

Table 1. Florida Native Landscape Plants for the Treasure Coast: Foundation

Scientific name	Common name	Growth rate	Height/width	Description/comments	
<i>Borrichia frutescens</i>	Sea ox-eye daisy	Moderate to fast	2-4 ft tall 2-3 ft wide	Pubescent gray-green foliage; large yellow daisy-like flowers attract butterflies; salt-tolerant plants spread by rhizomes and can be hedged.	
<i>Chrysobalanus icaco</i>	Cocoplum	Moderate	5-15 ft tall 3 to 10 ft wide	Shiny, green dense foliage can be hedged; salt- and drought-tolerant; provides wildlife cover; varying colors of purple to white fruit are edible.	
<i>Eugenia foetida</i>	Spanish stopper	Slow to medium	15-20 ft tall 8-15 ft wide	Large shrub or small tree; can be pruned and may have a rounded appearance; small oval leaves and small red fruits are desirable to wildlife.	
<i>Hymenocallis latifolia</i>	Spider lily	Moderate after well established	2-3 ft tall 2-3 ft wide	Dark green, clumping, maintenance-free perennial with strap-like leaves producing large showy white flowers; salt-tolerant plant self maintains its height; also used as a ground cover and for borders.	
<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> 'Schilling's or 'Schillings Dwarf'	Schilling's dwarf holly	Slow	3-4 ft tall 3-4 ft wide	Very compact, dense with small leaves; drought-tolerant; dwarf forms are male and do not produce fruit.	
<i>Lantana involucrata</i>	Wild lantana, wild sage	Moderate	3-5 ft tall; 1-3 ft wide	Coarse, spoon-shaped leaves; dainty, white to light pink lace-like flower clusters are attractive to butterflies; dark pink to blue fruit are edible by wildlife.	
<i>Myrcianthes fragrans</i>	Simpson's stopper	Slow	5-20 ft tall 3-5 ft wide	Densely branched leaves are variable in shape and color; some plants have reddish new growth; dainty, fragrant white flowers followed by wildlife-edible orange-red berries; distinctive reddish flaking bark on mature plants; salt-tolerant plants can be hedged and shaped.	

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<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	Southern wax myrtle	Moderate	4-15 ft tall 3-5 ft wide	Short lived, salt tolerant; densely branched, multi-trunked and sometimes sucking shrub or small tree; soft, serrated, narrow leaves; female plants produce waxy berries on stems that are eaten by birds; prefers moist conditions but adaptable to dryer conditions; tolerates some pruning.	
<i>Psychotria nervosa</i>	Wild coffee	Moderate to fast	5-15 ft tall 3-5 ft wide	Multi-stemmed bush with shiny, dark green, puckering leaves; clusters of tiny white flowers that attract bees and butterflies are followed by red to maroon fruit eaten by birds; can be hedged to desired height.	
<i>Randia aculeata</i>	White indigo berry	Slow	3-6 ft tall 3-4 ft wide	Densely foliated, rounded to oval, leathery leaves; stiff branches, small white flowers and white berries with blue pulp; some ecotypes bear spines; indestructible and drought tolerant once established.	
<i>Myrsine cubana</i>	Myrsine	Slow	5-10 ft tall 3-4 ft wide	Versatile to dry or moist conditions and sun or shade; salt tolerant; dark green shiny leaves have lighter mid-vein; small, greenish white inconspicuous flowers; female plants produce small dark brown or black fruits that attract birds; plants can be pruned.	
<i>Senna mexicana</i> var. <i>chapmanii</i>	Chapman's senna	Fast	3-6 ft tall 2-4 ft wide	Short lived, drought- and salt-tolerant woody perennial; loosely branching evergreen is host for sulphur butterfly caterpillars; prominent clusters of large yellow flowers borne on the leaf axils give rise to flat brown capsules containing seeds that are easily propagated.	
<i>Yucca filamentosa</i>	Adam's needle	Slow	2-3ft tall 2-3ft wide Flower panicle can reach up to 12 feet but usually under 7 feet	The leafy basal rosette of leathery grass-like leaves of this stout perennial make a great foundation plant; annual, showy panicles of white flowers that can soar to 12 feet should be considered; adds a southwestern desert-like look to the garden; salt- and drought-tolerant.	
<i>Zamia pumila</i>	Coontie	Slow	2-3 feet tall 2-4 feet wide	Dark green, stiff, fern-like leaves; this cycad resembles a trunk-less palm; salt- and drought-tolerant; when used as a foundation planting will not need hedging.	