Wilcox Nursery & LANDSCAPE

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.



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 Surge Inundation
Tr	Tree	**Br**	Brackish Water Inundation
GC	Ground Cover	**S**	Salt Spray
GR	Grass	**Wi**	Salt Wind

Wildflowers and Vines

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 to1 ft	3 ft++	Avg - Very Dry	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 Dry	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 Dry	Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Prickly Pear	GC	Spring-Summer	1-3 ft	2-4 ft	Dry - Very Dry	Full Sun	I
Sea Oats	GR	Spring-Fall	4-6 ft	6 ft	Avg - Very Dry	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 Dry	Shade - Full Sun	I, Br, Wi
Dwarf Palmetto	Sh	Spring-Summer	4-9 ft	4-8 ft	Moist - Avg	Shade - Full Sun	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 ft	Moist - Very Dry	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Gumbo Limbo	Tr	Late winter/Early Spring	20-30 ft	20-30 ft	Moist - Very Dry	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi
Horizontal Cocoplum	Sh	Spring-Fall	6 ft	6 ft	Avg - Very Dry	Full Sun	I, Br, Wi
Jamaica Caper	Sh	Spring-Summer	6-12 ft	6-10 ft	Moist - Very Dry	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Marlberry	Sh	Year-round	10-15 ft	8-12 ft	Moist - Dry	Shade - Full Sun	I, Br, Wi, S
Myrsine	Sh	Year-round	8-15 ft	4-8 ft	Moist - Avg	Shade - Full Sun	I, Br, Wi, S
Palmetto species	Sh	Spring-Summer	varies	varies	Avg - Dry	Shade - Full Sun	I, Wi
Sabal Palm (Cabbage)	Tr	Spring-Summer	100 ft	10-20 ft	Moist - Very Dry	Shade - Full Sun	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 Dry	Shade - Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Sea Grape	Sh	Spring-Summer	15-30 ft	10-30 ft	Avg - Very Dry	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Silver Buttonwood	Sh/Tr	Year-round	20 ft	20 ft	Avg - Very Dry	Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Southern Live Oak	Tr	Spring	40-80 ft	40-100 ft	Moist - Very Dry	Shade - Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Southern Red Cedar	Sh/Tr	Spring	25-40 ft	20-30 ft	Avg - Very Dry	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	Late winter - Summer	15- 20 ft	10-15 ft	Moist - Dry	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi, S
Wild Lime	Sh	Year-round	5-20 ft	3-10 ft	Moist - Very Dry	Part - Full Sun	I, Wi

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