THE ISLES

APPROVED PLANT BOOKLET

One plant per page • Photos and plant details

One approved plant entry per page, with its photograph and details together.

The approved names and categories follow the supplied Isles list used in the previous booklet. Nursery spellings and botanical examples help with identification.

Sizes are approximate mature landscape dimensions, rather than required planting sizes. Cultivar, climate and pruning affect actual growth.

Water guidance describes established plants. New plants need consistent watering until their roots establish. Check soil moisture and site drainage.

Photographs are representative examples, and may show one cultivar or growth stage. For entries covering several varieties, confirm the exact nursery selection.

Horticultural information is a reference, rather than an additional HOA rule. Source links appear on each plant page.

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Foxtail Palm



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Wodyetia bifurcata

Mature size: About 30 ft tall; crown about 10–15 ft wide

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; water during dry spells; drain well

Landscape use: Specimen palm or grouped vertical accent

Plant notes: Feathery fronds create the distinctive foxtail crown. Allow room for mature fronds.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Roebelline Palm



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Phoenix roebelenii

Mature size: About 6–12 ft tall × 6–8 ft wide

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Small palm accent or patio planting

Plant notes: Also called pygmy date palm. Leaf bases have sharp spines; keep away from narrow walkways.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Adonidia Palm



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Adonidia merrillii

Mature size: About 20–25 ft tall; crown about 6–10 ft wide

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Small landscape palm; single or grouped specimens

Plant notes: Also called Christmas palm. Red fruit clusters are ornamental; plants are cold sensitive.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Coconut Palm



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Cocos nucifera

Mature size: About 50–60 ft tall × 15–25 ft wide; dwarf forms differ

Sunlight: Full sun

Water & soil: Moderate; water well while establishing

Landscape use: Large tropical specimen in an open area

Plant notes: Allow space for the canopy; manage falling coconuts near occupied areas. Cultivar affects height.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Alexander Palm



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Species confirmation needed

Mature size: Size depends on species sold under this common name

Sunlight: Sun to partial shade, depending on species

Water & soil: Regular moisture during establishment; confirm species needs

Landscape use: Tall vertical palm accent

Plant notes: “Alexander” can refer to Archontophoenix alexandrae or Ptychosperma elegans. Confirm identity; approximate heights are 40 ft and 20–25 ft, respectively.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

European Fan Palm



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Chamaerops humilis

Mature size: About 8–15 ft tall × 6–10 ft wide

Sunlight: Full sun to light shade

Water & soil: Low once established; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Sculptural accent, clump or container

Plant notes: Slow-growing fan palm with multiple trunks. Spiny leaf stalks need clearance from paths.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Sylvester Palm



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Phoenix sylvestris

Mature size: About 40 ft tall; crown about 20 ft wide

Sunlight: Full sun

Water & soil: Low to moderate once established; good drainage

Landscape use: Large specimen palm

Plant notes: Also called wild or silver date palm. Sharp leaf-base spines and a broad crown require space.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Cat Palm



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Chamaedorea cataractarum

Mature size: About 3–6 ft tall; spreading clump

Sunlight: Partial shade; protect from harsh afternoon sun

Water & soil: Regular moisture; avoid letting soil dry severely

Landscape use: Low tropical screen or shaded accent

Plant notes: A trunkless clustering palm. Its soft, arching fronds suit sheltered planting beds.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Rhapis Palm



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Rhapis excelsa

Mature size: About 7–8 ft tall; clumps can spread 8 ft or more

Sunlight: Shade to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Shaded screen, courtyard or container

Plant notes: Fan-shaped leaves on slender canes. Remove unwanted suckers to control spread.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Croton Standard



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Codiaeum variegatum, trained standard

Mature size: Varies by cultivar and training; shrub forms can reach 10 ft

Sunlight: Sun to partial shade; cultivar dependent

Water & soil: Moderate; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Small tree-form foliage accent

Plant notes: Color comes from the foliage. “Standard” describes a trained trunk and crown, not a separate species.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Hibiscus Standard



