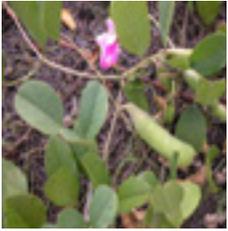
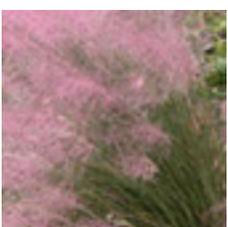


Table 5. Florida Native Landscape Plants for the Treasure Coast: Vines and Groundcovers.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Growth Rate	Height/ width	Description/Comments	
<i>Canavalia rosea</i>	Beach bean, bay bean	Fast	Low climbing vine and/or ground cover	Large trifoliolate leaves with pink, pea-like flowers; produce large seed pods, can be used as ground cover and will climb structures; wind, drought, heat and salt tolerant.	
<i>Dyschoriste oblongifolia</i>	Twin flower	Slow	Ground cover 6 to 12 inches tall	Delicate small plants with pale lavender flowers spreading by underground rhizomes; semi-dormant in winter.	
<i>Eragrostis elliottii</i>	Elliott's love grass	Fast	Ground cover 1-2 feet tall 1-2 feet wide	A bunch grass with fine bluish or silvery green leaves and delicate masses of flower spikes that can be produced at any time of year but with the most abundance in the autumn.	
<i>Ernodea littoralis</i>	Golden creeper	Moderate	Ground cover 1-2 feet tall, spreading from 2 to 6 feet wide	Glossy green, fleshy leaves becoming tinged with yellow as leaves age; small tubular white to pinkish flowers; salt, drought and heat tolerant; good for erosion control	
<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	Carolina yellow jessamine	Moderate	High climbing and/or ground cover	Twining vine with shiny leaves and bright yellow flowers that attract hummingbirds and butterflies; blooms late winter/early spring.	
<i>Helianthus debilis</i>	Beach sunflower, dune sunflower	Fast	Ground cover 1-2 feet tall spreading up to 6 feet wide	Drought- and salt-tolerant perennial with triangular leaves and 2-inch yellow ray flowers with brown disks that attract insects.	
<i>Hymenocallis latifolia</i>	Spider lily	Fast	Ground cover 2-3 ft tall 2-3 ft wide	Clumping, herbaceous, low- maintenance perennial forming dark green linear leaves from a central bulb base; large white flowers with golden anthers are elevated above the foliage.	

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<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i>	Railroad vine	Fast	Ground cover 6-8 inches tall	Salt- and drought-tolerant, non-climbing perennial with large leaves and showy purple flowers; good for stabilization of dry, sandy areas.	
<i>Licania michauxii</i>	Gopher apple	Slow	Ground cover 1-2 ft tall	Salt- and drought-tolerant woody ground cover forming dense populations from underground stems; not tolerant of moisture; does best in full sun; 1-2 inch white to brown fruit is attractive to wildlife, hence the common name "gopher apple"	
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Coral honeysuckle	Slow to establish but grows quickly thereafter	Vine Up to 15 feet	Woody twining vine; oval to oblong dark green leaves with silvery undersurface; trumpet-shaped, bright pink flowers with protruding yellow stamens attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies; produces small red berries attractive to wildlife.	
<i>Melanthera nivea</i>	Squarestem; nonpareil	Moderate to Fast	Ground cover 1-3 feet tall* 1-4 feet wide	Two forms of Squarestem are found in cultivation: An open, loosely coarse form that grows to about 3 feet tall and a low-growing compact form that grows to about 12-18 inches and spreads in a dense clump. Flowering most of the year, this later form makes an excellent ground cover that is tough, and attractive to insects and people.	
<i>Mimosa strigillosa</i>	Sunshine mimosa; sensitive plant	Moderate to Fast	Ground cover 6-9 inches tall	Beautiful pink flowers that are shaped like puff balls and delicate leaflets that fold when touched give this plant its common names; can be mowed and is drought tolerant once established; stems creep and root when they touch the ground.	
<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Muhly grass	Fast	Ground cover 1-4 feet tall 1-3 feet wide	Clumping grass with tightly rolled, thread-like leaves producing tall panicles of pink to purplish flowers in late summer or early fall.	
<i>Nephrolepis exaltata</i>	Boston fern	Fast	Ground cover 2-4 feet tall	Long, tapering fronds with numerous leaflets arranged pinnately possessing kidney-shaped clusters of spore cases; an excellent groundcover for shady areas; not to be confused with several species of non-native invasive sword ferns.	

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<i>Pentalinon luteum</i>	Wild allamanda	Moderate	Vine 3-12 feet	Twining, salt-tolerant vine with glossy leaves and large, showy yellow flowers; plants are deciduous or semi-deciduous in winter.	
<i>Pityopsis graminifolia</i>	Silkgrass, silver-leaved aster, golden aster	Fast	Ground cover 1-2 ft tall	Attractive silvery green grass-like foliage; yellow, daisy-like flowers bloom heaviest in spring and fall; varying habit with some forming a single clump while others spread and form several colonies from underground rhizomes.	
<i>Salvia lyrata</i>	Lyre-leaf sage	Fast	Ground cover 6-12 inches wide with 1-2 foot flower spikes	Colorful, green- and red-tinged, usually lobed leaves forming basal rosettes; blue or purple flowers borne on spikes; variable habit, may act as either annual or perennial, seeding abundantly.	
<i>Symphotrichum carolinianum</i>	Climbing aster	Fast	Vine 3-10 feet	Woody perennial with a vine-like habit but climbs without tendrils. Light pink, dainty flowers with yellow centers form abundantly at the ends of each branch; flowers attract butterflies, bees and numerous other insects.	
<i>Tripsacum floridanum</i>	Florida gamagrass	Fast	Ground cover 2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide	Clumping grass with dense, dark green leaves and insignificant flowers.	
<i>Yucca filamentosa</i>	Adam's needle	Slow	Ground cover 3 ft tall 3 ft wide Space 3-4 ft on center	Leaves have spiny apices; in summer, showy flower spikes (to 15 ft tall) emerge for several weeks; requires sandy, well drained soils.	
<i>Zamia pumila</i>	Coontie	Slow	1-3 feet tall 1-3 feet wide	Stiff, fern-like leaves that mound from a center stalk; new leaves are lime green while older leaves are a dark green creating a particularly pleasing color contrast.	