

VALENCIA'S BACKYARD

A WALKING FIELD GUIDE PLANT CHECKLIST



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Introduction

The plants listed have all been directly observed within the boundaries of “Valencia’s Backyard” on West Campus.

You will notice that all plants are listed by a common name and a scientific name. Many plants have more than one common name; that is why scientific names are provided. Each plant can be referred to by their scientific name to avoid confusion when identifying.

Some plants in this checklist are difficult to identify. However, you can use the Lake Pamela Resource Center in the Science Department Office to further assist you.

As time passes there will be a need for an update. Therefore, if you notice any omissions, or observe plants not listed, your comments would be greatly appreciated.

Key Symbols

- E - Endangered species
 - T - Threatened species
 - SSC - Species of Special Concern
 - I - Introduced or exotic species.
- The plant is not native to Florida.

Trees

- Red Maple *Acer rubrum*
- Winged Sumac *Rhus copallina*
- Cabbage Palm *Sabal palmetto*
- Saw Palmetto *Serenoa repens*
- Chapman’s Oak *Quercus chapmanii*
- Sand live oak *Quercus geminate*
- Laurel Oak *Quercus hemisphaerica*
- Turkey Oak *Quercus laevis*
- Myrtle Oak *Quercus myrtifolia*
- Water Oak *Quercus nigra*
- Running Oak *Quercus pumila*
- Red Bay *Persea borbonia*
- Southern Magnolia *Magnolia grandiflora*
- Wax Myrtle *Myrica cerifera*
- Sand Pine *Pinus clausa*
- Slash Pine *Pinus elliottii*
- Longleaf pine *Pinus palustris*
- Cherry Laurel *Prunus caroliniana*
- Japanese Plum (I) *Eriobotrya japonica*
- Sand Blackberry *Rubus cuneifolius*
- Wild Cherry *Prunus serotina*
- Weeping Willow (I) *Salix babylonica*
- Golden Rain Tree (I) *Koelreuteria paniculata*

Shrubs

- Hog Plum *Ximenia Americana*

- Dahoon Holly *Ilex cassine*
- Gallberry *Ilex glabra*
- Garberia (T) *Garberia heterophylla*
- Elderberry *Sambucus canadensis*
- Gopher Apple *Licania michauxii*
- Florida Rosemary *Ceratiola ericodes*
- Tarflower *Befaria racemosa*
- Rusty Lyonia *Lyonia ferruginea*
- Staggerbush *Lyonia fruticosa*
- Fetterbush *Lyonia lucida*
- Shiny Blueberry *Vaccinium myrsinites*
- Deerberry *Vaccinium stamineum*
- Tread softly *Cnidocolus stimulosus*
- Queen's Delight *Stillingia sylvatica*
- Beauty Berry *Callicarpa americana*
- Lantana (I) *Lantana camara*
- Fogfruit/Frogfruit *Phyla nodiflora*

Flowers

- Feay's Palafox *Palafoxia feayi*
- Florida Greeneyes *Berlandiera subcaulis*
- Florida Paintbrush *Carphephorus corymbosus*

- Elephant's Foot *Elephantopus elatus*
- Spanish needles *Bidens alba*
- Dog Fennel *Eupatorium capillifolium*
- Camphorweed *Pluchea odorata*
- Blazing Star *Liatris tenuifolia*
- Goldenaster (silk grass) *Pityopsis graminifolia*
- Goldenaster *Chrysopsis scabrella*
- Hairy Trilisa *Carphephorus paniculatus*
- Yellow Buttons *Balduina angustifolia*
- Blackroot *Pterocaulon pycnostachyum*
- Wedelia (I) *Wedelia trilobata*
- Adam's Needle *Yucca filamentosa*
- Paw-paw *Asimina obovata*
- Curtiss' Milkweed (E) *Asclepias curtisii*
- Velvet-leaved Milkweed *Asclepias tomentosa*
- Madagascar Periwinkle (I) *Catharanthus roseus*
- Virginia Pepperweed *Lepidium virginicum*
- Florida Scrub Frostweed *Helianthemum nashii*
- St. Johns-Wort *Hypericum cistifolium*
- Scrub Morning Glory (T) *Bonamia grandiflora*

- Sandyfield Beaksedge *Rhynchospora megalocarpa*
- Bog buttons *Lachnocaulon anceps*
- Painted Leaf *Poinsettia cyathophora*
- Partridge Pea *Chamaecrista fasciculata*
- Florida Alicia *Chapmannia floridana*
- Sky Blue Lupine *Lupinus diffusus*
- Rattlebox *Crotolaria pallida*
- Hairy Indigo *Indigofera hirsuta*
- Milk Pea *Galactia spp.*
- Florida Sensitive Briar *Mimosa quadrivalvis*
- Coffee Senna (I) *Senna occidentalis*
- Marsh Pink *Sabatia grandiflora*
- Blue-eyed Grass *Sisyrinchium angustifolium*
- Florida Betony *Stachys floridana*
- Blue Curls *Trichostema dichotomum*
- Pale Meadow Beauty *Rhexia mariana*
- American Lotus *Nelumbo lutea*
- Fragrant water lilies *Nymphaea odorata*
- Spatterdock *Nuphar advena*
- Primrose Willow *Ludwigia peruviana*

- Violet Wood Sorrel (I) *Oxalis corymbosa*
- Pokeweed *Phytolacca americana*
- Sandhill Wireweed *Polygonella robusta*
- Pickerel weed *Pontederia cordata*
- Common Nightshade *Solanum americanum*
- Tropical Soda-apple (I) *Solanum capsicoides*
- Common Cattail *Typha latifolia*
- Canadian Toadflax *Linaria canadensis*

Vines

- Air Potato (I) *Dioscorea alata*
- Maypop Passionvine *Passiflora incarnata*
- Catbriar *Smilax glauca*
- Catbriar *Smilax walteri*
- Catbriar *Smilax bona-nox*
- Muscadine *Vitis rotundifolia*
- Virginia Creeper *Parthenocissua quinquefolia*

Grasses

- Lopsided Indian Grass *Sorghastrum secundum*

- Wire grass *Aristida beyrichiana*
- Maidencane *Amphicarpum muhlenbergianum*
- Torpedograss *Panicum repens*

Ferns

- Swamp Fern *Blechnum serrulatum*
- Cinnamon Fern *Osmunda cinnamomea*

Mosses

- Ball Moss *Tillandsia recurvata*
- Spanish Moss *Tillandsia usneoides*
- Wild Pine *Tillandsia setacea*
- Reindeer Moss *Cladonia spp.*
- Matchsticks *Cladonia leporina*

Cactus

- Prickly Pear *Opuntia humifusa*

Front Cover Plants: Sky-blue Lupine, Florida Greeneyes, Florida Paintbrush, Marsh Pink, American Beautyberry, Camphorweed, Blue-eyed Grass. All photos by Larry Rosen.



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