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Hibiscus rosa-sinensis, trained standard

Mature size: Varies by cultivar and training; allow room for the crown

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; evenly moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Flowering tree-form accent

Plant notes: Flowers occur in many colors. Light pruning maintains the crown; heavy trimming can reduce flowering.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Jatropha Standard



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Jatropha integerrima, common landscape example

Mature size: About 10–15 ft tall; training affects crown width

Sunlight: Full sun for best flowering; tolerates partial shade

Water & soil: Low to moderate once established; good drainage

Landscape use: Small flowering tree accent

Plant notes: Clusters of red flowers attract butterflies. Standard form requires maintenance of a clear trunk.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Little Gem Magnolia Tree



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem'

Mature size: About 20–25 ft tall × 10–15 ft wide

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Evergreen specimen or vertical screen

Plant notes: Large fragrant white flowers and glossy leaves with brown undersides. Allow for year-round leaf litter.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Gardenia Standard



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Gardenia jasminoides, trained standard

Mature size: Size varies by cultivar, rootstock and training

Sunlight: Sun to partial shade; morning sun is useful

Water & soil: Regular moisture; acidic, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Fragrant tree-form accent near a patio

Plant notes: White fragrant flowers. Alkaline soil or saline irrigation can cause poor performance; confirm the cultivar.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Orange Geiger Tree



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Cordia sebestena

Mature size: About 20–30 ft tall × 15–25 ft wide

Sunlight: Full sun

Water & soil: Low once established; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Flowering specimen tree

Plant notes: Bright orange flower clusters. A warm-climate tree with coarse leaves; allow room for its canopy.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Silver Buttonwood



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Conocarpus erectus var. sericeus

Mature size: About 15–20 ft or more; width depends on training

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low once established; adaptable with drainage

Landscape use: Silver foliage specimen, hedge or screen

Plant notes: Florida native with silvery leaves. Pruning can maintain a shrub form; untrimmed plants become trees.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Green Buttonwood



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Conocarpus erectus

Mature size: Can become a 20–40 ft tree; pruning controls hedge size

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low once established; adaptable soil conditions

Landscape use: Native screen, hedge or shade specimen

Plant notes: Glossy green foliage. Mature size can exceed a typical foundation bed; plan for roots and crown.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Hibiscus Bush (Variety of Colors)



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Hibiscus rosa-sinensis

Mature size: Commonly 4–10 ft tall; width varies by cultivar

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Flowering hedge, mixed border or accent

Plant notes: Flowers come in many colors and forms. Prune selectively rather than shearing frequently to retain blooms.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Ixora (Dwarf and Nora Grant)



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Ixora cultivars

Mature size: Dwarf forms about 2–3 ft; Nora Grant about 4–6 ft or more

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; acidic, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Flowering hedge or colorful border

Plant notes: Dense flower clusters. High-pH soils can cause yellow leaves; match the exact cultivar to available space.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Firebush



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Hamelia patens

Mature size: About 5–15 ft tall in South Florida; cultivar and pruning vary

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low to moderate once established; good drainage

Landscape use: Flowering screen or butterfly garden

Plant notes: Orange-red tubular flowers attract wildlife. Native and nonnative dwarf selections differ; confirm identity.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Plumbago (Blue or White)



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Plumbago auriculata

Mature size: About 3–6 ft tall × 6–10 ft wide if untrimmed

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low to moderate once established; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Loose flowering hedge or mass planting

Plant notes: Blue or white flowers. Its sprawling habit needs room; selective pruning preserves the natural shape.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Jasmine (Multiple Varieties)



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Jasmine species and shrub cultivars

Mature size: Varies widely; confirm mature size of the chosen variety

Sunlight: Generally sun to partial shade; species dependent

Water & soil: Moderate; well-drained soil; confirm cultivar needs

Landscape use: Flowering shrub or informal hedge

Plant notes: The approved list allows multiple varieties but prohibits vines. Choose and confirm a shrub-form jasmine.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Allamanda (Dwarf not Vine)



