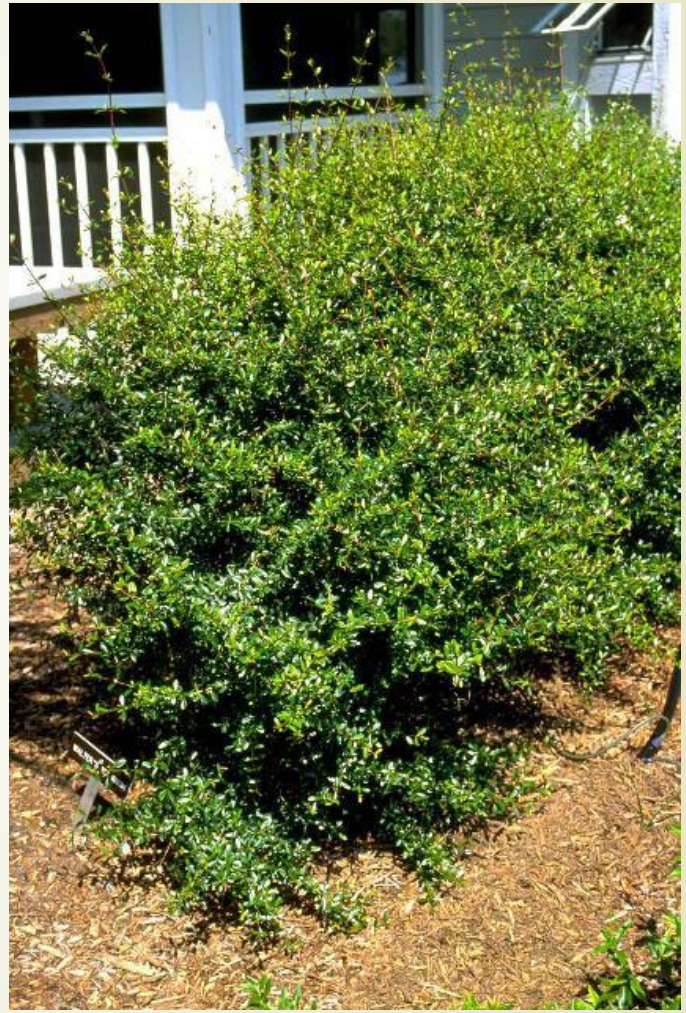


WALTER'S VIBURNUM

Characteristics: Evergreen shrub with dense, dark green foliage and fragrant white flowers in spring, followed by red berries that mature to black. Excellent for hedges, screens, or specimen planting. Susceptible to deer.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil and tolerates occasional wet conditions**.**

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune after flowering to maintain shape or control size.



XANADU

Characteristics: Compact, clumping tropical plant with deeply lobed, glossy green leaves that create a full, lush appearance. Forms a tidy, upright mound without spreading aggressively. Grows 3–4 ft tall and 4–5 ft wide. Low cold tolerance

Light & Water: Partial shade to bright indirect light; moderate water, keep soil consistently moist but well-drained.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; remove old or damaged leaves as needed. Excellent for tropical landscaping, accent plantings, or large containers.




LAKE NONA TREES

AFRICAN SILK FLOSS TREE

Characteristics: Deciduous tropical tree with thick, green, thorn-covered trunk, large palmate leaves, and showy pink to purple flowers with a yellow throat. Produces silky seed pods in fall.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, tolerates drought once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low; remove dead branches as needed. Stunning as a specimen tree in large landscapes containers.



ARIZONA CYPRESS

Characteristics: Evergreen conifer with blue-green, feathery foliage and a conical, pyramidal shape. Provides a striking vertical accent and works well as a windbreak or privacy screen**.**

Light & Water: Full sun; low to moderate water, drought-tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; minimal pruning needed. Tolerates heat and poor soils but is sensitive to overly wet conditions.



BALD CYPRESS

Characteristics: Deciduous conifer with soft, feathery green foliage that turns coppery-orange in fall. Known for its knees (woody projections from roots) in wet conditions and tolerance of swampy areas. Can grow 50–70 ft tall and 20–30 ft wide, with a broad, pyramidal shape when young, becoming more columnar with age.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate to high water, tolerates wet, swampy soils, but can also handle well-drained sites.

Maintenance: Low; remove dead branches as needed. Excellent for large landscapes, water features, or naturalized areas.



