

**HERONS GLEN GROUND COMMITTEE'S
LIST OF RECOMMENDED TREES AND SHRUBS**

Hérons Glen residents may select landscaping of their own choosing. However, to assist each resident in their choice, we suggest a review of **The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program**. The information contained in this binder combines the best information available for Florida residents. A well organized binder that combines the advice of horticulturist on the available trees and shrubs that have proven to be the best choices for Florida landscapes.

General Criteria:

1. Utilize native species whenever possible.
2. Choosing non-native species which are culturally adaptable, drought and cold tolerant, pest resistant, do not impact adversely upon surrounding properties, require minimal pruning and fertilization and are in scale with surroundings.
3. Landscape design should not interfere with lawn mowing
4. Common areas may feature trees too large for home properties
5. Existing water, electrical and cable lines should be marked prior to any landscaping work being done.

Local Considerations

Soils in the front of the Herons Glen are sandier than soils in the back of the community and will dry out more quickly. Soil in the back areas tends to hold water, so plants and trees requiring dry soils may do poorly. The fill which makes up the soil matrix is mostly pulverized limestone and is likely to be quite alkaline. Some plants do better in acidic soils, so some soil amendments may be required. You may wish to send a soil sample to the Cooperative Extension Service.

Recommended Trees and Shrubbery

The list of suitable trees and shrubbery is extensive. The following list just some of the varieties found in Herons Glen and available from local nurseries. The **Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program** handbook offers each resident the opportunity to review their choices to aid them in selecting the best plant for their landscape.

RECOMMEND PLANTS (N = Native; Zone, if known) South Central Florida is Zone 9b

MEDIUM TREES:

Bottlebrush (N; 8b-11)	Carolina Sapphire(7-11)	Cassia Surrentensis(9b-11)
Cherry Blossum Cassia(10b-11)	Crape Myrtle (N; 8-10b)	Dahoon Holly(N; 8-10)
Golden Showers Cassia (10b-11)	Green Buttonwood(N; 10b-11)	Hong Kong Orchid Tree(9a-11-messy)
Ipe Tabebuia(9-11)	Japanese Fern Tree (10-11)	Ligustrum(multi trunk)(N; 8-10b)
Loquat(N; 8-11)	Peltophorum Dubium(9b)	Pidgeon Plum(N;10b-11)
Pterocarpum 910a-11)	Shady Lady (Black Olive)(10b-11)	Silver Trumpet Tree (10-11)
Sweet Acacia(N; 9-11)	Weeping Podocarpus(9b-11)	

SMALL/ORNAMENTAL TREES:

Bougainvillea(9b-11)	Boyette Bottlebrush(N; 8b-11)	Cattley Guava(N; 8-11)
Centennial Kumquat	Cherry Laurel(N)	Dahoon Holly(N; 8-10)
Desert Cassia(10a-11)	Duranta(9b-11)	East Palatka Holly(N; 8-10)
Fiddlewood(N; 10-11)	Gardenia(N; 8-10)	Geiger Trees(N; 10b-11)
Hibiscus(N; 8-11)	Jacaranda(9b-11)	Jasmine – Cape(N;8-11)
Jasmine – Downy(9b-11)	Jasmine – Primrose(N;8-11)	Jasmine – Star(N;8-11)
Jatropha(9b-11)	Jerusalem Thorn	Ligustrum(N; 8-10b)
Lucky Nut (10-11)	Magnolia(N; 8-10)	Orchid Tree (Tomentosa)(10-11)
Pink Lemon Tree	Powderpuff(9-11)	Silver Buttonwood(N; 10b-11)
Spanish Stopper(N; 9-11))	Yaupon Holly(N; 8-10)	

LARGE PALMS

Bismark Palm(10a-11)	Canary Island Date Palm(9a-11)	Foxtail Palm(10-11)
Queen Palm(10a-11)	Sylvester Palm(8-11)	Windmill Palm(N; 8-11)

SMALLER PALMS (palm like)

Cat Palm(shade)(10b-11)	Chinese Fan Palm(10a-11)	Christmas Palm(10b-11)
Dioon Edule Palm(8a-11)	Dwarf Pigmy Palms(10a-11)	European Fan Palm(N; 8-11)
Lady Palm(shade)(9b-11)	Paurotis Palm(N; 10-11)	Pindo Palm(8a-10b)
Ponytail Palm(10a-11)	Pygmy Date Palm(10a-11)	Ribbon Fan Palm(9-11)
Windmill Palm(N; 8-11)		

