



Allamanda, Dwarf

Allamanda cathartica 'Compacta'

- A must in your garden with butter yellow 3" flowers blooming spring through fall
- Moderately drought and salt tolerant
- Evergreen with narrow bright glossy green leaves
- Good front of border, ground cover or low hedge



Height:
2-5 ft

Spread:
3-6 ft



American Beautyberry

Callicarpa americana

- Showy reddish-purple berries in grape-like clusters
- Hardy bushy shrub with arching branches
- Prune old wood for new growth of flowers and fruit
- Significant food for birds; sprinkle on salads for color



Sun



Part



Avg



All Yr



Salt
Tolerant



Keys
Native



Container



Height:
5-9 ft

Spread:
6-10 ft



Angelonia

Angelonia angustifolia

- White, purple or blue flowers
- Fast-growing, dies back in summer, reseeds
- Moderate drought tolerance
- Attracts butterflies, bees



Sun



Avg



All Yr



Container



Height:

1-3 ft

Spread:

1-3 ft



Asian Snow

Wrightia antidysenterica

- Blooms with small white flowers all year long
- Requires very little trimming, keeps a neat shape
- Great for containers and small spaces in the landscape



Height:
4-6 ft

Spread:
3-4 ft



Baby Sunrose

Aptenia cordifolia

- Bright red or golden yellow flowers appear year round
- Glossy green foliage cascades over walls or rims of pots
- Excellent low-growing filler plant for a dry, hot area
- Also known as Heartleaf Ice Plant



Height:
3-4 in

Spread:
24-36 in



Bahama Cassia or Senna

Cassia bahamensis or *C. chapmanii*

- Yellow flower attracts butterflies year round
- Lives about 4-5 years
- Ornamental shrub for screening or border
- Well-drained, acid, sandy soil; drought tolerant



Height:
3-9 ft

Spread:
6-10 ft



Balloon Plant

Gomphocarpus physocarpus

- A member of the milkweed family
- Small white flowers followed by green spherical fruits
- Stems can be cut and dried
- A sure conversation starter plant



Sun



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Height:
4-6 ft

Spread:
3-4 ft



Bay Cedar

Suriana maritima

- Excellent front-line plant, grows in direct salt wind
- Shrub or small tree is sculpted by the winds
- Leaves tiny, greyish green, grow in rosette pattern
- Numerous small yellow flowers close at night



Height:
6-10 ft

Spread:
6-10 ft



Brown Turkey Fig

Ficus carica "Brown Turkey"

- Tasty brownish-purple fruit in late summer
- Prune after fruiting or late summer
- Attractive foliage
- Loves Acidic soil



Height:
12-15 ft

Spread:
12-15 ft



Bulbine

Bulbine frutescens

- Orange or yellow flowers
- Great for ground cover or container plant
- Moderate drought tolerance
- Attracts butterflies, birds, bees



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Spring



Summer



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Container



Height:

1-2 ft

Spread:

1-2 ft



Burle Marx Philodendron

Philodendron "Burle Marx"

- Exceptional ground cover with glossy, evergreen leaves
- Fast growing and easy care with annual pruning
- Named after Roberto Burle Marx, a famous Brazilian landscape architect; a Key West favorite



Part



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Container

Height:

1-2 ft

Spread:

6-8 ft



Cabada Palm

Chrysalidocarpus cabadae

- Smooth, boldly ringed trunks make a showy display in a courtyard or small space
- Multi-trunk specimen palm with moderate growth rate
- Highly drought-tolerant once established
- Easy-care palm adapts to a wide range of soils



Height:
20-30 ft

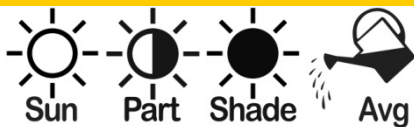
Spread:
8-10 ft



Caricature Plant

Graptophyllum pictum

- Also known as Map Plant or Jamaican Croton
- Grown for vibrant foliage with pink or white patterns
- Regular pruning will keep it to desired size
- Not a good choice for heavy iguana areas



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Height:

6-9 ft

Spread:

3-5 ft



Chinese Hat Plant

Holmskioldia sanguinea

- Orange or red flowers may resemble a hat
- Used as a specimen, hedge or standard
- Moderate drought tolerance
- Attracts butterflies, birds, bees, hummingbirds



