

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATIVE PLANTS FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA POLLINATOR GARDENS



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The plants included in the following lists are native to Florida and selected for their roles in attracting pollinators and for their suitability for landscape plantings in Northwest Florida.

Using the Planting Lists

Both the scientific and common names are given as well as typical heights and widths for adult plants. Consider the eventual size of plants in a landscape design and consider the location of plants relative to power lines and other structures. General moisture requirements are given. Locate plants with similar moisture requirements together. Consider light requirements throughout the year. Preferred light requirements are bolded in the below lists. Consider planting a combination of evergreen and deciduous plants to provide interest in the winter as well as seasonal variations. Special features of plants to include flowers, berries, and fruit are also listed in the comments section. For additional information to include growth rate, soil pH, drought tolerance and salt tolerance, consult your county's UF/IFAS Extension office or consider using the Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Florida-friendly Plant Database at www.floridayards.org/fyplants/index.php.

EVERGREEN TREES

<i>Scientific Name</i> Common Name	Mature Height/Width	Moisture Requirements	Light Requirements	Butterfly Host Plant?	Comments
<i>Gordonia lasianthus</i> Loblolly Bay	30' – 60' high 20' – 30' wide	Medium drained to wet	Sun to part shade		Fragrant, white flowers in spring/summer, excellent around retention areas, medium growth rate
<i>Ilex cassine</i> Dahoon Holly	20' – 30' high 15' – 20' wide	Medium drained to wet	Sun to shade	Yes, Henry's Elfin	Red berries are attractive to birds, flowers attractive to bees, medium growth rate, high wind resistance
<i>Ilex opaca</i> American Holly	35' – 50' high 15' – 25' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to shade	Yes, Henry's Elfin	Attractive (spiny) leaves and red berries, attractive to birds and butterflies, moderate salt tolerance, slow growth rate
<i>Ilex X attenuata</i> cultivars East Palatka Holly, Savannah Holly	30' – 45' high 10' – 15' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Henry's Elfin	Attractive foliage and berries, flowers attractive to bees, red berries on female trees are attractive to birds, medium growth rate
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> Red Cedar	40' – 50' high 10' – 25' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Juniper Hairstreak	Provides food and cover for birds, attractive for butterflies, high salt tolerance, fast growing, low wind resistance
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> Southern Magnolia	40' – 80' high 15' – 40' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade		Fragrant white flowers late spring, red seeds attractive to wildlife, attractive to birds, high salt tolerance, high wind resistance, medium growth rate, smaller cultivars available
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i> Sweet Bay Magnolia	40' – 60' high 20' – 50' wide	Med drained to wet	Sun to part shade	Yes, Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	White flowers in spring, red seeds attractive to wildlife, med-high wind resistance, medium growth rate
<i>Quercus geminata</i> Sand Live Oak	35' – 50' high 45' – 60' wide	Well drained	Sun	Yes, several Duskywings and Banded, Southern Oak and White M Hairstreaks	Attractive to birds and other wildlife, high salt tolerance, high wind tolerance
<i>Quercus myrtifolia</i> Myrtle Oak	6' – 20' high 10' – 25' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, several Duskywings and Banded, Southern Oak,	Attractive to birds, butterflies and other wildlife

				and White M Hairstreaks	
<i>Quercus virginiana</i> Live Oak	40' – 80' high 60' – 120' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, several Duskywings and Banded, Southern Oak, and White M Hairstreaks	Acorns are attractive to wildlife, attractive to birds and butterflies, high salt tolerance, long lived oak, medium growth rate, high wind tolerance
<i>Sabal palmetto</i> Cabbage Palm	25' – 60' high 10' – 15' wide	Well drained to wet	Sun to part shade		Attractive to birds, bees and butterflies, high salt tolerance, high wind resistance

