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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Fakahatchee Grass

Botanical Name: *Tripsacum dactyloide*

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.