BOTTLEBRUSH

Characteristics: Evergreen shrub with narrow, dark green leaves and showy, cylindrical red flowers that resemble a bottlebrush. Different varieties available.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low-maintenance; prune lightly after flowering to maintain shape and encourage blooms. Excellent for hedges, accent planting



CRAPE MYRTLE

Characteristics: Deciduous tree with smooth, peeling bark, vibrant summer blooms in pink, red, purple, or white, and bright fall foliage. Provides seasonal interest and tropical appeal. Typically grows 15–25 ft tall with a 15–20 ft spread, depending on the variety.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Moderate; prune in late winter to maintain shape and remove old or crossing branches. Ideal for shade, ornamental focal points, or street trees.



CHINESE ELM

Characteristics: Deciduous to semi-evergreen tree with small, glossy green leaves and exfoliating bark that adds winter interest. Resistant to Dutch elm disease. Typically grows 40–50 ft tall with a 40–50 ft spread; can be smaller in urban settings.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low to moderate; prune to maintain shape or remove dead branches. Excellent for shade, street trees, and large landscapes.



FLORIDA MAPLE

Characteristics: Deciduous tree with bright green leaves that turn red in fall, providing seasonal color. Adapted to Florida's climate, it is smaller and more compact than northern red maple varieties. Grows 30–50 ft tall and 20–35 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, tolerates wet soils and occasional flooding.

Maintenance: Low to moderate; prune to maintain shape and remove dead or crossing branches. Provides shade, fall color, and wildlife habitat.



GOLDEN TRUMPET (TABEBUIA CHRYSITRUCHA)

Characteristics: Deciduous tropical tree with bright yellow, trumpet-shaped flowers that bloom in late winter to early spring before leaf emergence. Attractive green foliage returns after flowering. Typically grows 20–30 ft tall with a 15–25 ft spread.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil. Drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low; prune lightly to remove dead or crossing branches.





HONG KONG ORCHID

Characteristics: Deciduous small tree with distinctive bilobed leaves and large, fragrant purple-pink flowers that bloom in winter and spring. Attractive as a specimen or accent tree. Grows 20–30 ft tall with a 20–30 ft spread. Low cold tolerance.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil. Tolerates occasional drought once established.

Maintenance: Low to moderate; prune after flowering to maintain shape and remove dead or crossing branches.



GOLDEN RAIN TREE

Characteristics: Deciduous tree with compound green leaves, showy yellow flowers in summer, and decorative papery seed pods that persist into fall. Typically grows 30–40 ft tall with a 30–40 ft spread.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, tolerates drought once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low to moderate; prune to maintain shape or remove dead/crossing branches. Suitable for specimen planting, streetscapes, or large landscapes.



JAPANESE BLUEBERRY

Characteristic: Evergreen with glossy green leaves and small blue-black 20–30 ft tall, 15–25 ft wide. Can be pruned to any height or shape.

Susceptible to deer recommend 6’ of clear trunk. See photo for reference

Light and water: Full sun to partial shade. Moderate, drought-tolerant once established

Maintenance: Low; occasional pruning.



LIGUSTRUM

Characteristics: Evergreen or semi-evergreen shrub with dense, glossy green foliage and small white flowers that may produce berries. Commonly used for hedges, screens, and foundation plantings. Size depends on species and pruning. Dwarf varieties are smaller.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, tolerates a variety of soils and occasional wet conditions.

Maintenance: Low to moderate; prune regularly to maintain shape, especially for formal hedges. Fast-growing and durable.



LIVE OAK

Characteristics: Iconic, long-lived evergreen oak with wide-spreading branches and dense, dark green foliage. Provides shade and strong structural presence in landscapes.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil but adapts to a variety of conditions.

Maintenance: Low; prune selectively to maintain structure or remove dead branches. Excellent for large landscapes, and shade trees..



LONGLEAF PINE

Characteristics: Native evergreen conifer with long, slender needles and a tall, straight trunk. Provides a natural, woodland appearance and is highly fire-tolerant. Can grow 60–100 ft tall and 20–40 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun; low to moderate water, drought-tolerant once established. Prefers sandy, well-drained soils**.**

Maintenance: Very low; minimal pruning needed. Excellent for large landscapes, naturalized areas, and long-term timber or wildlife habitat.



ITALIAN CYPRESS

Characteristics: Tall, narrow evergreen with dense, dark green foliage; strong vertical accent for landscapes**.**

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low; minimal pruning, monitor for spider mites and canker. Perfect for formal or Mediterranean-style landscapes.