DECIDUOUS TREES

<i>Scientific Name</i> Common Name	Mature Height/Width	Moisture Requirements	Light Requirements	Butterfly/Moth Host Plant?	Comments
<i>Acer rubrum</i> Red Maple	35' – 80' high 25' – 35' wide	Well drained to wet	Sun to part shade	Yes, Rosy Maple moth, Cecropia moth	Red flowers in late winter/spring prior to leaves emerging, red fall foliage, attractive to birds/bees, fast growing, low to medium wind resistance
<i>Aesculus pavia</i> Red Buckeye	15' – 20' high 15' – 25' wide	Well to medium drained	Part shade to shade		Red flowers attractive to hummingbirds in spring, attractive to butterflies, medium growth rate
<i>Asimina spp.</i> Pawpaw	Varied height	Well to medium drained	Sun to shade	Yes, Zebra Swallowtail	Some have attractive white flowers, some have edible fruit, yellow fall foliage
<i>Betula nigra</i> River Birch	40' – 50' high 25' – 35' wide	Well drained to wet	Sun to part shade	Host plant for some of our attractive moths	Yellow fall foliage, attractive to butterflies, often planted as multi-stemmed clumps to highlight attractive peeling bark, fast growing, medium to high wind resistance
<i>Carya glabra</i> Pignut Hickory	50' – 100' high 25' – 70' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Banded Hairstreak	Attractive to birds and other wildlife, yellow fall foliage, medium to high wind resistance, fast growing, be careful of location as nuts can be messy and dent cars

<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> Buttonbush	6' – 20' tall 6' – 8' wide	Medium drained to wet	Sun to Part shade	Yes, Titan sphinx and Hydrangea sphinx	Attractive to hummingbirds, bees and butterflies, white flowers in spring/summer, excellent around retention areas
<i>Cercis Canadensis</i> Eastern Redbud	20' – 30' high 15' – 35' wide	Well drained	Sun to shade	Yes, Henry's Elfin	Attractive pink/lavender flowers in spring prior to foliage emerging, attractive to birds and butterflies, attractive cultivars available with variable foliage/flowers/habit, medium growth rate, medium wind resistance
<i>Halesia caroliniana</i> , <i>Halesia diptera</i> Silverbell	15' – 40' high 15' – 30' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade		White flowers in spring, seeds attractive to wildlife, attractive yellow fall foliage, slow growth rate
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> Tulip Tree	80' - 100' high 40' – 60' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	Greenish orange/yellow flowers in spring, attractive to butterflies, fast growing, low wind resistance
<i>Nyssa ogeche</i> Ogeechee Tupelo	35' – 45' high 25' – 35' wide	Well drained to wet	Sun to part sun		Attractive to birds/pollinators, good fall color, flowers in spring, red fruit on female trees, used for juice, fruit can be messy, medium growth rate
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> Black Tupelo	65' – 75' high 25' – 35' wide	Well drained to wet	Sun to part shade		Attractive to birds/pollinators, nice fall color, med to high wind resistance, medium growth rate
<i>Prunus angustifolia</i> Chickasaw Plum	12' – 20' high 15' – 20' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade		White flowers are followed by reddish plums, attractive to butterflies and other wildlife, edible fruit, med-high wind resistance, tend to sucker, Cultivar 'Guthrie' has larger fruit/less suckering
<i>Prunus serotina</i> Black Cherry	60' – 90' high 35' – 50' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Red-Spotted Purple	Small white fragrant flowers followed by small blackish fruit attractive to birds and other wildlife, fruit can be messy over driveway/walkway, drought tolerant
<i>Prunus umbellata</i> Flatwoods Plum	10' – 20' high 12' – 20' wide	Medium drained	Sun to part shade		White flowers followed by purple plums, attractive to butterflies and other wildlife, edible fruit, fast growth rate, tend to sucker
<i>Sassafras albidum</i> Sassafras	30' – 60' high 20' – 40' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Spicebush Swallowtail	Fairly fast growing, attractive to wildlife, attractive fall color
<i>Ulmus alata</i> Winged Elm	45' – 70' high 30' – 40' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part sun	Yes, Question Mark, Eastern	Interesting protrusions on bark and leaves, yellow fall foliage, fast growth rate, form can

				Comma and Mourning Cloak	be lanky while young, but when mature is beautiful shade tree
<i>Zanthoxylum clavaherculis</i> Hercules' Club	15' – 30' high 10' – 20' wide	Medium drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Giant Swallowtail Butterfly	Has large spines