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Height:
5-8 ft

Spread:
5-8 ft



Cockscomb

Celosia plumosa

- Showy flowers of red, yellow, pink, purple or orange look like rooster crests
- Unique annual for your butterfly garden
- Plants reseed freely if spent blossoms are not removed
- *Celosia argentea* is a shorter feathery variety



Height:
12-24 in

Spread:
6-12 in



Coontie

Zamia integrifolia

- Adds tropical accent as groundcover
- Phallic brown 3-6" cone with bright orange seeds
- Florida's only native cycad, closely related to pines
- Native Americans and early settlers commercially harvested the poisonous tuber as Florida arrowroot



Height:
1-4 ft

Spread:
3-5 ft



Cordyline or Ti Plant

Cordyline fruticosa 'Red Sister'

- Prized for its year-round showy foliage
- Best in containers to provide acidic soil
- Pest-free pop of color in a snowbird garden
- Other varieties provide different color options



Height:
3-10 ft

Spread:
2-4 ft





Corky Stem Passionflower

Passiflora suberosa

- Low climbing vine with extremely variable leaves
- Small greenish flowers, small berries
- Corky growth on mature stems
- Larval host plant, butterfly garden plant



Height:
8-15 ft

Spread:
3-5 ft



Croton

Codiaeum variegatum

- Wide variety of leaf color and shape
- Great for adding color to the garden
- Low drought tolerance
- Sap is harmful if ingested



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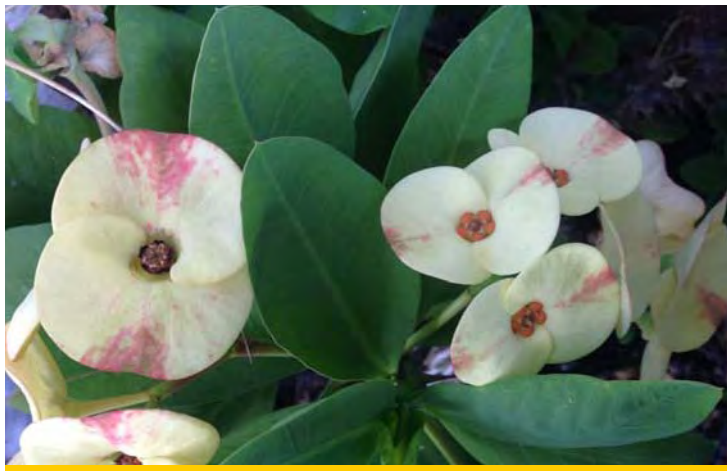
Container

Height:

3-8 ft

Spread:

3-6 ft



Crown of Thorns

Euphorbia milii

- Delicate flowers in pink, yellow, red or white with spines on the stem
- Needs well-drained soil
- Drought tolerant; good for seaside conditions
- Milky sap may irritate skin



Sun



Part



Dry



All Yr



Salt



Tolerant Container

Height:

1-3 ft

Spread:

1-2 ft



Desert Rose

Adenium

- Don't be afraid to prune
- Shallow container produces larger caudex
- Oleander caterpillar may decimate the leaves, but they will grow back



Height:
1-6 ft

Spread:
1-4 ft



Dioon (Giant)

Dioon spinulosum

- Strikingly elegant cycad with evergreen leaves
- A New World primitive American genus that pre-dates the dinosaurs
- Gracefully arched blue-green fronds radiate from trunk
- Excellent for low-maintenance gardens



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Height:

4-12 ft

Spread:

4-12 ft



Elephant Ear, Stingray

Alocasia macrorrhizos 'Stingray'

- Resembles stingray with long thin tail
- Fast-growing, outstanding ornamental
- Propagate by dividing rhizomes
- Deer resistant



Part



Shade



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Container

Height:

4-6 ft

Spread:

4-6 ft



Fiddlewood blossom

Fiddlewood

Citharexylum spinosum

- White fragrant flower spikes curving down from glossy green leaves
- Fruit equally attractive, golden turns reddish brown
- Provides food and cover for wildlife
- Vigorous grower, prunes well



Sun



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Height:
15-25 ft

Spread:
8-15 ft



Firebush - Native

Hamelia patens

- Fast-growing tree attracts wildlife
- Blooms heaviest in spring and summer
- Drought-tolerant when established



Keys
Native



Height:
6-12 ft

Spread:
5-8 ft



Foxtail Fern

Asparagus densiflorus 'Myers'

- Soft, delicate tufts (no flowers) on cold-hardy plant
- Considered deer resistant
- Ground cover, border or accent plant
- Mildly salt tolerant



