

Other Florida Plants and Their Value To Wildlife

Trees

AMERICAN BEECH (*Fagus grandifolia*) grows in North Florida, fruiting season is the fall, nuts eaten by variety of birds and mammals, deciduous

BUTTONWOOD (*Conocarpus erectus*) evergreen, good cover and nesting plant, fruits from spring through winter, salt tolerant

SOUTHERN RED CEDAR (*Juniperus silicicola*) evergreen, good cover and nesting sites, blue fruit from fall through winter, grows statewide

BALD CYPRESS (*Taxodium distichum*) pest free, produces seed cones eaten by squirrels and Sandhill Cranes

FLOWERING DOGWOOD (*Cornus florida*) bright red fruit eaten by many birds, grows in North and Central Fl

HACKBERRY OR SUGARBERRY (*Celtis laevigata*) grows throughout Florida, dark fruit eaten by many birds

HAWTHORN (*Crataegus spp.*) North and Central Fla., deciduous, fruits in spring -summer, fruit eaten by birds, good cover & nesting

HOLLIES (*Ilex spp.*) fruit eaten by many species of birds, good cover, evergreen, need male and female for berries

RED MAPLE (*Acer rubrum*) seeds eaten by birds

OAK SPECIES (*Quercus spp.*) several oak varieties in Florida, acorns are a primary food source with high energy levels, provides good cover and nesting sites

SABAL OR CABBAGE PALM (*Sabal palmetto*) state tree, honeybee attractor, fruit eaten by birds, palm thatch used as nest building material

PINES (*Pinus spp.*) pine seeds have high wildlife value, provides good nesting cavities

Shrubs

BEAUTYBERRY (*Callicarpa americana*) purple fruit in the fall eaten by birds, grows in all areas of Fl.

BLACKBERRY (*Rubus spp.*) summer berries very valuable to wildlife, good cover

WILD COFFEE (*Psychotria nervosa*) red berries in summer used by a lot of wildlife species, evergreen

CORAL BEAN (*Erythrina herbacea*) valuable hummingbird nectar plant, grows in all areas of Fl.

ELDERBERRY (*Sambucus canadensis*) excellent food source, fruits year round, good cover

FIREBUSH (*Hamelia patens*) blooms spring through winter, excellent plant for hummingbirds and butterflies

NECKLACE POD (*Sophora tomentosa*) nectar plant for hummingbirds, attracts insects and in turn birds

FLORIDA PRIVET (*Forestiera segregata*) spring flowers attract insects and in turn many birds, small dark fruit spring through summer

SASSAFRAS (*Sassafras albidum*) excellent food source for songbirds, grows in North and Central Fl., dark blue fruit

WAX MYRTLE (*Myrica cerifera*) fall through winter berries attract many birds, salt tolerant, grows throughout the state

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