

Wilcox Nursery Salt Tolerant Native Plants

Living on the coast of Florida offers numerous advantages, from breathtaking ocean views to a mild climate. However, coastal living also comes with its fair share of challenges, particularly when it comes to weathering hurricanes and tropical storms. To enhance coastal resilience and protect your property from the wrath of Mother Nature, consider planting native salt-tolerant plants.



Wildflowers and Vines

Why Salt-tolerant Plants?

Resilience Against Saltwater Intrusion: Coastal areas are susceptible to saltwater intrusion, which can harm conventional plants. Salt-tolerant plants, as the name suggests, can withstand exposure to saltwater inundation and thrive in salty soils. This resilience is especially valuable during hurricanes when storm surges bring sea water inland.

Erosion Control: The robust root systems of salt-tolerant plants help stabilize the soil and prevent erosion. Hurricanes often bring heavy rainfall and strong winds that can strip away topsoil, but native salt-tolerant vegetation acts as a natural buffer against these forces.

Lower Maintenance: Native plants are well-suited to the local climate, reducing the need for excessive watering and fertilization once established. They are adapted to periods of drought, so they are low-maintenance choices for homeowners.

Habitat for Wildlife: Salt-tolerant plants attract native wildlife, such as birds, butterflies, and pollinators. By creating a haven for these species, you contribute to the overall health of the ecosystem.

Key			
V	Vine	I	Salt Water Inundation
Tr	Tree	Br	Brackish Water Inundation
GC	Ground Cover	S	Salt Spray
GR	Grass	Wi	Salt Wind

Plant	Type	Blooms	Height	Width	Water	Sun	Salt Tolerance
Beach Elder	W/GC	Summer	2-3 ft	4-8 ft	Avg - Very Dry	Full Sun	I, Br, S, Wi
Beach Mistflower	W/GC	Year-round	1-2 ft	1-2 ft	Avg - Very Dry	Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Goldenrod, Seaside	W	Fall	6+ ft	18"	Moist-Very Dry	Full Sun	I, Br, Wi, S
Goldenrod, Slender	W	Fall	3 ft	18"	Avg-Dry	Full Sun	I, Wi
Sea Oxeye Daisy	W	Spring-	2-3 ft	2-3 ft	Wet - Avg	Full Sun	I, Br, S, Wi
Skyblue Clustervine	V	Winter	6-12 ft	6-12 ft	Moist-Avg	Full Sun	I, Br, Wi, S

Grasses and Groundcovers

Plant	Type	Blooms	Height	Width	Water	Sun	Salt Tolerance
Beach Bean	GC	Year-round	Up to 1 ft	3 ft++	Avg - Very	Full Sun	I, Br, Wi, S
Beach Creeper	GC	Year-round	2-3 ft	2-3 ft	Dry-Very Dry	Part - Full Sun	I, Br, Wi, S
Hurricane Grass	Gr/GC	Summer-Fall	1ft	1 ft	Avg - Very	Part - Full Sun	I, Br, Wi, S
Mangrove Spiderlily	GC	Spring	1-3 ft	2-4 ft	Moist - Avg	Part - Full Sun	I
Muhly Grass	GR	Fall	3 ft	3-4 ft	Moist - Very	Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Prickly Pear	GC	Spring-Summer	1-3 ft	2-4 ft	Dry - Very	Full Sun	I
Sea Oats	GR	Spring-Fall	4-6 ft	6 ft	Avg - Very	Full Sun	I, Br, Wi, S
Sea Purslane	GC	Year-round	6"	3 ft +	Wet- Avg	Full Sun	I, Br, Wi, S
Trailing Porterweed	GC	Spring-Fall	1 ft	3-5 ft	Avg-Dry	Part - Full Sun	I, Br, Wi, S
Water Hyssop	GC	Spring-Fall	6"	3 ft+	Wet - Moist	Part - Full Sun	I, Br, S, Wi

Shrubs and Trees

Plant	Type	Blooms	Height	Width	Water	Sun	Salt Tolerance
Christmasberry	Sh	Fall-Winter	6-8 ft	3-5 ft	Dry-Very Dry	Full Sun	I, Br, Wi, S
Coontie	Sh	N/A	2-3 ft	3-5 ft	Moist - Very	Shade - Full	I, Br, Wi
Dwarf Palmetto	Sh	Spring-Summer	4-9 ft	4-8 ft	Moist - Avg	Shade - Full	I, Wi
Florida Privet	Sh	Spring	5-15 ft	5-10 ft	Avg - Dry	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Giant Leather Fern	Sh	N/A	6-12 ft	5-10 ft	Moist	Part Shade	I, Br
Green Buttonwood	Sh/Tr	Year-round	15-30 ft	1--30	Moist - Very	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Gumbo Limbo	Tr	Late winter/Early	20-30 ft	20-30	Moist - Very	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi
Jamaica Caper	Sh	Spring-Summer	6-12 ft	6-10 ft	Moist - Very	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Palmetto species	Sh	Spring-Summer	varies	varies	Avg - Dry	Shade - Full	I, Wi
Sabal Palm (Cabbage)	Tr	Spring-Summer	100 ft	10-20	Moist - Very	Shade - Full	I, Wi, Sp
Saltbush	Sh	Fall	7-15 ft	5-7 ft	Avg - Dry	Full Sun	I, Wi, Sp, Br
Saw Palmetto	Sh	Spring-Summer	3-8 ft	4-6ft	Moist - Very	Shade - Full	I, Wi, S
Sea Grape	Sh	Spring-Summer	15-30 ft	10-30	Avg - Very	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Silver Buttonwood	Sh/Tr	Year-round	20 ft	20 ft	Avg - Very	Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Southern Live Oak	Tr	Spring	40-80 ft	40-100	Moist - Very	Shade - Full	I, Wi, S
Southern Red Cedar	Sh/Tr	Spring	25-40 ft	20-30	Avg - Very	Full Sun	I, Br, Wi, S
Spanish Stopper	Sh	Summer	12-15 ft	6-8 ft	Avg - Dry	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Wax Myrtle	Sh	Winter - Summer	15- 20 ft	10-15	Moist - Dry	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Wild Lime	Sh	Year-round	5-20 ft	3-10 ft	Moist - Very	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi

Note: This list features plants generally available at Wilcox Nursery and suitable for the Tampa Bay area.