JACARANDA

Characteristics: Deciduous tropical tree with fern-like, delicate foliage and showy lavender-blue trumpet-shaped flowers in late spring to early summer. Typically grows 25–50 ft tall with a 30–40 ft spread.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low to moderate; prune to remove dead or crossing branches. Excellent as a specimen tree, street tree, or for ornamental landscapes.



MAGNOLIA

Characteristics: Evergreen or deciduous (depending on variety) tree with large, glossy leaves and showy, fragrant white or pink blooms. Creates a classic, elegant landscape statement. Most varieties range 20–50 ft tall, depending on type.

Light & Water: Full sun to part shade; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil**.**

Maintenance: Low; occasional pruning to shape and remove lower branches. Benefits from mulch and consistent moisture while establishing.

Varieties:

Southern Magnolia (Magnolia grandiflora) –large, evergreen, iconic white flowers.

Little Gem –compact, 15–20 ft, smaller leaves and flowers.‘

D.D. Blanchard –upright form, rich bronze leaf undersides.

SweetbayMagnolia –semi-evergreen, lemon-scented blooms.



PURPLE TABEBUIA (TABEBUIA IMPETIGINOSA)

Characteristics: Semi-evergreen tree with smooth gray bark and clusters of showy pink trumpet-shaped flowers in early spring. Attracts pollinators and adds vibrant seasonal color. Typically20–30 ft tall with a 15–25 ft spread.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil and is drought tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low; prune lightly after flowering to maintain structure. Great as a specimen or street tree.



PINK TABEBUIA (TABEBUIA HETEROPHYLLA)

Characteristic: Deciduous tree with pink to white trumpet-shaped flowers; attractive branching. 20–40 ft tall, 15–30 ft wide

Light and water: Full sun. Moderate, drought-tolerant once established

Maintenance: Low; prune after flowering to maintain shape



POWDER PUFF TREE

Characteristics: Tropical evergreen tree/shrub with soft, airy, ball-shaped blooms that look like pink or red “powder puffs.” dense, fernlike foliage. Typically10–15 ft tall with a 10–12 ft spread (can be kept smaller with pruning).

Light & Water: Full sun to part shade; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low to moderate; prune after flowering to maintain shape and encourage more blooms. Responds well to training as a small tree or large shrub.



RED CEDAR

Characteristics: Evergreen conifer with dense, aromatic foliage and attractive reddish bark. Provides excellent screening and wind protection; very hardy and long-lived. Typically30–50 ft tall with a 15–25 ft spread.

Light & Water: Full sun; low to moderate water, highly drought and salt tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low; minimal pruning needed aside from shaping or removing dead branches. Great for privacy screens, windbreaks, or naturalized landscapes.



RIVER BRICH

Characteristics: Deciduous tree with pyramidal shape when young, exfoliating bark that peels to reveal cinnamon-colored inner bark, and delicate green leaves that turn yellow in fall. Tolerates wet conditions.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate to high water, thrives in moist or wet soils, including along rivers or ponds.

Maintenance: Low; prune to remove dead or weak branches. Excellent for shade, naturalized landscapes, and erosion control in wet areas.



ROYAL AND YELLOW POINCIANA

Characteristics: Deciduous tropical tree with fern-like, bright green foliage and large, flamboyant red-orange flowers in late spring to summer. Provides dramatic color and wide-spreading shade. Typically grows 30–40 ft tall with a 40–60 ft spread.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Moderate; prune young trees to develop strong structure and remove dead branches. Excellent as a specimen tree, for large landscapes, or shade.





SHUMARD OAK

Characteristics: Large, long-lived deciduous oak with strong branching structure and classic lobed leaves. Known for its deep red fall color, fast growth, and high wind tolerance. Typically40–60 ft tall with a 40–50 ft spread.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, prefers well-drained soil but adapts to varied conditions. Drought tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low; prune when young to establish strong structure. Excellent shade tree for large landscapes.



SLASH PINE

Characteristics: Fast-growing evergreen pine with long needles in bundles of two or three and an upright, open canopy. Strong, wind-tolerant, and great for naturalized or woodland-style landscapes. Typically60–80 ft tall with a 25–35 ft spread.

Light & Water: Full sun; low to moderate water, very drought tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained, sandy soils.

Maintenance: Low; minimal pruning. Produces cones and needle drop seasonally. Ideal for large properties and windbreaks.



SPARTAN JUNIPER

Characteristics: Dense, upright evergreen with rich green foliage. Naturally columnar and very uniform, making it great for privacy, hedging, or formal accents. Typically12–15 ft tall with a 3–5 ft spread.