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Allamanda cathartica dwarf cultivar

Mature size: About 2 ft tall; spread varies by cultivar

Sunlight: Full sun

Water & soil: Moderate; good drainage; avoid wet sites

Landscape use: Low flowering border or sunny accent

Plant notes: Yellow trumpet flowers during warm weather. Use the dwarf shrub form specified by the list, rather than a vine.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Gardenia Bush



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Gardenia jasminoides

Mature size: Commonly 2–8 ft tall; cultivar determines width and size

Sunlight: Sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Regular moisture; acidic, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Fragrant shrub, hedge or entry accent

Plant notes: White fragrant blooms. Dwarf and larger cultivars differ greatly; check the nursery label before planting.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Crossandra



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Crossandra infundibuliformis

Mature size: About 1–3 ft tall; compact cultivar sizes vary

Sunlight: Morning sun with afternoon shade; filtered light

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Low flowering border or container

Plant notes: Orange, peach or yellow flowers, depending on cultivar. Protect from cold and severe drying.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Begonia Odorata



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Begonia odorata

Mature size: Varies by selection; confirm nursery mature height and spread

Sunlight: Bright filtered light or partial shade; acclimation matters

Water & soil: Moderate; moist but well-drained soil

Landscape use: Flowering bed, border or container

Plant notes: Typically grown for pale or white flowers. Confirm the exact selection rather than using care for all begonias.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Bush Daisy



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Euryops spp., common bush-daisy examples

Mature size: About 2–4 ft tall and wide; cultivar dependent

Sunlight: Full sun

Water & soil: Low to moderate once established; good drainage

Landscape use: Sunny flowering border or accent

Plant notes: Yellow daisy flowers. Several plants share “bush daisy”; confirm the species and mature size at purchase.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Blue Daze



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Evolvulus glomeratus

Mature size: About 6–12 in tall × 1–3 ft wide

Sunlight: Full sun for best flowering

Water & soil: Low to moderate; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Low blue-flowering groundcover or bed edge

Plant notes: Small blue flowers and soft gray-green leaves. Flowers generally close late in the day.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Mexican Heather



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Cuphea hyssopifolia

Mature size: About 1–2 ft tall × 2–3 ft wide

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Low border, mass planting or container

Plant notes: Fine-textured foliage with small purple, pink or white flowers. Light trimming keeps plants compact.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Foxtail Fern



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Asparagus densiflorus 'Myersii'

Mature size: About 1–2 ft tall × 3–4 ft wide

Sunlight: Partial shade; protect from intense direct sun

Water & soil: Low to moderate; good drainage

Landscape use: Texture accent, border or container

Plant notes: Upright plume-like stems. It is an asparagus relative, despite the common name “fern.”

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Flax Lilly



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Dianella tasmanica, common landscape example

Mature size: About 1–3 ft tall and wide

Sunlight: Sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low to moderate once established; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Grass-like border or mass planting

Plant notes: Green or variegated strap-shaped leaves with small flowers. Afternoon shade may improve foliage appearance.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Mondo Grass



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Ophiopogon japonicus

Mature size: Common forms about 6–12 in tall; dwarf forms shorter

Sunlight: Partial to full shade

Water & soil: Moderate; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Shaded edging or grass-like groundcover

Plant notes: Dark green, fine-textured leaves. Confirm standard versus dwarf type when selecting the planting pattern.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Loripe (Green and Varigated)



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Liriope muscari, common landscape example

Mature size: About 1–1½ ft tall; clumps about 1–2 ft wide

Sunlight: Sun to shade; partial shade often suitable

Water & soil: Low to moderate once established; good drainage

Landscape use: Border or mass-planted groundcover

Plant notes: Green or variegated strap leaves with violet flower spikes. Nursery spelling is usually “liriope.”

