

Florida Friendly Landscaping



Introduction (what we'll cover)

- ▶ What is Florida Friendly Landscaping
- ▶ Wildflowers as a component of your landscape
- ▶ Where to begin
- ▶ The idea of Natural Communities
- ▶ Season Bloom
- ▶ Resources

What is Florida-Friendly Landscaping?

- ▶ A prescriptive landscaping solution that:
 - ▶ Conserves water
 - ▶ Reduces waste and pollution
 - ▶ Prevents erosion
 - ▶ Create wildlife habitat
- ▶ An essential component of the state's efforts to conserve and protect water
- ▶ A Florida-Friendly Landscape is a quality landscape that is designed, installed, and maintained according to the nine Florida-Friendly Landscaping principles

The nine principles of Florida Friendly Landscaping

1. Right Plant, Right Place
2. Water Efficiently
3. Fertilize Appropriately
4. Mulch
5. Attract Wildlife
6. Manage Yard Pests Responsibly
7. Recycle
8. Manage Stormwater Runoff
9. Protect The Waterfront

Right Plant, Right Place

- ▶ Natural Communities
- ▶ Site Conditions
- ▶ Function
- ▶ Aesthetics

Wildflowers

- ▶ Wildflower definition – it's any **flowering plant** growing in a natural state.
- ▶ FNAI definition - any native or naturalized plant with conspicuous, colorful flowers or flower-like bracts.
- ▶ Florida wildflower facts
 - ▶ Species
 - ▶ Endemics
 - ▶ Rare
 - ▶ Endangered

Beach Sunflower (*Helianthus debilis*)



Coral Bean (*Erythrinia herbacea*)



Forked bluecurls (*Trichostema floridanum*)



Gaillardia (Gaillardia puchella)



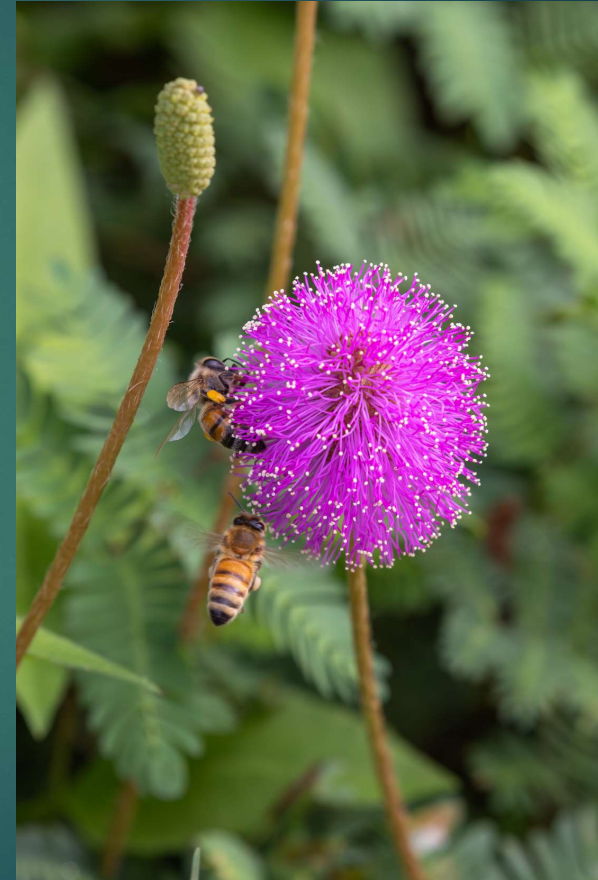
Partridge Pea (*Chamaecrista fasciculata*)



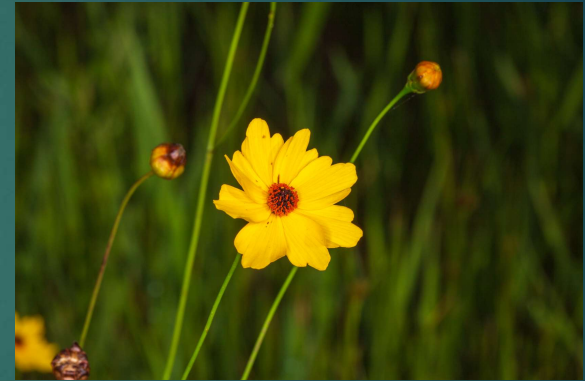
Purple Passionflower (*Passiflora incarnata*)



Sunshine Mimosa (*Mimosa strigilosa*)



Tickseed (*Coreopsis* sp.)



Season Bloom

- ▶ Plan to have color or interest all year if possible
- ▶ Some wildflowers can be mixed with others for color variety
- ▶ Think of pollinators and if they have a season
- ▶ Some wildflowers bloom year round

Resources

<https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/homeowners/publications.htm>

[Plant Real Florida | Bring Your Landscape to Life with Native Plants](#)