

SUGGESTED PLANT LIST FOR THE ISLES TREES

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Black Olive, Shady Lady

Botanical Name: *Bucida buceras* 'Shady Lady'

Comments: Beautiful smaller scale shade tree with dark green leaves. Layered branched tiers gives it a somewhat Asian feel. Small yellow flowers in the spring; non-fruiting. Some of these trees were damaged or destroyed during hurricane Ian.

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Cassia

Botanical Name: *Cassia surattensis*

Comments: Yellow flowers in spring and fall; fast growing to 12''-15'. Susceptible to wind damage. Originally planted as a street tree on Burgos Drive but were not long lived. Removed after a slow decline and strong wind damage.

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Crape Myrtle

Botanical Name: *Lagerstroemia indica*

Comments: Numerous cultivars from small shrub to tree; use disease and mildew resistant cultivars. Best in sun; exfoliating bark on some cultivars adds year round interest. Select cultivar to suit location.

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Holly, Eagleston

Botanical Name: *Ilex x attenuata* 'Eagleston'

Comments: 15'-25' in height; takes shaping well. Red berries. Dahoon holly (*Ilex cassine*) is another good holly for the area; smooth, shiny dark green leaves; takes pruning well.

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Holly, Nellie Stevens

Botanical Name: Ilex x 'Nellie R. Stevens'

Comments: One of the best large growing hollies for Florida landscapes; berries.

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Holly, Weeping

Botanical Name: *Ilex vomitoria* 'Pendula'

Comments: Generally irregularly shaped but can prune to maintain desired shape. Unique accent tree, small leaves, red berries on female.

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Jacaranda

Botanical Name: *Jacaranda mimosifolia*

Comments: Beautiful purple flowers in spring; fast growing to 40'. Best suited to medium – large yards.

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Japanese Blueberry

Botanical Name: *Elaeagnus decipiens*

Comments: Slow growing broad leaf evergreen; good substitute for hollies. Pyramidal. Often used as topiary.

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Magnolia

Botanical Name: *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Alta'

Comments: Signature evergreen of the south with large fragrant flowers in the spring. Both 'Alta' and 'Brackens Brown Beauty' are more narrow than the species. 'Little Gem' is a smaller variety with smaller leaves and growth habit. A number of the 'Little Gem' have struggled in the Isles.

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Poinciana

Botanical Name: *Delonix regia*

Comments: Large, fast-growing deciduous tree with fine textured foliage and dramatic red-orange flowers. Wide-spreading so allow room for growth.

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Weeping Bottlebrush

Botanical Name: *Callistemon viminalis*

Comments: Lovely soft-textured tree with red brush-like flowers. Moderate growth to 25'-30'.