

## Landscaping with Natives

## Why Native Plants?

- Adapted to Florida weather: droughts, hurricanes, heat, cold, and high humidity.
- Adapted to poor Florida soil.
- Reduced need for fertilizer and other chemicals.
- Natural food sources for wildlife, birds, bees, and butterflies, and increased biodiversity.

## The Top 10+ (Because there is no way we stop at 10 plants!)

- Beautyberry
- Simpson's Stopper
- Wild Coffee
- Bluecurls
- Sunshine Mimosa
- Tropical Sage
- Florida Pennyroyal
- Wild Petunia
- Swamp Twinflower

- Spotted Beebalm
- Coral Honeysuckle
- Cross Vine
- Silver Saw Palmetto
- Coontie Palm
- Magnolia
- Oak
- Pine
- Maple

## 8 Ways to Create Healthy Native Habitats

- Shrink your lawn
- Get wild
- Plant generously and in great variety
- Plant natives
- Right Plant, Right Place from Florida-Friendly Landscaping<sup>TM</sup>
- Don't spray pesticides
- Increase mowing height of lawn to three inches
- Create pollinator habitats

For more information, see  $\underline{www.homegrownnationalpark.org}$  or Florida-Friendly Landscaping<sup>TM</sup> through the University of Florida.