Height:
1-2 ft

Spread:
1-2 ft



Golden Dewdrop

Duranta erecta

- Named for drooping trails of golden berries
- Fast-growing, hardy and drought-tolerant
- Berries are poisonous to humans and pets
- Many varieties of sizes, foliage and colors are available



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Height:
8-15 ft

Spread:
6-10 ft



Indian Mallow

Abutilon

- Also known as Flowering Maple
- Bell-shaped flowers come in a variety of colors
- Can be easily trimmed to desired size



Height:
4-6 ft

Spread:
3-4 ft



Ixora

Ixora coccinea

- Colorful year round flowers
- Use acidic fertilizer, 4-8-8 ratio
- Can be pruned to keep short
- Great plant to fill in empty spaces or as a hedge



Height:
10-15 ft

Spread:
4-10 ft



Jamaica Caper

Capparis cynophallophora

- Showy flowers open white turn pink in a few hours
- High tolerance for salt winds but not long term flooding, attractive plant for coastal gardens
- Unusual fruit pods, curl, rupture, expose red interior
- Not edible, shiny green leaves are coppery beneath



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Height:
6-20 ft

Spread:
6-15 ft



Jatropha - Dwarf

Jatropha integerrima 'Compacta'

- Easy-care blooms for snowbirds
- Drought tolerant when established
- Full-sized variety grows to 15 x 15 ft
- Poisonous to pets, children and iguanas



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Height:

4-6 ft

Spread:

4-6 ft



Juanulloa Gold Finger

Juanulloa aurantiaca

- Showy bright orange flowers
- Unique flower shape is real conversation starter
- Fast, vining growth habit ideal to cover a low fence
- Can bloom on and off year round in bright sun



Height:
4-8 ft

Spread:
12-15 ft



Lady Palm

Rhapsis excelsa

- Small densely clumping palm
- Dark green, widely split, fan-shaped leaves
- Used as a shrub or screen
- One of the few palms that will thrive in low light or shady landscapes



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Container

Height:

6-8 ft

Spread:

6-12 ft



Lignum Vitae

Guaiacum sanctum

- Bright blue flowers often bloom at the same time as orange seedpods open to show red fruit
- Extremely dense resinous wood, does not float
- Endangered due to overharvesting to near extinction
- Slow growing, special project of KWGC



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Height:
8-20 ft

Spread:
10-15 ft



Container



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Lipstick Palm

Cyrtostachys renda

- Popular ornamental palm with striking red stems
- Likes moist soil but not wind or salt spray
- Slow growing, no pest or disease problems
- Excellent palm for a container; protect from weather below 40 degrees



Height:
15 ft

Spread:
5-10 ft



Liriope

Liriope muscari

- Easy care evergreen ground cover
- Excellent companion to blooming plants
- Drought-tolerant when established
- Variegated version provides visual interest



Height:
1-2 ft

Spread:
1-2 ft



Marlberry

Ardisia escallonioides

- Very attractive small tree produces white blooms and purple berries on and off all year round
- Excellent food source for birds and butterflies
- Use to screen undesirable views
- Retains dense growth habit even in partial shade



Height:
12-15 ft

Spread:
6-12 ft





Mexican Flame Vine

Senecio confusus

- Fast-growing vine on a fence, trellis or palm
- Orange-red daisy-like flowers with golden centers
- Great pop of color to attract butterflies, bees and hummingbirds
- Flowers most in summer, but flowers appear all year



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Height:

6-15 ft

Spread:

6-25 ft



Mexican Sage

Salvia leucantha

- Superior plant for attracting wildlife
- Drought tolerant after established, but appearance is neater with regular watering
- Good choice for a butterfly garden



Height:
1-2 ft

Spread:
2-3 ft



Milkweed

Asclepias syriaca L.

- Scarlet or yellow flowers
- Host/nectar plant for the Monarch Butterfly
- Sap may be toxic to pets
- Reseeds itself



Height:
1-1.5 ft

Spread:
1-1.5 ft



Milkweed, Giant

Calotropis gigantea

- Fragrant jewel-like blooms most of the year
- Shapely shrub is evergreen and fast-growing
- Nectar and larval host for Monarch butterflies
- Choose planting location carefully as Monarch caterpillars will periodically chew the leaves



Sun



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Height:

8-10 ft

Spread:

6-8 ft



Muhly Grass

Muhlenbergia capillaris

- Pink, fall flowers in showy plumes
- Tolerates short periods of drought and flooding
- Ornamental grass, herbaceous perennial
- Coastal and inland; border or accent



