

# Lee County Extension

## Florida Yards and Neighborhoods

### Best Plants for Coastal Communities

The following list represents the best plants for coastal areas in South Florida. These plants were selected based upon their salt tolerance, habitat range, and the fact that they are native to Florida. The list is divided into several categories, and some plants may appear in more than one. However, this is only a list of plants. Before choosing one for a specific location, it is important to find out the mature size of the plant, and its light and water requirements.

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#### Trees

- All Mangroves
  - [Black Mangrove](#)
  - [Red Mangrove](#)
- [Bald Cypress](#)
- [Blolly](#)
- [Chapman Oak](#)
- [Dahoon Holly](#)
- [Gumbo Limbo](#)
- Hercules Club
- [Jamaica Dogwood](#)
- Joewood
- [Live Oak](#)
- [Mahogany](#)
- Mastic
- [Myrtle Oak](#)
- [Pigeon Plum](#)
- Pitch Apple
- [Pond Cypress](#)
- [Red Bay](#)
- Red Mulberry
- [Red Stopper](#)
- [Redberry Stopper](#)
- [Sand Live Oak](#)
- Sand Pine
- [Satin Leaf](#)
- [Sea Grape](#)
- [Silver Buttonwood](#)
- [Slash Pine](#)
- [Spanish Stopper](#)
- [Spiny Black Olive](#)
- [Swamp Bay](#)
- [Sweet Acacia](#)
- Wild Lime
- [Wild Tamarind](#)

#### Palms

- Buccaneer Palm
- Dwarf Sabal Palm
- Paurotis Palm
- Royal Palm
- Sabal Palm
- Saw Palmetto
- Silver Palm
- Thatch Key Palm

#### Shrubs

- Adam's Needle
- Bahama Cassia
- Bay Cedar
- Carol Bean
- Coontie
- Evergreen Cocoplum
- Firebush
- Inkberry (Scaevola Plumieri only)
- Jamaica Caper
- Marlberry
- Myrsine Saw
- Necklace Pod
- Palmetto

- Silver Buttonwood
- Simpson Stopper
- Snowberry
- Torchwood
- Varnish Leaf
- Wax Myrtle
- White Indigoberry
- Wild Coffee
- Yaupon Holly

### Ground Covers

- Beach Bean
- Beach Sunflower
- Blue Porterweed
- Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)
- Gopher Apple
- Muhly Grass
- Railroad Vine
- Sand Cordgrass
- Sea Oats
- Seaside Paspalum

### Vines

- Beach Morning Glory
- Coral Honeysuckle
- Corky Stemmed Passion Vine
- Virginia Creeper
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### Flowers

- Atamasco Lily
- Blue Curls
- Blue Porterweed
- Dotted Horsemint
- Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)
- Beach Sunflower
- Painted Leaf (Native Pointsetta)
- Purple Coneflower
- Rain Lily
- Scorpion Tail
- Sea Oxeye Daisy
- Beach Vergena
- Seaside Goldenrod
- Spider Lily
- Stokes Aster
- Tampa Verbena
- Tropical Red Sage
- Yellowtop