

Table 6. Florida Native Landscape Plants for the Treasure Coast: Specimen Trees

Scientific Name	Common Name	Growth Rate	Height & Canopy Spread	Description/Comments	
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red maple	moderate	To 45 ft tall 25-30 ft canopy	Large, singled trunked, deciduous tree preferring open moist areas but will tolerate shade and drought conditions.	
<i>Acoelorrhaphe wrightii</i>	Paurotis palm	slow	20-30 ft tall 15-20 ft canopy	Tall, multi-trunked palm, preferring moist conditions; makes a magnificent specimen tree as long as it's not confined to a small area.	
<i>Bursera simaruba</i>	Gumbo limbo	fast	To 60 ft tall, but usually found 25- 40 ft tall with a 25-30 ft canopy in the urban landscape	Semi-evergreen, salt-tolerant tree that is resistant to high winds and drought; exfoliating, coppery bark makes for interesting appearance and contrast in the landscape.	
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Southern magnolia	moderate	To 80 ft tall 30-40 ft canopy	Evergreen tree with large, beautiful, saucer-shaped, fragrant flowers; does not do well in highly alkaline soils and prefers occasionally wet, well-drained soils.	
<i>Persea borbonia</i>	Sweet bay	moderate	3-50 ft tall 30-50 ft canopy; somewhat shorter and wider in urban landscapes	Evergreen tree with glossy, leathery leaves that emit a spicy fragrance when crushed; inconspicuous flowers followed by dark blue, globose fruit; thrives with little care in full sun or partial shade and can tolerate a wide range of soils; allow ample area for growth.	
<i>Pinus elliotii</i> var. <i>densa</i>	Southern slash pine	fast	75-100 ft tall 35-50 ft canopy	Evergreen, heavily branched gymnosperm that can be planted in groups to provide a natural setting adapted to most soils as long as they are occasionally wet and well drained.	
<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>	Laurel oak	fast	60-70 ft tall 35-45 ft canopy	Semi-evergreen, dense-growing shade tree with an upright growth and tolerance to wet sites.	

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<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	Live oak	moderate	60-80 ft tall 80-100 ft canopy	Mostly evergreen tree growing under variable conditions in moist to dry soils in full sun or light shade; majestic horizontal branching habit with cupped leaves.	
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald cypress	moderate	30-60 feet tall 25-30 ft canopy	Deciduous gymnosperm ideal for wet locations, however will grow remarkably well on almost any soil and is also drought tolerant.	
<i>Sabal palmetto</i>	Cabbage palm	slow	40-60 ft tall 15 ft canopy	Tall, single-trunked palm which when grouped in threes or fives can provide shade and depth to a landscape.	
<i>Ulmus alata</i>	Winged elm	fast	40-50 ft tall 30-40 ft canopy	Deciduous tree found growing in wet sites as well as dry; very adaptable tree for urban planting.	