Sun



Moist



Spring



Summer



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Keys
Native



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Height:

2-5 ft

Spread:

2-3 ft



Musical Note Clerodendrum

Clerodendrum incisum

- Flower buds resemble musical notes, opening to showy white blossoms with red stamens
- Shapely shrub blooms on and off year round
- Requires regular water for consistent blooms



Sun



Part



Moist



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Container



Height:

4-8 ft

Spread:

3-4 ft



Old Man Palm

Coccothrinax crinita

- Small slender palm is native to Cuba
- Hair-like fibers covering entire trunk give it a thicker appearance, resembling the beard of an old man
- Used as specimen, happy in container or ground
- Prefers alkaline soil, no disease or pest problems



Tolerant

Height:
15 ft

Spread:
6-10 ft



Orchid - ground

Epidendrum radicans

- Easy ground growing orchid
- Too little sun – no flowers
- Spreading clumps
- Use as an accent or to line a walk



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Sun



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Container

Height:

1-3 ft

Spread:

1-4 ft



Orchid - Schomburgkia

Schomburgkia

- Large rhizomes which gradually turn yellow
- Can be attached to a tree or placed in a large pot with loose orchid medium
- Flower stems can be up to 5 ft long



Summer



Spring



Part



Sun



Container



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Height:

1 ft

Spread:

2 ft



Orchid - Vanilla

Vanilla planifolia

- Vine can grow to 30ft and needs support
- Flowers when the vine 'bends' over
- Flowers open early morning and last a few hours
- Must be hand pollinated



Spring



Part



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Height:

30 ft

Spread:

1 ft



Alexander Palm

Ptychosperma elegans

- Solitaire palm, grows with a single trunk
- Light gray trunk has maximum diameter of 4 inches
- Fruits are bright red
- Good palm for small yards



Height:
15-20 ft

Spread:
6-8 ft



Ptychosperma burretianum

Ptychosperma burretianum

- Small to medium-sized palm with slender stems
- Tightly-clumping species with red seeds in summer
- Average water with well-drained soil
- Beautiful specimen palm, hard to find



Sun



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Summer



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Height:
up to 35 ft

Spread:
4-6 ft



Panama Rose

Rondeletia leucophylla

- Beautiful shrub with pink flowers all year
- Great accent plant or hedge along property line
- Salt and wind tolerant for hurricanes
- Low-maintenance fast-growing plant



Tolerant Container

Height:
12-15 ft

Spread:
6-8 ft



Pearlberry

Vallesia antillana

- Produces small white flowers and pearl-like fruits
- Easily pruned
- Good border plant
- Endangered in FL



Height:
5-10 ft

Spread:
5-10 ft



Pentas, Starflower

Pentas lanceolata

- Many colors (red, pink, white, lilac); star shaped
- Fast growing in any well-drained soil
- Background shrub or foreground
- Plant with other butterfly-attracting plants



Sun



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Container



Height:

2-4 ft

Spread:

2-3 ft



Plumbago

Plumbago auriculata cvs.

- Reliable all year bloomer with blue or white flowers
- Attracts butterflies
- Hardy, self-sufficient, once established
- Mounding growth habit makes plumbago ideal around trees



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Height:

4-6 ft

Spread:

8-10 ft



Plumeria Pudica

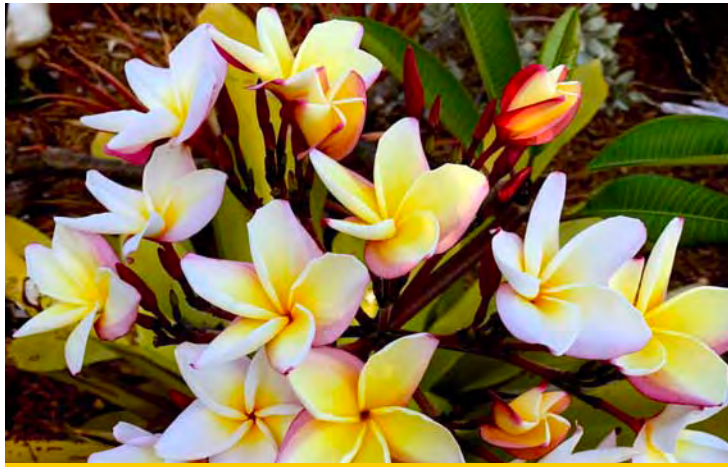
Plumeria pudica

- Profuse all-year bloomer
- Drought tolerant, very little water, just sun
- White flowers with slight fragrance
- Easy to grow