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Crotons (Many Varieties)



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Codiaeum variegatum

Mature size: Up to about 10 ft tall; dwarf and larger cultivars vary

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade; cultivar dependent

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Colorful foliage hedge, accent or mixed border

Plant notes: Leaves may be red, yellow, orange, green or purple. Select the cultivar for both color and mature size.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Arboricola Trinette



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Heptapleurum arboricola 'Trinette' (Schefflera)

Mature size: Dwarf schefflera may reach 6–10 ft or more; often maintained smaller

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low once established; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Variegated hedge or bright foliage accent

Plant notes: Yellow-green variegated leaves. Pruning controls size; nursery labels may use Schefflera arboricola.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Green Arboricola



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Heptapleurum arboricola (Schefflera arboricola)

Mature size: About 6–10 ft or more untrimmed; often maintained as a hedge

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low once established; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Green hedge, screen or foundation shrub

Plant notes: Glossy umbrella-like leaf clusters. This dwarf shrub differs from the much larger umbrella tree.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Glod Capella Arboricola



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Heptapleurum arboricola 'Gold Capella' (Schefflera)

Mature size: Mature size varies; dwarf schefflera may reach 6–10 ft or more

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low once established; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Golden foliage accent or hedge

Plant notes: Green leaves splashed with yellow. Listed as “Glod Capella Arboricola”; confirm the nursery cultivar label.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Carissa Emerald Blanket



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Carissa macrocarpa 'Emerald Blanket'

Mature size: Low dwarf form, generally about 1–2 ft tall; confirm spread

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low once established; excellent drainage

Landscape use: Low evergreen groundcover or border

Plant notes: Dense glossy leaves and occasional white flowers. Use the named dwarf cultivar; standard Natal plum is much larger.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Illex Shilling



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Ilex vomitoria 'Schilling’s Dwarf'

Mature size: About 3–4 ft tall × 4–6 ft wide, depending on pruning

Sunlight: Sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low once established; adaptable, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Rounded low hedge or foundation planting

Plant notes: Small evergreen leaves; compact male cultivar generally lacks berries. Nursery spelling is Schilling’s dwarf holly.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Indian Hawthorn



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Rhaphiolepis spp.

Mature size: Often 3–6 ft tall and wide; cultivar dependent

Sunlight: Full sun; tolerates partial shade

Water & soil: Low once established; water at soil level

Landscape use: Rounded hedge or flowering foundation shrub

Plant notes: White or pink spring flowers. Avoid crowding and overhead watering to reduce leaf-spot problems.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Japanese Boxwood



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Buxus microphylla var. japonica

Mature size: Size depends on cultivar and pruning; confirm nursery mature dimensions

Sunlight: Sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Formal hedge, edging or clipped shapes

Plant notes: Small evergreen leaves. Provide air circulation and avoid repeatedly wetting foliage.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Cocoplum



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Chrysobalanus icaco

Mature size: Common hedge forms about 5–15 ft; horizontal forms stay lower

Sunlight: Full sun to light shade

Water & soil: Low once established; adaptable soil

Landscape use: Native hedge, screen or mass planting

Plant notes: Cultivar changes growth habit and salt tolerance. Red-tip and horizontal forms should not be treated as identical.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Podocarpus (Maki or Pringle)



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Podocarpus macrophyllus cultivars

Mature size: Pringles about 3–5 ft tall; Maki is taller and upright

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low to moderate once established; good drainage

Landscape use: Evergreen hedge, screen or compact accent

Plant notes: Narrow dark green leaves. Choose Pringles for lower beds; confirm Maki’s mature dimensions with the nursery.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Viburnam Odoratissimum



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Viburnum odoratissimum

Mature size: About 15–20 ft tall and wide if untrimmed

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Tall evergreen hedge or screen

Plant notes: Fast growth and fragrant white flowers. Regular pruning maintains hedge height; allow adequate bed width.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Viburnam Suspensum



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Viburnum suspensum

Mature size: About 6–12 ft tall and wide if untrimmed

Sunlight: Sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Dense evergreen hedge or foundation screen

Plant notes: Also called sandankwa viburnum. Small white flowers; use selective pruning to maintain the desired size.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Loropetaium