EVERGREEN SHRUBS

Scientific Name Common Name	Mature Height/Width	Moisture Requirements	Light Requirements	Butterfly Host Plant?	Comments
<i>Agarista populifolia</i> Florida Leucothoe, Pipestem	8' – 12' high 5' – 10' wide	Well drained to wet	Part sun to shade		Small tree or large shrub, white, fragrant flowers in spring, attractive to birds, great around ponds/retention areas
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i> , Salt Bush, Groundselbush	8' – 12' high 6' – 12' wide	Well Drained	Sun	Yes, Saltbush Sootywing	Semi-evergreen, flowers very attractive to butterflies, particularly fall migrating monarchs, salt tolerant
<i>Conradina</i> spp. False Rosemary, Scrub Mint	2' – 4' high 2' – 4' wide	Well drained	Sun		Lavender flowers, bluish/grey foliage, evergreen, attractive to butterflies
<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> Yaupon Holley	Varied height Varied width	Well drained to wet	Sun to part shade	Yes, Henry's Elfin	Small tree or shrub forms available, white flowers in spring followed by red berries on female shrubs, low growing cultivars make excellent hedges, can be shaped into various forms, weeping form particularly attractive
<i>Illicium floridanum</i> Florida Anise	6' – 20' high 3' – 6' wide	Well drained	Part shade to shade		Beautiful dark maroon flowers in spring followed by non-edible star-like seeds, variegated cultivars available
<i>Lyonia ferruginea</i> Rusty Lyonia	10' – 25' high 5' – 10' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade		Whitish flowers in spring, rusty colored new foliage, attractive to butterflies
<i>Lyonia lucida</i> Shiny Lyonia, Fetterbush	3' – 10' high 2' – 5' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade		Whitish flowers in spring, attractive to butterflies
<i>Sabal minor</i>	4' – 9' high 4' – 8' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to Part shade to shade		Attractive to birds and butterflies, excellent for retention areas and drainage swales

Blue Stem Palmetto, Dwarf Palmetto					
<i>Serenoa repens</i> Saw Palmetto	3' – 10' high 4' – 10' wide	Well drained	Sun to shade	Yes, Palmetto Skipper	Attractive to birds and other wildlife, attractive silver foliage palmettos available, high salt tolerance
<i>Vaccinium darrowii</i> Darrow's Evergreen Blueberry	2' – 3' high 2' – 3' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade		Bluish foliage, small whitish flowers in spring particularly attractive to bees followed by blue edible berries, attractive to birds
<i>Viburnum obovatum</i> Walter's Viburnum	Varied height	Well drained	Sun to shade		White flowers in spring attract pollinators. Makes an excellent hedge, can be pruned into shapes well, attractive to wildlife
<i>Yucca aloifolia</i> Yucca, Spanish Bayonet	3' – 12' high 3' – 6' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Yucca and Cofaqui Giant-Skipper	Attractive white flowers in spring to summer, attractive to butterflies, high salt tolerance

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<i>Callicarpa Americana</i> Beautyberry	6' – 8' high 6' – 8' wide	Well drained	Part shade to shade		Insignificant light purple flowers, attractive purple berries, attractive to birds and wildlife, yellow fall foliage
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> Coastal Pepperbush	3'- 10' high 2'- 5' wide	Wet to moist soils	Sun to Part Shade to shade		Attracts many pollinators, seeds attractive to birds, white flowers in summer, good salt tolerance
<i>Itea virginica</i> Virginia Sweetspire	3' – 8' high 2' – 4' high	Well drained to wet	Sun to part shade to shade		White flowers in spring, excellent for borders of retention areas and ditches, attractive fall foliage color
<i>Rhododendron austrinum</i> Florida Azalea	6' – 10' high 4' – 8' wide	Well drained	Part sun		Fragrant orange flowers in spring, attractive to birds and butterflies
<i>Rhododendron canescens</i> Pinxter Azalea	8' – 12' high 6' – 10' wide	Well drained	Part sun		Fragrant pink flowers in spring, attractive to birds and butterflies

<i>Vaccinium arboretum</i> Sparkleberry	6' – 25' high 4' – 15' wide	Well to med drained	Sun to part shade to shade	Yes, Striped Hairstreak	Shrub or small tree, whitish flowers in spring followed by dark blue berries attractive to birds and other wildlife, attractive fall color
<i>Vaccinium elliotii</i> Elliott's Blueberry	12' high 5' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Striped Hairstreak	White flowers in spring followed by edible blue berries, attractive to birds and other wildlife, red fall color

VINES

This list contains vines that can be planted on fences, arbors and other structures. They can be used to hide unattractive areas.