Height:
6-12 ft

Spread:
3-5 ft



Plumeria

Plumeria alba

- Best fragrant flowering with maximum sunshine
- Drought tolerant, very little water, well-drained soil
- Many varieties with different flower fragrances and tree sizes
- Ask Kitty for details



Sun



Dry



Spring



Summer



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Container



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Height:
3-30 ft

Spread:
3- 20 ft



Ponytail Palm

Beaucarnea recurvata

- Distinctive foliage resembles a pony's tail
- Swollen base adds visual interest to the landscape
- Not a true palm but a member of the agave family



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Container

Height:

12-20 ft

Spread:

10-15 ft



Powderpuff - Pink

Calliandra surinamensis

- Showy blooms look like powderpuffs
- Drought tolerant when established
- Iguanas like the buds and blossoms
- Standard and dwarf (*C. emarginata*) variety blooms on and off all year



Height:
12-15 ft

Spread:
10-15 ft



Pseuderanthemum

Shooting Star

Pseuderanthemum seticalyx

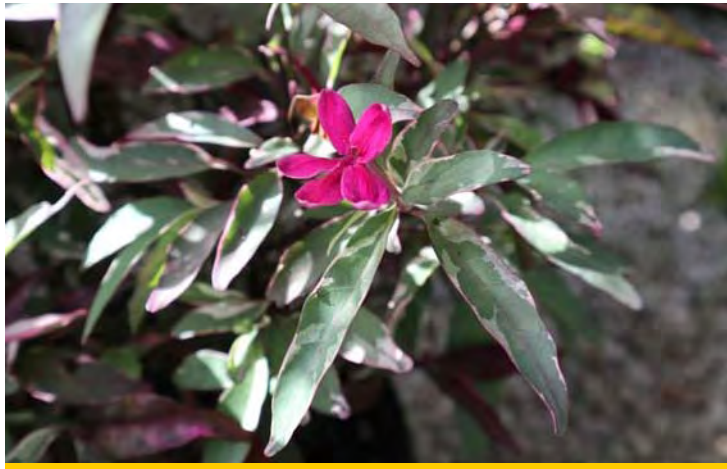
- Easy-care shrub for a large container
- Glossy green leaves with red undersides
- Pretty white flowers bloom year round
- Sturdy, slow-growing shrub will last for years



Height:
3-4 ft

Spread:
2-3 ft





Pseuderanthemum

P. laxiflorum 'Purple Dazzler'

- Spectacular purple flowers and variegated foliage
- Best color in full sun
- Easy care color for snowbirds
- Thrives in large pots



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Container



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Height:

3-4 ft

Spread:

4-4 ft



Purple Passionflower

Passiflora incarnata

- Showy evergreen, purple flower, edible green fruit
- Use as vine, hedge or cascading over a wall
- Pinch back first season to encourage bushiness
- Larval host, nectar source, butterfly garden plant



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Height:

8-15 ft

Spread:

3-5 ft



Purslane

Portulaca oleracea

- Fast-growing succulent with showy flowers
- Good for colorful borders or containers
- Many cultivars provide a wide range of color choices
- High drought tolerance



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Container

Height:

6-9 in

Spread:

10-12 in





Pygmy Date Palm

Phoenix roebelenii

- Superior specimen plant for the Keys
- Very hardy and slow growing
- Clumps of three add grace and interest to the landscape
- Proper fertilization important to keep it looking its best



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Container

Height:

8-12 ft

Spread:

6 ft



Royal Poinciana

Delonix regia

- Flamboyant orange/red summer flowers
- Requires a large area
- Tolerates any type of well-drained soil and pH
- High drought tolerance



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Height:
35-40 ft

Spread:
40-60 ft



Salvia

Salvia

- Reliable annual bloomer comes in a variety of colors
- Reseeds freely if blooms not deadheaded
- Excellent choice for casual landscape
- Regular trimming will maintain a tidy appearance



Height:

1-2 ft

Spread:

1-2 ft



Sea Oxeye Daisy Green

Borrchia frutescens

- Yellow flowers
- Medium shrub with shiny green leaves
- Colonial, spreads broader than tall
- Coastal wildflower



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Height:

2-5 ft

Spread:

