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## Plant List Recommendations for Monarch Gardens Communities near Ft. Myers-Naples, FL

























This area is located in the Southern Coastal Plain of the **Eastern Temperate Forests** Ecoregion.

Natural plant communities near this community include pine flatwoods and sand hills.

The following plant recommendations can be used to achieve the 80% native plant requirement to obtain Monarch Garden Certification.

Plant Category	Common Name Scientific Name	Bloom Time	Bloom Color	Height	Spread	Light Conditions	Cover	Host	Nectar/ Pollen	Wildlife Value
Milkweed <i>*Required</i>	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> ^ Swamp Milkweed	summer	pink	3-4'	2-3'			✓	✓	
	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> Butterfly Milkweed	spring- summer	orange/ yellow	1-3'	0.5- 1.5'			✓	✓	
	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i> ^ Whorled Milkweed	summer	purple/ cream	1-2.5'	1-2'			✓	✓	
Flowering Perennials	<i>Canna flaccida</i> Golden Canna	spring- fall	yellow	3-6'	4'			✓	✓	
	<i>Carphephorus corymbosus</i> Florida Paintbrush	summer- fall	pink/ purple	2.5-4'	1'			✓	✓	
	<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i> Blue Mistflower	summer	blue/ purple	2-3'	2-3'			✓	✓	



















<i>Coreopsis leavenworthii</i> Leavenworth's Tickseed	summer-fall	yellow	1.5-3'	0.5-1.5'				✓	
<i>Dyschoriste humistrata</i> Twinflower (good groundcover)	spring-summer	purple	0.5'	0.5'			✓	✓	
<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> Blanket-flower	spring-summer	yellow/ orange/ red	0.5-1.5'	0.5-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Helenium sp.</i> Sneezeweed	spring-fall	yellow	3-5'	1-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i> Narrow-leaved Sunflower	summer-fall	yellow	5-7'	1-3'			✓	✓	
<i>Helianthus sp.</i> Sunflower	summer	yellow	3-20'	1-3'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Hibiscus coccineus</i> ^ Scarlet Hibiscus	summer	red/ white	5-8'	2-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Liatris spicata</i> Blazing Star	summer-fall	purple/ pink/ rose	2-4'	1-1.5'			✓	✓	
<i>Liatris sp.</i> Gayfeather	summer-fall	purple/ pink/ rose	2-4'	15-18"			✓	✓	
<i>Monarda punctata</i> ^ Spotted Bee Balm (often annual)	summer-fall	pink/ white/ yellow	1-2.5'	0.75-1'				✓	
<i>Phyla nodiflora</i> ^ Frogfruit/Fogfruit	spring-fall	white/ purple	0.5'	4'+			✓	✓	
<i>Pityopsis graminifolia</i> Golden Aster/Silkgrass	summer-fall	yellow/ white	2-3'	1-5'			✓	✓	

<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> Black-eyed Susan	summer	yellow	1.5-3.5'	1-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Ruellia caroliniensis</i> Wild Petunia	spring-summer	blue/pink	1-2.5'	0.75-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Salvia azurea</i> Azure Blue Sage	fall	blue/white	2-5'	2-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Salvia coccinea</i> Tropical Red Sage	spring-fall	red/pink/white	0.5-6'	0.5-2'				✓	
<i>Salvia lyrata</i> Lyreleaf sage	spring	blue/purple	1-2'	0.5-1'				✓	
<i>Silphium asteriscus</i> Starry Rosinweed	spring	white	2-5'	1-2'				✓	
<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i> Blue-eyed Grass	spring	blue/purple	0.5-1'	0.5-1'				✓	
<i>Solidago odora</i> ^ Anise-Scented Goldenrod	summer-fall	yellow	2-4'	1-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Solidago stricta</i> Wand Goldenrod	fall	yellow	3-5'	2-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</i> Dwarf Blue Porterweed	year-round	blue/purple	0.5-1'	3-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Trichostema dichotomum</i> ^ Forked Blue Curls	summer-fall	purple	2-3'	1-2'				✓	
<i>Verbesina virginica</i> Frostweed/ White Crownbeard	summer-fall	white	4-5'				✓	✓	

Vines	<i>Ampelaster carolinianus</i> ( <i>Symphyotrichum carolinianum</i> ) Climbing Aster	summer-fall	pink/purple	10'	5'			✓	✓	
	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i> Carolina Jessamine	winter-spring	yellow	10-20'	20-30'		✓		✓	
	<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i> ssp. <i>Brasiliensis</i> Railroadvine	winter-fall	purple	0.5'	10-30'				✓	
	<i>Passiflora suberosa</i> Corkystem Passion-flower	winter-fall	white/green	15'	1-2'			✓	✓	
Shrubs	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i> False Indigo-bush	spring	blue/purple	6-12'	6-10'			✓	✓	
	<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i> ^ Sea Myrtle	summer-fall	white	6-15'	3-6'				✓	
	<i>Callicarpa americana</i> Beautyberry	spring-summer	pink/white/lavender	4-8'	3-6'			✓	✓	
	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> Buttonbush	spring-fall	white/cream	6-20'	3-15'			✓	✓	
	<i>Chrysobalanus icaco</i> Cocoplum	winter-summer	white/green	10-30'	10-20'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Erythrina herbacea</i> Coralbean/Cherokee bean	spring-summer	red/burgundy	5-25'	2-10'			✓	✓	
	<i>Hamelia patens</i> Firebush	spring-fall	red	5-10'	5-10'			✓	✓	
<i>Ilex glabra</i> Gallberry/Inkberry	spring	white	4-12'	2-3'		✓	✓	✓		