Scientific Name Common Name	Mature Height/Width	Moisture Requirements	Light Requirements	Butterfly Host Plant?	Comments
<i>Bignonia capreolata</i> Cross Vine	Varied height Varied width	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade to shade		Orange flowers in spring attractive to hummingbirds, suckers so watch where planted
<i>Centrosema virginianum</i> Spurred Butterfly Pea	Up to 8' length	Well drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Long-tailed skipper and Northern cloudywing butterflies	Showy lavender flowers in summer, fine foliage dies back in winter
<i>Ipomoea</i> spp. Morning Glory	Varied by species, 10' – 60' length	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade		Both native and non-native species, both annual and perennial species, attractive flowers, grow rapidly, attract butterflies and hummingbirds
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> Coral Honeysuckle	10' – 15' high Varied width	Well drained	Sun to part shade		Attractive orange flowers in spring, attractive to birds and butterflies
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i> Maypop, Passion Flower	5' – 10' high Varied width	Medium drained	Sun	Yes, Gulf Fritillary, Variegated Fritillary and Zebra Longwing	Large, beautiful purple flowers late summer to fall, butterfly larval plant, suckers so watch where planted
<i>Passiflora lutea</i> Yellow Passion Flower	Up to 15' length	Medium drained	Part shade	Yes, Gulf Fritillary, Variegated Fritillary and Zebra Longwing	Small yellow flowers late spring/summer, small dark purple berries, slowly suckers

<i>Symphoricarpos carolinianus</i> Climbing Aster	1' – 12' high 2' – 4'; wide	Well drained to wet	Sun to shade		More a sprawly shrub, lavender flowers in fall, attractive to birds and butterflies
<i>Wisteria frutescens</i> American Wisteria	10' – 20' high 6' – 12' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Silver-Spotted and Long-Tailed Skippers	Fragrant, lavender flowers in spring

GROUND COVERS AND PERENNIALS

Scientific Name Common Name	Mature Height/Width	Moisture Requirements	Light Requirements	Butterfly Host Plant?	Comments
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> Wild Red Columbine	1' – 2' high 1' – 2' wide	Alkaline, well to medium drained	Part shade to shade		Beautiful orange/yellow flowers in spring, semi evergreen, flowers attract hummingbirds and other pollinators
<i>Asclepias</i> spp. Butterfly Weed, Milkweed	2' – 5' high 1' – 4' wide	Well drained to wet	Sun to shade	Yes, Monarch and Queen	Flowers vary by species, attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies, may go dormant in winter
<i>Balduina angustifolia</i> Coastalplain Honeycomb Head	2' – 4' high .5' wide	Well drained	Sun		Yellow daisy-like flowers bloom in spring, attractive to pollinators
<i>Baptisia alba</i> White Wild Indigo	2' – 4' high 2' – 2.5' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Zarucco and Wild Indigo Duskywing	Dies to ground in winter. Showy white flowers in spring, tolerates drought once established, attractive to butterflies
<i>Bidens alba</i> Beggar's Tick, Spanish needle	1' – 3' high 1' – 3' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun	Yes, Dainty Sulphur butterfly	White flowers in summer beloved by butterflies and other pollinators, seeds easily attach onto clothing and animals to spread prolifically
<i>Calamintha georgiana</i> Georgia calamint	1' – 2' high 1' – 2' wide	Well drained	Sun		Attractive fragrant, lavender flowers in fall, deciduous, attractive to pollinators, while drought tolerant, water well until established
<i>Canna flaccida</i> Canna Lily	2' – 4' high 1' – 3' wide	Wet	Sun to part shade		Attractive to butterflies, yellow flowers in summer, excellent for areas with standing water