3-6 ft



Sea Oxeye Daisy Silver

Borrchia arborescens

- Yellow flowers
- Medium shrub with silvery-green leaves
- Colonial, spreads broader than tall
- Coastal wildflower



Height:
2-5 ft

Spread:
3-6 ft



Shrimp Plant, Golden

Pachystachys lutea

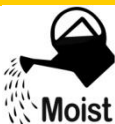
- Reliable bright bloomer in light shade
- Bright yellow bracts with white flowers
- Blooms year-round in the Keys
- Great as a ground cover or in containers
- Prune annually. Can become leggy, especially in shady areas



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Container



Height:

2-3 ft

Spread:

2-3 ft



Shrimp Plant - Red

Justicia brandegeana

- Great color in partial shade
- Prefers acidic soil
- Golden Shrimp Plant (*Pachystachys lutea*) is a related species



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Container



Height:

3-4 ft

Spread:

3-4 ft



Silver Buttonwood

Conocarpus erectus

- White/cream spring flowers and beautiful silver leaves
- High wind resistance and drought tolerance
- Provides cover and nesting for birds/wildlife
- Susceptible to sooty mold from insects



Height:
5-50 ft

Spread:
15-20 ft



Spineless Century Plant

Agave attenuata

- May take 10 years to bloom
- Light bluish-green foliage with no spine
- Tolerates drought and moderate salt exposure



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Container

Height:

2-3 ft

Spread:

3-4 ft



Staghorn Fern

Platycerium spp.

- Easy care
- Mount on tree, board or hanging basket
- Best in bright indirect light
- Loves regular balanced fertilizer, such as 20-20-20



Height:
1-4 ft

Spread:
1-6 ft



Stephanotis

Stephanotis floribunda

- Vine that thrives along a fence or up a stairway
- Blooms in clusters with a nice fragrance
- Evergreen with shiny green waxy leaves
- Moderately salt tolerant



Height:
12-20 ft

Spread:
6-10 ft



Succulent Gardens

Succulent gardens

- Must be protected from hot mid-day sun
- Prune or replace overgrown plants
- Easiest way to kill them is to overwater
- Some will flower, but mainly enjoyed for leaf structure and color



Height:
variable

Spread:
variable



Succulents for landscaping

succulents

- Perfect for dry areas in the garden
- Many leaf shapes and colors
- Iguana resistant
- Easiest way to kill them is to overwater



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Container



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Height:

1 ft

Spread:

1 ft



Sweet Almond Bush

Aloysia virgata

- Spiked white flower clusters of sweet fragrance bloom repeatedly spring through fall
- An upright tree/shrub with vigorous growth
- Drought tolerant once established
- Pruning after bloom cycle will give dense growth



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Height:

15-20 ft

Spread:

3-4 ft



Vietnamese Gardenia

Gardenia (Kailarsenia) vietnamensis

- Unique medium size shrub
- Prized for sweet scented 3" flowers
- Excellent for containers
- Flowers are good for cutting



Tolerant Container Staff Fav

Height:
3-10 ft

Spread:
3-10 ft



Walking Iris

Neomarica sp.

- Clumping rhizomes, with air roots for replanting
- White, blue or yellow flowers
- Blooms last a day but will continue to flower
- Tolerates both drought and flooding



Part



Shade



Dry



Spring



Summer

Height:

2-3 ft

Spread:

2-3 ft



White Candles

Whitfieldia elongata

- One of the few reliable bloomers for a shady spot
- Excellent choice for a snowbird gardener
- Provides a nice backdrop to shrimp plants
- Moderate trimming will create a fuller plant



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Height:

4-6 ft

Spread:

2-3 ft



Container





Wild Coffee

Psychotria nervosa

- Shiny dark green foliage; well-drained soil
- White flowers, spring through summer
- Susceptible to pests; moderate salt tolerance
- Red fruit provides food for wildlife



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Height:

6-15 ft

Spread:

5-6 ft



Wild Lantana or Wild Sage

Lantana involucrata

- Whitish flowers with yellow throat in clusters
- Drupe fruit, magenta in clusters; food for birds
- Low salt water tolerance; salt wind tolerance
- Crushed leaves smell like sage



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Height:

4-8 ft

Spread:

4-8 ft



Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

Brunfelsia grandiflora

- Beautiful white, purple, blue flowers spring - fall
- Excellent for border or accent
- Some drought resistance, susceptible to scale insects
- Dwarf variety to 5', full to part sun, needs more watering and container friendly



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Height:

7-10ft

Spread:

5-8 ft