Invasive EXOTIC Tropical Plants

AlterNATIVE Tropical Plants

OTHER ALTERNATIVES
- Bluestem Palmetto, Dwarf Palmetto (Sabal minor)
- Coontie (Zamia floridana)
- Necklace Pod (Sophora tomentosa)
- Pipestem (Agarista populifolia)
- Scrub Palmetto (Sabal etonia)
- Sea Grape (Coccoloba uvifera)
- Swamp Fern (Blechnum serrulatum)
- Switch Cane, Giant Cane (Arundinaria gigantea)

QUEEN PALM
(Syagrus romanzoffiana)
HEIGHT: Up to 40 feet

GOLDEN BAMBOO
(Phyllostachys aurea)
HEIGHT: Up to 40 feet

MEXICAN PETUNIA
(Ruellia brittoniana)
HEIGHT: Up to 3 feet

Golden Bamboo
HEIGHT: Up to 40 feet

Coral Bean
(Erythrina herbacea)
HEIGHT: Up to 15 feet

MIMOSA
(Albizia julibrissin)
HEIGHT: Up to 25 feet

EVERGLADES PALM, PAUROTIS PALM
(Acoelorraphe wrightii)
HEIGHT: Up to 20 feet

TULIP POPLAR
(Liriodendron tulipfera)
HEIGHT: Up to 90 feet

SABAL PALM, CABBAGE PALM
(Sabal palmetto)
HEIGHT: Up to 60 feet

Swamp Palmetto
HEIGHT: Up to 40 feet

Tropical-looking invasive plants will readily form dense growth along river and lake shores, displacing native shoreline vegetation. Many of these plants have been purposely introduced into a landscape, but may also have spread via fruit or vegetative fragments floating though waterways.
Invasive **EXOTIC** Tropical Plants
(Wetland)

**PERUVIAN PRIMROSE WILLOW**
(Ludwigia peruviana)
HEIGHT: Up to 12 feet

**WILD TARO**
(Colocasia esculenta)
HEIGHT: Up to 4 feet

**UMBRELLA FLAT SEDGE**
(Cyperus involucratus)
HEIGHT: Dwarf plant can grow up to 2 feet. Regular plant can grow up to 6 feet.

**CAESAR’S WEED,**
also known as **CAESARWEED**
(Urena lobata)
HEIGHT: Up to 10 feet

**SANDWEED**
(Hypericum fasciculatum)

Some invasive tropical plants have seeds that cling to animal fur, human clothing, vehicles and equipment and are then transported to new locations, where they eventually fall off, and may then start a new infestation.

**AlterNATIVE Tropical Plants**

**OTHER ALTERNATIVES**

- **Alligator Flag** (Thalia geniculata)
- **Crimson-eyed Rosemallow** (Hibiscus moscheutos)
- **Dixie Iris, Prairie Iris** (Iris hexagona)
- **Lizard’s Tail** (Saururus cernuus)
- **Scarlet Rosemallow** (Hibiscus coccineus)
- **String-lily** (Crinum americanum)
- **Swamp Rosemallow** (Hibiscus grandiflorus)

**CARDINAL FLOWER**
(Lobelia cardinalis)

**DIXIE IRIS, PRAIRIE IRIS**
(Iris hexagona)

**STRING-LILY**
(Crinum americanum)

**SALT MARSH MALLOW**
(Kosteletzkya virginica)

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For MORE INFORMATION about invasive-exotic plants:

- Florida Invasive Species Partnership  
  www.floridainvasives.org

- The Nature Conservancy  
  www.nature.org/floridainvasive

- The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council  
  www.fleppc.org

- UF Center for Aquatic & Invasive Plants  
  http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu

- Lake County Water Authority  
  www.lcwa.org

- Lake County Horticultural Learning Center  
  http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/discovery-gardens/index.shtml

- Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission  
  http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/habitat/invasive-plants/

For MORE INFORMATION about native plants:

- Florida Native Plant Society  
  www.fnps.org

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