SUGGESTED PLANTS FOR HEDGES

Bahama Cassia(N; 10a)	Bahama Coffee(N; 10a-11)	Burford Chinese Holly(7-8)
Carissa Boxwood(7-8)	Carissa Holly(7-8)	Cocoplum(9-11)
Dwarf Firebush(9-11)	Eugenia(9-11)	Fiddlewood(10-11)
Florida Privet(N; 8b-11))	Golden Dew Drop(N; 10-11)	Ilex Buford(8-9)
Ilex Schilling(8-9)	Japanese Boxwood(6-9)	Jasmine(N; 8-10)
Ligustrum(N; 9-10b)	Needlepoint(7-9)	Oleander (N; 9-11)
Pittsportum(8-10)	Podocarpus (Maki)(7-11)	Pringles Podocarpus(7-11)
Schiller's Delight(N; 6-11)	Sea Grape(N; 10a-11)	Simpson Stopper(9b-11)
Viburnum – Mrs. Delight(N; 8-10)	Viburnum - Obovatum(N; 8-10)	Viburnum - Select(N; 8-10)
Viburnum - Suspensum(N; 8-10)	Viburnum – Walter's(N; 8-10)	Viburnum – Whorled Class(8-10)
Wax Myrtle(N; 8-10)	Wild Coffee(N, 10b-11)	Zebra Grass(N; 8-11)

LARGE DESIRABLE SPECIMENS

Australian Hibiscus(8-11)	Cape Honeysuckle(9-11)	Crape Jasmine (8-10b; shade)
Dombeya Seminole(10a-11)	Dwarf Poinciana(8A-11)	Jatropha(8a-11)
Necklace Pod(N; 10-11))	Powder Puff(9-11)	Red-tip Photinia(8-10)

SMALL to MEDIUM SPECIMENS

African Iris(N; 8b-11)	Agapanthus; Green Isle Ficus	Agava - various
Apostle Iris(8a-11)	Arabian Jasmine (N; 9-10)	Bulbine (9-11)
Cardboard Palm(9b-11)	Dwarf Alocasia(8a-11)	Dwarf Powder Puff(9-11)
Foxtail Ferns(10a-11)	Grand Duke Jasmine(N; 9-10)	Ixora(use acidic fertilizer)(9b-11)
Pentas(N; 8b-11)	Society Garlic(N; 8a-11)	Spider Lily(N; 9-11)

COLORFUL SHRUBS

Alamanda (9-11)	Arboricola (9-11)	Bougainvillea – Helen Johnson(9b-11)
Bougainvillea – Miss Alice(9b-11)	Bougainvillea - Pixie(9b-11)	Bougainvillea-Vera White(9b-11)
Bougainvillea - Silhouette(9b-11)	Copperleaf(10a-11)	Indian Hawthorne(7a-11)
Ixora various – Dwarf(10b-11)	Ixora various-Nora Grant(10b-11)	Ixora various - Maui(10b-11)
Ixora various -Super King(10b-11)		

FRUITING (Requires additional maintenance)

Avocado(9b-11)	Cattley Guava(10a-11)	Citrus (certified)
Cherry - Barbado	Cherry – Surinam (9b)	Papaya

GROUND COVERS

Asparagus Sprengeri Fern(9a-11)	Baby Sunrose(8a-10b)	Bulbine(9-11)
Confederate Jasmine(N; 8-10)	Croton(10b-11)	Flax Lily(N; 8-11)
Golden Creeper (N; 10-11)	Hamelia(9-11)	Jasmine Minimus(7-9)
Pittosporum(N; 8-11)	Spreading Juniper(4-10b)	Sweet Potato Vine(N; 8-11)

GRASSES

Dwarf Fakahatchee(N; 8-11)	Fakahatchee(N; 8-11)	Firecracker(8-12)
Flax(N; 8-11)	Fountain Grass-White & Red(8-11)	Muhly(N; 8-11)
Miscanthus(N; 8-11)	Sand Cordgrass(N; 8-10)	

Based on our experience we recommend that residents avoid choosing the following trees.

1. Malaleuca (invasive)
2. Carrotwood (invasive)
3. Ficus (invasive)

4. Running bamboo (invasive)
5. Live Oak (large and messy)
6. Hong Kong Orchid Tree (messy)
7. Shady Lady Black Olive (excellent shade, messy, can stain drives)
8. Sago Palm (scale insect)
9. Adonidia Christmas Palm (not cold tolerant)
10. Oleander – not recommended to plant next to house because it is susceptible to caterpillars, good plant when treated with systemic pesticides

Sources:

Bayshore Nursery, Jan Johnson, horticulturist and owner

Riverland Nursery, Mayer Berg, horticulturist and owner

Florida-Friendly Landscaping Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design

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