Light & Water: Full sun; low to moderate water, very drought tolerant once established. Prefers well-drained soil.

Maintenance: Low; holds its shape with little pruning. Excellent for narrow spaces, screens, and structured landscape designs.



SWEETGUM

Characteristics: Deciduous tree with star-shaped green leaves that turn brilliant shades of red, orange, and purple in fall. Has a straight trunk, pyramidal form, and distinctive spiky seed balls. Typically40–60 ft tall with a 30–40 ft spread.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, prefers moist, well-drained soil but adapts to various conditions.

Maintenance: Moderate; leaf and seed drop can be messy. Prune to maintain strong structure when young. Great as a shade or street tree in large landscapes.



SYCAMORE

Characteristics: Deciduous tree with star-shaped green leaves that turn brilliant shades of red, orange, and purple in fall. Has a straight trunk, pyramidal form, and distinctive spiky seed balls. Typically40–60 ft tall with a 30–40 ft spread.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, prefers moist, well-drained soil but adapts to various conditions.

Maintenance: Moderate; leaf and seed drop can be messy. Prune to maintain strong structure when young. Great as a shade or street tree in large landscapes





YELLOW TABEBUIA (TABEBUIA CHRYSOTRICHA)

Characteristic & Size: Deciduous tree with bright yellow trumpet-shaped flowers; 20–40 ft tall, 15–30 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established

Maintenance: Low; prune after flowering to maintain shape



PALM TREES



ARECA PALM

Characteristic: Clustering palm with feathery, arching fronds; tropical look. 6–12 ft tall (indoors), up to 20 ft outdoors

Light and water: Bright indirect light to full sun. Moderate; keep soil consistently moist but not soggy

Maintenance: Low; remove dead fronds as needed



BIRD OF PARADISE ORANGE

Characteristic: Tropical perennial with bright orange and blue crane-like flowers. 3–6 ft tall, 3–4 ft wide

Light and water: Full sun to partial shade. Moderate; allow soil to dry slightly between waterings.

Maintenance: Low; remove old flowers and leaves as needed



BIRD OF PARADISE WHITE

Characteristic: Large tropical plant with white and blue crane-like flowers and banana-like leaves. 20–30 ft tall, 10–15 ft wide.

Light and water: Full sun to partial shade. Moderate; allow soil to dry slightly between waterings.

Maintenance: Low; remove old leaves and flowers as needed



BISMARCK PALMS

Characteristic: Massive palm with silvery-blue fan-shaped leaves. 30–60 ft tall, 10–30 ft wide

Light and water: Full sun. Moderate; drought-tolerant once established

Maintenance: Low; remove dead fronds as needed



CABBAGE PALMS (SABAL PALM)

Characteristic: Sturdy palm with fan-shaped green fronds; slow-growing and drought-tolerant. 40–50 ft tall, 10–20 ft wide

Light and water: Full sun. Low to moderate; drought-tolerant once established

Maintenance: Low; remove dead fronds as needed



CANARY DATE PALM

Characteristic: Large, stately palm with a thick trunk and full, arching feather fronds. 40–60 ft tall, 20–40 ft wide

Light and water: Full sun and Moderate; drought-tolerant once established

Maintenance: Moderate; regular pruning to remove old fronds and prevent disease



CHRISTMAS TREE PALM

Characteristic: Large, stately palm with thick trunk and wide, arching feather fronds. 40–60 ft tall, 20–30 ft wide

Light and water: Full sun Moderate; drought-tolerant once established

Maintenance: Medium; prune old fronds and avoid over-trimming



FISHTAIL PALM

Characteristic: Single or triple palm with smooth trunk and bright red holiday-season fruit. 10–25 ft tall, 6–10 ft wide

Light and water: Full sun to partial shade. Moderate

Maintenance: Low; prune spent fronds



FOXTAIL PALM

Characteristic: Elegant palm with fluffy, foxtail-like fronds. 20–30 ft tall, 10–15 ft wide

Light and water: Full sun. Moderate; drought-tolerant once established

Maintenance: Low; clean trunk, minimal pruning**.**



LADY PALM

Characteristic: Clumping palm with fan-shaped leaves; great for shade. 6–12 ft tall, 4–8 ft wide. Spreads outward as it grows.

Light and water: Shade to partial shade. Moderate; prefers moist, well-drained soil

Maintenance: Low; trim old canes as needed.