<i>Carphephorus odoratissimus</i> Vanillaleaf, Deer's Tongue	1' basal rosette flowering to 4' or more height	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade		Attractive spikes topped with purple flowers in fall, attractive to pollinators, wilted leaves smell like vanilla when crushed
<i>Chrysopsis</i> spp. Goldenaster	1' - 2' high 1' - 2' wide	Well drained	Sun		Numerous yellow flowers in fall attractive to pollinators, birds/other wildlife eat seeds
<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i> , Mistflower	1' - 2' high 1' - 2' wide	Medium to well drained	Sun to part shade		Somewhat weedy looking until the beautiful lavender/blue flowers appear in fall. Pollinators love the flowers, self seeds, dies back in winter
<i>Coreopsis</i> spp. Coreopsis, Tickseed	1' - 4' tall 1' - 3' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade		Bright yellow/orange flowers in summer, short lived perennial or annual
<i>Dyschoriste oblongifolia</i> Twin Flower	.5' - 1' high Width varies	Well drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Common Buckeye	Lavender flowers, spreads to make excellent ground cover, flowers attract pollinators
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> Purple Coneflower	1' - 3' high 2' - 3' wide	Well to part drained	Part shade to shade		Purples flowers in spring/summer, attractive to birds and butterflies, <i>Echinacea pallida</i> , pale coneflower also excellent perennial for butterflies
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i> Rattlesnakemaster	3' - 5' high 1' wide	Med drained	Sun to part shade		Bluish, greenish, whitish flowers in late summer/fall, interesting yucca-like foliage, attractive to pollinators, dies back in winter
<i>Erythrina herbacea</i> Coral Bean	3' - 4' high	Well drained	Sun to part shade		Beautiful red flowers in spring, attractive to hummingbirds, branches have thorns
<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> Blanket Flower	1' - 2' high 2' - 3' wide	Well drained	Sun		Attractive flowers, Attractive to butterflies, high salt tolerance
<i>Hamelia patens</i> Firebush	Up to 10' high Up to 10' wide	Well drained	Sun to Part Shade	Yes, Pluto sphinx	Dies back to ground in cold winters so usually will grow only a few ft. tall, attractive to butterflies/hummingbirds
<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i> Swamp Sunflower, Narrowleaf Sunflower	1' - 4' high 2' - 4' wide	Well drained	Sun		Bright yellow flowers in fall, attractive to birds and butterflies, high salt tolerance
<i>Helianthus debilis</i> Beach Sunflower	1' - 4' high 2' - 4' wide	Well drained	Sun		Yellow flowers, makes excellent groundcover for beach areas, attractive to birds and butterflies , high salt tolerance

<i>Hibiscus coccineus</i> Scarlet Hibiscus	7' high	Med drained to wet	Sun to part shade		Beautiful large red flowers in summer attractive to butterflies, dies back to ground in winter
<i>Hypericum</i> spp. St. John's Wort, St. Andrew's Cross	Varied Height Varied Width	Varied	Sun to part shade		All have attractive yellow flowers, several native species, <i>Hypericum reductum</i> grows to height of 1 ft and prefers dry conditions, most others grow taller and prefer moist soils
<i>Liatris</i> spp. Blazing Star, Gayfeather	Basal clump extends up to 5' height when flowering	Well drained	Sun		~15 species native to Florida, attractive white to purple flower spikes in late summer/fall, attractive to pollinators, goes dormant in winter
<i>Licania michauxii</i> Golpher Apple	.5' - 1.5' high Varied width	Well drained	Sun to part shade		Fruits attractive to wildlife, high salt tolerance, makes excellent evergreen ground cover
<i>Mimosa strigillosa</i> Powderpuff, Sunshine Mimosa	.5' - .75' high Varied width	Well drained	Sun		Attractive pink flowers, attractive to butterflies, excellent for ground cover
<i>Monarda punctata</i> Dotted horsemint	2' high	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade		Unique lavender flowers attractive to bees, high salt tolerance, somewhat leggy
<i>Penstemon australis</i> , <i>P. laevigatus</i> , <i>P. multiflorus</i> Beardtongue	2' - 3' high 1' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade		Showy white to pink flowers, attractive to pollinators
<i>Phyla nodiflora</i> Frogfruit, fogfruit, turkey tangle	Low growing, spreading	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Phaon Crescent, White Peacock and Common Buckeye	Whitish/purplish flowers over a long period of time, evergreen, can use as turf substitute for low traffic areas, attractive to pollinators
<i>Rhexia</i> spp. Meadow-Beauty	1' - 2' high .5' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade		Several species, attractive whitish to pink flowers in summer, attractive to pollinators, dies back in winter
<i>Rudbeckia</i> spp.	1' - 3' high 1' - 3' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade		Attractive yellow flowers in summer, attractive to birds and butterflies