<i>Lantana involucrata</i> Wild Sage/ Wild Lantana/ Buttonsage	year- round	purple/ pink/ white	4-6'	4-6'			✓	✓	
<i>Lyonia sp. (lucida, fruticosa)</i> Fetterbush/ Staggerbush	spring	white, pink	3-6'	3-6'			✓	✓	
<i>Myrica/Morella cerifera</i> Wax Myrtle	spring	white	10-20'	8'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Psychotria nervosa</i> Wild Coffee	spring- summer	white	2-6'	1.5-3'		✓	✓		
<i>Serenoa repens</i> Saw Palmetto	spring- summer	white	3-8'	4-6'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Sophora tomentosa var. truncata</i> Yellow Necklacepod	year- round	yellow	6-12'	4-8'			✓	✓	
<i>Vaccinium sp.</i> Blueberry	spring- summer	white/ pink					✓	✓	
<i>Vachellia/Acacia farnesiana</i> Sweet Acacia	winter- spring	yellow/ orange	8-20'	6-10'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Viburnum nudum</i> Possum Haw	spring	white	5-12'	5-12'			✓	✓	
<i>Yucca filamentosa</i> Adam's Needle	spring	white	3-8'	3-4'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Zamia pumila/integrifolia</i> Coontie	fall- winter	orange/ brown	2-3'	3-5'		✓	✓		

Trees	<i>Acer rubrum</i> Red Maple	spring	red	40-60'	35-50'			✓	✓	
	<i>Bursera simaruba</i> Gumbo Limbo	year-round	green	20-60'	20-50'			✓	✓	
	<i>Carya floridana</i> Scrub Hickory	spring	yellow/ green	15-30'				✓		
	<i>Conocarpus erectus</i> Green Buttonwood	year-round	yellow/ green	20-40'	20-40'			✓	✓	
	<i>Cornus foemina</i> Swamp Dogwood	spring	white	15-40'	15-25'			✓	✓	
	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i> Persimmon	spring	white	30-60'	15-35'			✓	✓	
	<i>Ilex cassine</i> Dahoon Holly (male only)	year-round	white/ yellow	20-30'	10'			✓	✓	
	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i> Sweet Bay Magnolia	spring- summer	white/ cream	40'	10-35'			✓	✓	
	<i>Pinus sp. (palustris, elliottii, clausa)</i> Pine - Longleaf, Slash, Sand	spring	yellow	75-100'	30-50'		✓	✓		
	<i>Quercus sp. (geminata, imbricaria, virginiana, nigra)</i> Oak- Sand Live, Laurel, Live, Water	spring	yellow	varies by species	varies by species			✓		
<i>Sabal palmetto</i> Cabbage Palm	summer	white	90'	10-20'		✓	✓	✓		

	<i>Salix caroliniana</i> Carolina Willow	spring	green/ yellow	25-60'	20-40'			✓	✓	
	<i>Sapindus saponaria</i> Florida Soapberry	year- round	white/ green	30-40'	20-40'		✓		✓	
	<i>Taxodium sp.</i> Cypress	spring	green/ brown	50-80'	20-30'			✓		
Grasses/ Grass-like	<i>Andropogon virginicus var. glaucus</i> Chalky Bluestem	summer- fall	green	3-5'	0.5'			✓	✓	
	<i>Aristida beyrichiana/ stricta</i> Wiregrass	spring- fall	orange/b rown	1-4'	1-3'		✓			
	<i>Eragrostis sp.</i> Lovegrass	spring	red/ yellow	1-2.5'	1-2.5'		✓	✓		
	<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i> Muhly Grass	fall	pink/ purple	2-4'	1-3.5'		✓			
	<i>Sorghastrum secundum</i> Lopsided Indian Grass	summer	brown	1-6'	1'			✓		
	<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i> Fakahatchee Grass	spring- fall	yellow/ orange/ red	4-6'	2-4'		✓	✓		

**Additional Resources:**

Host Plants for Butterfly and Moth Caterpillars [Eastern Temperate Forest.](#)

Florida Association of Native Nurseries (FANN) <https://www.floridanativenurseries.org/>











Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) Natives for Landscaping <https://www.fnps.org/plants>

Monarch Nectar Plant Guide: [Florida](#)

[Ecoregional Revegetation Application \(ERA\)](#)

[The Biota of North America Taxonomic Data Center Query Page](#)

**Key to Wildlife Details:**

	<b>Plant provides place for wildlife to rest or nest, often evergreen leaves or needles</b>		<b>Keystone species supporting butterflies, moths, and/or pollinator specialist bees critical to maintaining a healthy ecosystem</b>
	<b>Host plant to butterfly and/or moth species supporting their caterpillars</b>		<b>Foliage eaten by butterfly and/or moth caterpillars as food source necessary for survival</b>
	<b>Plant provides nectar and/or pollen as a food source</b>		<b>Nectar used by adult butterflies and/or moths</b>
	<b>Tolerates full sun 6+ hours of sun</b>		<b>Pollen used by bees</b>
	<b>Tolerates part shade 2-6 hours of sun</b>		<b>Nectar used by hummingbirds</b>
	<b>Tolerates full shade &lt;2 hours of sun</b>		<b>Seeds or fruits used by birds and/or plant provides nesting or cover to birds</b>
	<b>^ newly added species Species sold by Garden for Wildlife</b>		<b>Seeds or fruits used by small mammals</b>