



Top Tropicals guide to late-season plants (Fall through Early Spring) in SW Florida

Many Floridians move up North during hot summer months, our "snow-bird" season usually starts late September and ends by Mother's Day in May. Garden enthusiasts sure would prefer planting those flowering and fruiting species that they can fully enjoy while staying in Florida. Below is a brief summary of the most interesting tropical plants that will flower and fruit for you in Fall, Winter and early Spring. Some of them are ever-blooming, others are late- or early season.

Flowering trees

E – everbloomer, W - fall/winter bloomer, S – early spring bloomer

<i>Acacia farnesiana</i> - Sweet Mimosa	W	<i>Clerodendrum quadriloculare</i> - Winter Starburst	W
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i> - Aster Tree, Snow Bush	W	<i>Cordia lutea</i> - Yellow Geiger tree	E
<i>Bauhinia blakeana</i> - Hong Kong Orchid Tree	W	<i>Delonix regia</i> - Royal poinciana, Flamboyant	S
<i>Bauhinia divaricata</i> - Butterfly Orchid Tree	W	<i>Erythrina bidwillii</i> - Cry Baby Tree	W
<i>Bauhinia monandra</i> - Napoleon's Plume	W	<i>Erythrina indica-picta</i> - variegated Coral Tree	W
<i>Bauhinia purpurea</i> - Purple Orchid tree	W	<i>Jacaranda jasminoides</i> Maroon	E
<i>Bauhinia saccocalyx</i> - Thai Orchid Tree	W	<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	S
<i>Bauhinia tomentosa</i> - Yellow Orchid Tree	E	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i> - Golden Rain Tree	W
<i>Bauhinia variegata alba</i> - White orchid tree	W	<i>Lonchocarpus violaceus</i> - Lilac Tree	W
<i>Bombax ceiba</i> - Red Kapok tree	W	<i>Magnolia champaca</i> - Joy Perfume Tree	E
<i>Bougainvillea arborea</i> - Thornless Bougainvillea	E	<i>Pseudobombax ellipticum</i> - Shaving Brush Tree	W
<i>Brachychiton acerifolium</i> - Flame tree	W	<i>Punica granatum</i> Noshi Shibari - Flowering Pomegranate	E
<i>Butea monosperma</i> - Flame of the Forest	W	<i>Radermachera Kunming</i> - Dwarf Tree Jasmine	E
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i> - Weeping red Bottlebrush	S	<i>Senna surattensis</i> - Scrambled Egg Bush	W
<i>Cananga odorata</i> - Ylang Ylang	E	<i>Spathodea campanulata</i> - African Tulip Tree	W
<i>Cassia afrofitula</i> - Kenyan shower	S	<i>Tabebuia caraiba</i> - Yellow trumpet tree	S
<i>Cassia fistula</i> - Golden Shower Tree	S	<i>Tabebuia chrysotricha</i> - Dwarf Golden Tabebuia	S
Ceiba hybrid Pink Princess	W	<i>Tabebuia impetiginosa</i> - Dwarf Pink Tabebuia	S
<i>Cercis canadensis</i> - Redbud	S	<i>Tibouchina granulosa</i> - Glory tree	W
<i>Chorisia speciosa</i> - Pink Silk Floss Tree	W	<i>Tipuana tipu</i> - Yellow Jacaranda	W

Flowering shrubs

Bauhinia galpinii (punctata) - Pride of De Kaap
Bauhinia grandidieri - Dwarf Blue Orchid Tree
Bougainvillea arborea Dwarf - PIXIE
Brunfelsia americana (nitida) - Lady of the night
Brunfelsia australis - Morning, Noon and Night
Brunfelsia grandiflora - Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow
Brunfelsia lactea - Lady of the night
Calliandra emarginata - Powderpuff
Calliandra haematocephala - Powderpuff
Cassia bicapsularis - Butterfly Bush
Cestrum nocturnum - Night blooming jasmine
Clerodendrum minahasse - Fountain Clerodendrum
Clerodendrum wallichii - Bridal Veil

Dombeya × wallichii - Tropical Hydrangea
Euphorbia leucocephala - Snows of Kilimanjaro
Gardenia (Kailarsenia) vietnamensis
Gardenia radicans
Iboza riparia - Musk Bush
Jasminum sambac
Magnolia (Michelia) figo - Banana Magnolia
Osmanthus fragrans - Tea Olive
Plumeria pudica - Bridal Bouquet
Tecomaria capensis - Cape Honeysuckle
Thunbergia erecta - Kings Mantle
Tibouchina multiflora - Glory bush

Flowering vines

Clerodendrum speciosum (delectum)
Clerodendrum thomsoniae - Bleeding Heart
Gelsemium sempervirens - Carolina Jasmine
Gmelina philippensis - Parrot's Beak
Lonicera heckrottii - Pink Honeysuckle
Lonicera japonica - Japanese Honeysuckle

Mansoa alliacea - Garlic Vine
Petrea volubilis - Queens wreath
Senecio confusus - Mexican flame vine
Stephanotis floribunda - Bridal Bouquet
Trachelospermum jasminoides - Confederate Jasmine

Late season (or prolonged season) fruit trees

Achras (manilkara) zapota - Sapodilla
Annona cherimola × A. squamosa - Atemoya
Blighia sapida - Akee
Casimiroa edulis - white sapote
Cinnamomum aromaticum - Cassia Cinnamon
Diospyros digyna - Black Sapote grafted
Diospyros kaki - Persimmon
Eriobotrya japonica - Loquat
Eugenia victoriana - Sundrop
Euphoria longana - Biew Kiew longan
Feijoa sellowiana - Feijoa
Ficus carica - Fig

Hylocereus sp - Pitaya, Dragon Fruit
Morus hybrid - Mulberry
Musa sp - Banana
Myrciaria cauliflora - Jaboticaba
Persea americana - Avocado
Pimenta dioica - Allspice
Pimenta racemosa - Bay Rum Tree
Pouteria campechiana - Canistel
Randia formosa - Blackberry jam fruit
Spondias cytherea - June Plum, Ambarella
Spondias purpurea - Jocote, Hog Plum
Synsepalum dulcificum - Miracle Fruit

Late season Mango varieties

Choc Anon (Miracle) – Possibly two crops per year: November-January and sometimes July as well
Graham - mid-July to August
Keitt - Late July to October
Kensington Pride - early to mid-November
Kent - July-August
Lancetilla - August-September
Neelum - August-September
Palmer - July and August sometimes into September
Valencia Pride - July-August
Rosigold - is the earliest season, March through June, you may enjoy fruit during early Spring.