MEDJOOL PALM

Characteristic: Majestic palm with thick trunk and long, arching fronds; produces edible Medjool dates. 40–60 ft tall, 20–30 ft wide

Light and water: Full sun. Moderate; drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low; prune old fronds and fruit stalks as needed



MULE PALM

Characteristics: Hardy hybrid palm (Queen ×Pindo) with a tropical, elegant canopy; highly wind, cold, and salt tolerant. Typically, 20–30 ft tall with a 10–15 ft spread.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, drought tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low; occasional trimming of old fronds. Great for coastal areas or as a standout specimen palm.



PAUROTIS PALM

Characteristic: Clumping palm with slender trunks and fan-shaped fronds. 15–25 ft tall, 10–20 ft wide.

Light and water: Full sun to partial shade. Moderate; tolerates wet areas**.**

Maintenance: Moderate; thinning of clumps as needed



PINDO PALM

Characteristic: Slow-growing palm with arching blue-green fronds and edible “jelly palm” fruit.15–20 ft tall, 10–15 ft wide

Light and water: Full sun to partial shade. Low to moderate; very drought-tolerant once established

Maintenance: Low; remove old fronds as needed



PYGMY DATE PALM

Characteristic: Small, graceful palm with arching, feathery fronds; 6–12 ft tall, 3–6 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, keep soil moist but well-drained.

Maintenance: Low; remove old fronds as needed



QUEEN PALM

Characteristic: Tall, graceful palm with feathery fronds; 30–50 ft tall, 10–20 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established

Maintenance: Low; remove dead fronds as needed



RECLINATA

Characteristic: Tall, majestic palm with smooth trunk and arching fronds; 25-35 ft tall, 10–20 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun; moderate water, drought-tolerant once established**.**

Maintenance: Low; remove dead fronds as needed**.**



RIBBON PALM

Characteristic: Clustering palm with arching, feathery fronds; 30-50 ft tall, 4–8 ft wide. Slow growing palm.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, keep soil moist but well-drained.

Maintenance: Low; remove old fronds as needed.



ROYAL PALM

Characteristic: Clustering palm with arching, feathery fronds; 50-70 ft tall, 4–8 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, keep soil moist but well-drained.

Maintenance: Low; remove old fronds as needed..



SABAL PALM

Characteristic: Sturdy palm with fan-shaped green fronds; 40–50 ft tall, 10–20 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun; low to moderate water, drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low; remove dead fronds as needed.