<i>Ruellia caroliniensis</i> Wild Petunia	1' – 2' high	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Common Buckeye	Lavender flowers from spring to fall
<i>Salvia coccinea</i> Scarlet Sage	1' – 2.5' high	Well to medium drained	Sun		Attractive red flowers, attractive to butterflies and birds, some pink and white flowered cultivars available
<i>Salvia lyrata</i> Lyre Leaf Sage	2' high	Well to medium drained	Sun		Attractive purple flowers, attractive to butterflies and birds, self-seeds readily so watch where planted
<i>Silphium asteriscus</i> Starry Rosinweed	2' – 5' high 1' – 2' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade		Attractive long-lasting yellow daisy-like flowers, flowers attractive to pollinators, seeds attractive to birds, dies back in winter (Note <i>Silphium compositum</i> , Kidneyleaf Rosinweed similar with flower stalks up to 8' high)
<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i> Blue-eyed Grass	.5' – 1.5' high .5' – 1.5' wide	Medium drained	Sun to part shade		Blue flowers in spring, excellent in front of a perennial garden
<i>Solidago</i> spp. Goldenrod	2' – 6' high .5' – 2' wide	Well drained to wet	Sun to part shade		Yellow flowers summer to fall attractive to pollinators, does not cause hay fever, high salt tolerance
<i>Stokesia laevis</i> Stokes' Aster	1' – 2' high 1' – 2' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade		Large bluish flowers in summer, some cultivars available with varied flower colors
<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i> Ohio Spiderwort	1' high 1.5' wide	Well drained	Sun to part shade		Purple flowers in spring and summer, will self-seed readily, so watch where planted
<i>Vernonia</i> spp. Ironweed	Varies by species 2' - 10'	Medium to well drained	Sun to part shade	Yes, Painted Lady	Attractive purple flowers attract pollinators, dies back in winter

GRASSES

Scientific Name Common Name	Mature Height/Width	Moisture Requirements	Light Requirements	Butterfly Host Plant?	Comments
<i>Andropogon</i> spp. Bluestem, Broomsedge	3' – 10- high 3' – 7' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun	Yes, Swarthy, Delaware and other Skippers	Clump forming, bushy, whitish/pink fall flowers, high salt tolerance

<i>Aristida stricta</i> var. <i>beyrichiana</i> Wiregrass	2' – 4' high 2' – 3' wide	Well drained to wet	Sun to part shade		Clump forming, tan flowers
<i>Chasmanthium</i> <i>latifolium</i> River Oats	2' – 5' high 2' – 4' wide	Medium drained	Sun to part shade		Clump forming, attractive tan flowers late summer to fall, attractive to butterflies
<i>Eragrostis eliottii</i> Elliott's Lovegrass	1' – 3' high 1' – 3' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade		Clump forming, delicate tan flowers
<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i> Purple Lovegrass	1' – 3' high 1' – 3' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade		Clump forming, delicate reddish/purple flowers
<i>Muhlenbergia</i> <i>capillaris</i> Muhly Grass	2' – 5' high 2' – 3' wide	Well drained to wet	Sun		Clump forming, showy pinkish flowers in fall, high salt tolerance
<i>Schizachyrium</i> <i>scoparium</i> , Little Bluestem	2' – 4' high 1.5' – 2' wide	Well drained	sun	Yes, host to several Skippers	Leaves have attractive bluish cast, purple/bronze flowers in late summer turning into white seed tufts, foliage turns burgundy/bronze in fall, may want to cut back in spring
<i>Tripsacum</i> <i>dactyloides</i> Gamma Grass, Fakahatchee Grass	4' – 6' high 4' – 6' wide	Well to medium drained	Sun to part shade		Forms a large clump, reddish to cream flowers, excellent for stabilizing steep slopes
<i>Tripsacum floridana</i> Florida Gamma Grass, Dwarf Fakahatchee Grass	2' – 4' high 4' – 6' wide	Well drained to wet	Sun to shade		Yellowish flowers, excellent for stabilizing steep slopes

Note: While we do not have a separate table for Annuals, consideration should be given to including the annual Partridge Pea in any Panhandle pollinator garden due to it having flowers attractive to many pollinators as well as being a host plant to several of our butterflies including the Gray Hairstreak, Ceraunus Blue, Cloudless Sulphur and Little Yellow.

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