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Loropetalum chinense cultivars

Mature size: Dwarf to about 15 ft; exact cultivar is essential

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; acidic, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Color accent, hedge or mixed shrub border

Plant notes: Ribbon-like pink or white flowers. Purple-leaved cultivars vary greatly in height and width.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Cordyline (Multiple Varieties)



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Cordyline species and cultivars

Mature size: Ti-type forms about 3–10 ft tall; other species vary

Sunlight: Sun to shade depending on cultivar

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Vertical foliage color or tropical accent

Plant notes: Leaf colors include burgundy, pink and green. Confirm species; some prefer protection from harsh afternoon sun.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Orange Bird of Paradise



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Strelitzia reginae

Mature size: About 3–5 ft tall; spreading clump

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Flowering tropical accent or grouped planting

Plant notes: Orange-and-blue birdlike flowers. This is smaller than white bird-of-paradise; retain the orange species.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Fountain Grass (Red or White)



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Fountain-grass species and cultivars

Mature size: Common forms about 3–6 ft tall; cultivar and plumes affect size

Sunlight: Full sun

Water & soil: Low to moderate once established; good drainage

Landscape use: Arching ornamental accent or mass planting

Plant notes: Red-leaved and white-plumed forms differ. Confirm species and cultivar; some fountain grasses can seed aggressively.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Xandu



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Thaumatophyllum xanadu (formerly Philodendron)

Mature size: About 2–4 ft tall; spreading mound

Sunlight: Partial sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Tropical foliage border or shaded mass planting

Plant notes: Deeply divided glossy leaves. “Xandu” on the list is commonly sold as “Xanadu.”

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Bromeliad (Multiple Varieties)



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Bromeliad genera and cultivars

Mature size: Highly variable; confirm rosette height and spread

Sunlight: Shade to full sun depending on species

Water & soil: Species dependent; excellent drainage is important

Landscape use: Tropical color accents, groups or containers

Plant notes: Match the cultivar to available light. Remove spent mother rosettes after pups develop; keep water-holding cups clean.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Copperleaf (Multiple Varieties)



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Acalypha wilkesiana

Mature size: About 8–12 ft tall; dwarf varieties stay smaller

Sunlight: Full sun for strong color; tolerates partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Colorful hedge, screen or foliage accent

Plant notes: Leaves may be copper, red, pink or green. Light selective pruning keeps plants full.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Crinum Lilly



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Crinum species and cultivars

Mature size: Often 2–5 ft tall and wide; large forms may exceed this

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low to moderate once established; species dependent

Landscape use: Bold bulbous accent or grouped perennial planting

Plant notes: Strap-shaped leaves and lily-like flowers. Size and flower color vary; check the species before placing near paths.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Varigated Ginger



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Alpinia zerumbet 'Variegata'

Mature size: About 3–6 ft tall; clumps expand with time

Sunlight: Partial shade to partial sun

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Tropical foliage accent or informal screen

Plant notes: Broad green-and-yellow striped leaves. Remove old stems at the base rather than shearing across the foliage.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Queen or Macho Fern



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Nephrolepis obliterata / Nephrolepis biserrata types

Mature size: Queen forms smaller; Macho may reach 3–4 ft with a broad spread

Sunlight: Partial shade to shade

Water & soil: Regular moisture; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Shaded mass planting or large container

Plant notes: Queen and Macho are distinct types. Confirm cultivar; Macho needs more room for long arching fronds.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Awabuki Viburnam



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Viburnum odoratissimum var. awabuki

Mature size: About 15–20 ft tall; crown often 15 ft or more untrimmed

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Tall glossy evergreen hedge or screen

Plant notes: Large shiny leaves and fragrant white flowers. A substantial shrub; provide enough width for a healthy hedge.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Saw Palmetto (Green or Silver)



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Serenoa repens

Mature size: Commonly 3–8 ft tall; spreading clumps can become wide

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low once established; drought tolerant

Landscape use: Native mass planting or coastal accent

Plant notes: Green and silver foliage forms. Sharp leaf stalks and spreading growth need clearance from walks.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Frangipani



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Plumeria spp., commonly P. rubra

Mature size: About 20–25 ft tall and wide; cultivars vary

Sunlight: Full sun

Water & soil: Low once established; excellent drainage; less water when dormant

Landscape use: Flowering specimen or courtyard tree

Plant notes: Fragrant tropical flowers in many colors. Often drops leaves seasonally; branching stems are brittle.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Yesterday Today and Tomorrow



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Brunfelsia spp.

