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Bougainvillea 'Helen Johnson'

Botanical Name: Bougainvillea 'Helen Johnson'

**Comments**: Beautiful in bloom but high maintenance due to nutrient and pesticide requirements.



**Coontie Palm** 

Botanical Name: Zamia pumila

Comments: Very pretty, slow growing plant. It has been difficult to get established in the Isles and is sometimes susceptible to scale.



**Crinum Lily** 

**Botanical Name:** Crinum spp.

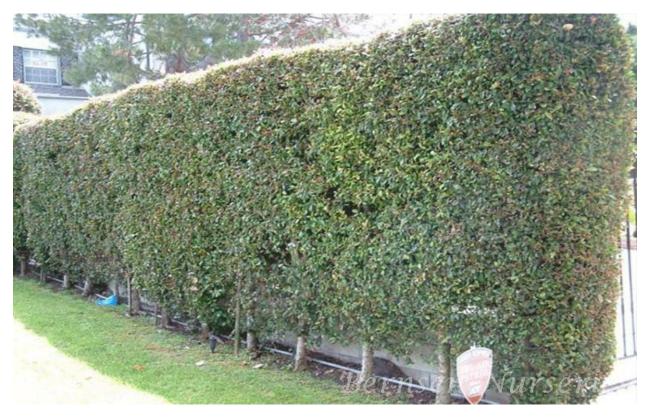
**Comments**: Large strap-like foliage with lily-like flowers in summer. Unfortunately, this lily is highly prone to damage by Lubber grasshoppers which leaves it quite ratty looking.



**Crown of Thorns** 

Botanical Name: Euphorbia milii

**Comments:** Pretty small shrub at its best; excessively thorny stems make it unsightly much of the time. Can be grown successfully as a container plant when it gets sufficient attention.



Eugenia

**Botanical Name:** Eugenia hookerana

**Comments**: The experience in the Isles is that this plant is short-lived and prone to disease. Other substitutable plants available.



**Fakahatchee Grass** 

Botanical Name: Tripsacum dactyloide

Comments: Large version of Fakahatchee grass; grows 4'-8'; too large for the home

landscape.



Flax Lily

Botanical Name: Dianella tasmanica 'Variegata'

**Comments**: Variegated grass-like groundcover with non-descript flowers. Lovely foliage but prone to disease and scale requiring regular maintenance to look its best.



**Gold Mound** 

Botanical Name: Duranta repens 'Gold Mound'

Comments: Bright lime-green foliage that gets leggy with age. Difficult to keep its

initial mounding form and consequently thins out.



**Green Island Ficus** 

Botanical Name: Ficus microcarpa 'Green Island'

**Comments**: Compact evergreen with dark, shiny leaves. Unfortunately, this is a favorite for the abundance of bunnies which quickly devour the plant.



**Mexican Petunia** 

**Botanical Name:** Ruellia simplex

**Comments**: Species is categorized as 'Invasive' by Florida Exotic Pest Counsel because of rigorous horizontal root growth and seeds that are easily dispersed.

Note: Some sterile varieties available such as 'Purple Showers' which are not invasive.



**Orange Jasmine** 

Botanical Name: Murraya paniculata

**Comments:** Medium to large shrub with shiny dark green leaves and fragrant white flowers. It is classified as Exotic Pest plant in the state of Florida.



**Snake Plant** 

**Botanical Name:** Sansevera

**Comments:** Considered a category II invasive in state of Florida due to its rigorous spreading nature. All parts of this plant are poisonous. Grows well in containers.



**Sword Fern** 

Botanical Name: Nephrolepis cordifolia

**Comments**: This particular fern is classified as Category I, most invasive. It is non-native but looks very similar to some of the native ferns in Florida. The key identifier is tuberous roots. Do not plant in the landscape.