TRAVELLERS PALM

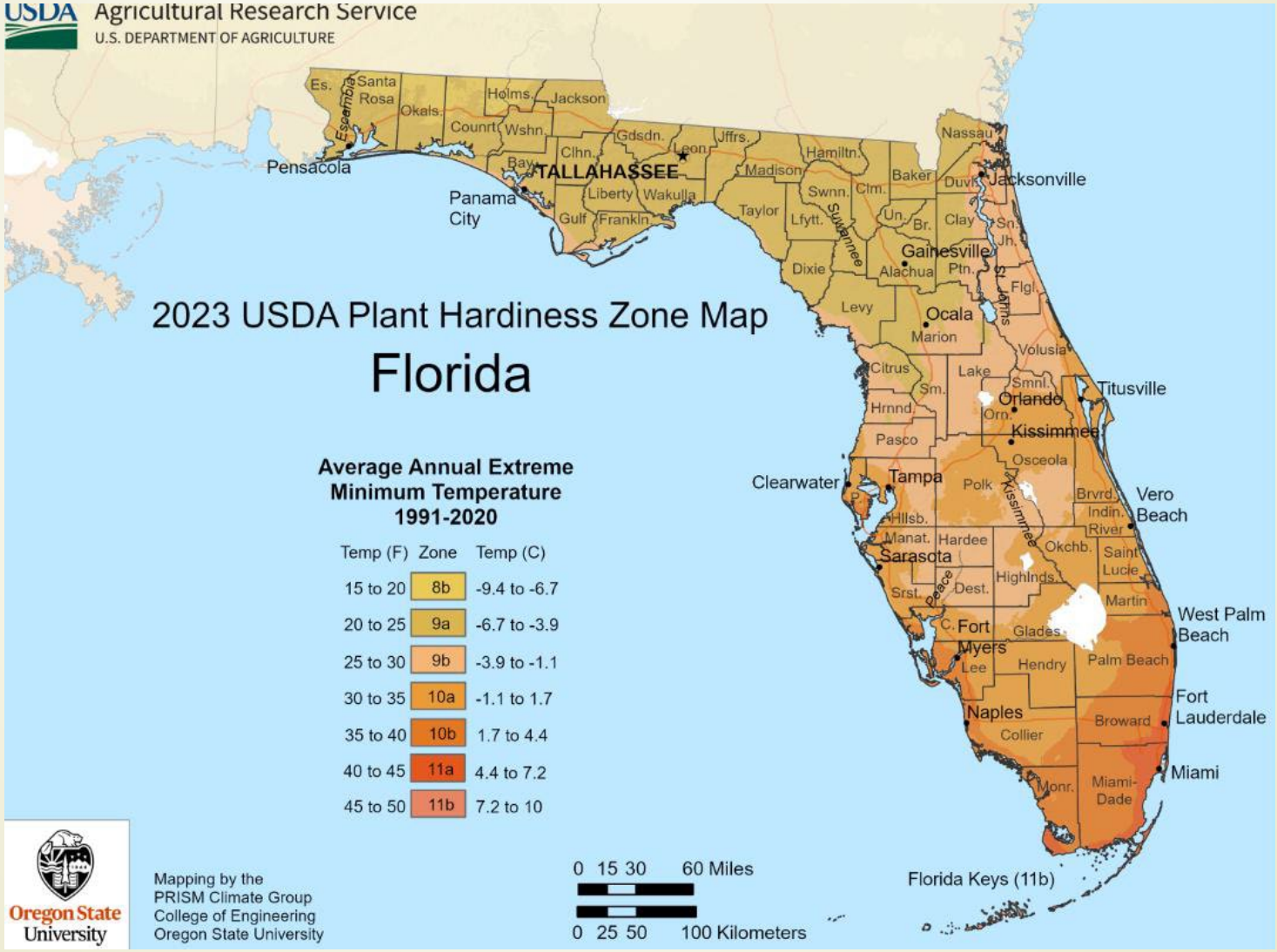
Characteristic & Size: Large tropical plant with fan-shaped leaves arranged like a hand; 20–30 ft tall, 10–20 ft wide.

Light & Water: Full sun to partial shade; moderate water, keep soil consistently moist.

Maintenance: Low; remove dead leaves as needed



ALWAYS REMBER: RIGHT PLANT, RIGHT PLACE



NEW TREE WATERING – UF/IFAS GUIDELINES

Frequency:
Weeks 1–3: Daily
Weeks 4–12: Every 2–3 days
After 3 months: 1–2 times/week

Amount:
2–3 gallons per inch of trunk diameter per watering
Tip: Deep water root ball & surrounding soil 12–18”

NEW PLANT WATERING – UF/IFAS GUIDELINES

Frequency:
Week 1: Daily
Weeks 2–4: Every other day
After 1 month: 2–3 times/week

Amount:
Keep soil consistently moist, ~1–2” water/week (including rainfall)

TIPS FOR PLANTING TREES AND PLANTS

1. Choose the Right Plant:
- Select species suited for your local soil, light, and climate conditions.
- Consider mature size to avoid future crowding.

2. Proper Planting Site:
- Ensure full sun or partial shade as required by the species.
- Avoid areas with poor drainage or underground utilities.

3. Correct Planting Depth:
- Plant trees so the root flare (where roots spread at the base) is at or slightly above ground level.
- Avoid burying the trunk; this can cause rot.

TIPS FOR PLANTING TREES AND PLANTS

4. Prepare the Soil:
- Loosen compacted soil in the planting area.
- Mix native soil with organic matter if needed, but avoid deep holes filled entirely with amended soil.

5. Watering:
- Water thoroughly after planting.
- Keep soil consistently moist (not soggy) for the first few months while roots establish.

6. Mulching:
- Apply 2–4 inches of mulch around the base, keeping it 2–3 inches away from the trunk.
- Mulch conserves moisture, regulates soil temperature, and reduces weeds.

TIPS FOR PLANTING TREES AND PLANTS

7. Staking (if needed):
- Stake only if the tree is unstable.
- Remove stakes after 6–12 months to allow natural trunk development.

8. Pruning:
- Remove dead or damaged branches at planting.
- Avoid heavy pruning initially; structural pruning is best done after establishment.

9. Fertilization:
- Generally, fertilize lightly after the first growing season.
- Avoid over-fertilizing young plants.

10. Monitor and Maintain:
- Check for pests, diseases, and water needs regularly.
- Adjust care based on plant growth and local weather conditions.