Mature size: Common shrub forms around 3–8 ft; species vary

Sunlight: Partial shade; some sites allow more sun

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Fragrant flowering accent or mixed border

Plant notes: Flowers shift from purple to lavender to white. Exact species affects mature size; plant parts are toxic if eaten.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Crape Myrtle



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Lagerstroemia indica and hybrids

Mature size: Dwarf shrubs to trees over 25 ft; cultivar determines size

Sunlight: Full sun

Water & soil: Low to moderate once established; good drainage

Landscape use: Summer-flowering specimen, accent or small tree

Plant notes: Pink, white, red or lavender flowers. Choose a cultivar that fits; avoid severe annual topping.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Bottle Brush



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Callistemon / Melaleuca bottlebrush types

Mature size: Shrub and tree forms vary; some reach about 25 ft

Sunlight: Full sun

Water & soil: Low to moderate once established; drainage requirements vary

Landscape use: Flowering specimen, screen or wildlife planting

Plant notes: Brush-like red flower spikes are typical. Confirm upright, weeping or dwarf form before planting.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Crape Jamine



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Tabernaemontana divaricata

Mature size: About 6–10 ft tall × 3–6 ft wide

Sunlight: Filtered shade; tolerates sun to shade

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: White-flowering shrub, hedge or accent

Plant notes: Pinwheel-like white flowers and glossy leaves. Common nursery spelling is “crape” or “crepe jasmine.”

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Hawaiian TI



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Cordyline fruticosa

Mature size: About 3–10 ft tall × 2–4 ft wide

Sunlight: Sun to shade; cultivar dependent

Water & soil: Moderate; moist, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Upright colorful foliage accent or tropical border

Plant notes: Also called ti plant. Color and sun tolerance vary; many cultivars benefit from afternoon shade.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Desert Cassia



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Senna polyphylla, usual desert-cassia example

Mature size: About 5–12 ft tall; spreading, small-tree habit

Sunlight: Full sun

Water & soil: Low once established; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Yellow-flowering small specimen tree

Plant notes: Fine-textured foliage and yellow flowers. Confirm Senna polyphylla rather than another plant sold as cassia.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Japanese Blueberry



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Elaeocarpus decipiens

Mature size: Can reach 30–40 ft or more; crown can span 20–35 ft

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate while establishing; irrigate as needed thereafter

Landscape use: Large evergreen screen or specimen tree

Plant notes: New foliage may be bronze. Requires space; alkaline soil can cause persistent leaf yellowing.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Powder Puff



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Calliandra spp., common shrub/tree forms

Mature size: Commonly 10–15 ft; dwarf selections are smaller

Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade

Water & soil: Low to moderate once established; well-drained soil

Landscape use: Flowering accent or informal screen

Plant notes: Pink or red powderpuff flowers, depending on species. Confirm tree-form Calliandra rather than low-growing mimosa.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source

Tibouchina



Representative photograph • Appearance and cultivar may vary

Botanical reference: Tibouchina / Pleroma species

Mature size: Species vary: shrub/tree forms often 10–20 ft; dwarfs much lower

Sunlight: Full sun for flowering; some tolerate partial shade

Water & soil: Moderate; acidic, well-drained soil

Landscape use: Purple-flowering specimen or accent

Plant notes: Confirm exact species and mature size. Species differ in growth and UF/IFAS invasive status; select accordingly.

Plant reference (UF/IFAS) Photograph source