



Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation

Native Florida Plants for Freshwater Low Areas

Low areas are defined as places that may have standing freshwater or “muck” during the rainy season but slowly drain, leaving very dry soil during the winter. A drainage ditch or swale may be considered a low area.

Large Trees

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Light Requirements</u>
Bald Cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	50' +	full sun to part shade
Black Mangrove	<i>Avicennia germinans</i>	20'-30'	full sun to part shade
Buckthorn	<i>Sideroxylon celastrinum</i>	10'-30'	light shade to part shade
Coastal Plain Willow	<i>Salix caroliniana</i>	up to 25'	full sun to part shade
Dahoon Holly	<i>Ilex cassine</i>	25'-30'	full sun to part shade
Green Buttonwood	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i>	20'-30'	full sun to part shade
Live Oak	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	to 50'	full sun to part shade
Pop Ash	<i>Fraxinus caroliniana</i>	up to 50'	full sun to part shade
Red Bay	<i>Persea borbonia</i>	40'-50'	full sun to part shade
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	30'-40'	full sun to part shade
Sea Grape	<i>Coccoloba uvifera</i>	25'-30'	full sun to part shade
Strangler Fig	<i>Ficus aurea</i>	40'-60'	full sun to part shade
Swamp Bay	<i>Persea palustris</i>	40'-50'	full sun to part shade
Sweetbay Magnolia	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	20'-30'	full sun to part shade
White Mangrove	<i>Laguncularia racemosa</i>	30'-40'	full sun to part shade
Wild Tamarind	<i>Lysiloma latisiliquum</i>	40'-60'	full sun to part shade

Small Trees & Shrubs

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Light Requirements</u>
Bahama Coffee	<i>Psychotria ligustrifolia</i>	3'-6'	part sun to full shade
Cat's Claw	<i>Pithecellobium unguis-cati</i>	10'-15'	full sun to part shade
Cocoplum	<i>Chrysobalanus icaco</i>	10'-15'	full sun to part shade
Dull Leaf Coffee	<i>Psychotria sulzneri</i>	4'-8'	light shade to deep shade
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus nigra</i> subspecies <i>canadensis</i>	10'-15'	full sun to part shade
Firebush	<i>Hamelia patens</i>	8'-10'	full sun to full shade
Marlberry	<i>Ardisia escallonioides</i>	to 20'	part sun to full shade

Myrsine	<i>Rapanea punctata</i>	15'-20'	full sun to full shade
Pond Apple	<i>Annona glabra</i>	15'-30'	full sun to part shade
Snowberry	<i>Chiococca alba</i>	10'-15'	full sun to full shade
Sweet Acacia	<i>Acacia farnesiana</i>	10'-12'	full sun to part shade
Walter's Viburnum	<i>Viburnum obovatum</i>	10'-15'	full sun to part shade
Wax Myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	15'-20'	full sun to full shade
White Indigo Berry	<i>Randia aculeata</i>	8'-10'	full sun to full shade
Wild Coffee	<i>Psychotria nervosa</i>	5'-10'	part sun to full shade
Wild Cotton	<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i>	10'-12'	full sun to part shade
Wild Lime	<i>Zanthoxylum fagara</i>	12'-25'	full sun to part shade
Wild Olive	<i>Forestiera segregata</i>	4'-15'	full sun to part shade

Ferns

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Light Requirements</u>
Cinnamon Fern	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	3'-4'	full sun to part shade
Leather Fern	<i>Acrostichum danaeifolium</i>	6'-8'	full sun to part shade
Royal Fern	<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	3'-4'	full sun to part shade
Swamp Fern	<i>Blechnum serrulatum</i>	2'-4'	full sun to part shade

Palms

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Light Requirements</u>
Cabbage/Sabal Palm	<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	50'-60'	full sun to part shade
Dwarf Palmetto	<i>Sabal minor</i>	up to 6'	full sun to full shade
Green Saw Palmetto	<i>Serenoa repens</i>	6'-8'	full sun to part shade
Paurotis Palm	<i>Acoelorrhaphe wrightii</i>	15'-20'	full sun to part shade
Royal Palm	<i>Roystonea regia</i>	up to 75'	full sun to part shade
Silver Saw Palmetto	<i>Serenoa repens</i> 'Silver'	6'-8'	full sun to part shade

Wildflowers & Groundcovers

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Light Requirements</u>
Bacopa	<i>Bacopa monnieri</i>	3 inches	full sun to part shade
Blue Eyed Grass	<i>Sisyrinchium atlanticum</i>	2'	full sun
Blue Flag Iris	<i>Iris virginica</i>	3'-4'	full sun to part shade
Camphor Daisy	<i>Rayjacksonia phyllocephala</i>	up to 3'	full sun to light shade
Climbing Aster	<i>Symphotrichum carolinianum</i>	climbs to 10'	full sun to part shade
Horsemint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	2'-5'	full sun to part shade
Ironweed	<i>Vernonia gigantea</i>	4'-6'	full sun to part shade

Rain Lily	<i>Zephyranthes atamasco</i> variety <i>treatiae</i>	1'	full sun to part shade
Saltmarsh Mallow	<i>Kosteletzkya pentacarpos</i>	2'-3'	full sun to light shade
Sea Oxeye Daisy	<i>Borrichia frutescens</i>	up to 3'	full sun to part shade
Spider Lily	<i>Hymenocallis latifolia</i>	2'-3'	full sun
Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	up to 2'	full sun to part shade
String Lily	<i>Crinum americanum</i>	2'-3'	full sun to part shade
Swamp Hibiscus	<i>Hibiscus coccineus</i>	3'-6'	full sun to part shade
Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis leavenworthii</i>	2'-3'	full sun
Yellowtop	<i>Flaveria linearis</i>	up to 3'	full sun to part shade

Grasses

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Light Requirements</u>
Dwarf Fakahatchee	<i>Tripsacum floridanum</i>	up to 3'	full sun
Fakahatchee Grass	<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>	4'-6'	full sun to light shade
Saltmeadow Cordgrass	<i>Spartina patens</i>	2'-3'	full sun to light shade
Sand Cordgrass	<i>Spartina bakeri</i>	3'-5'	full sun

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