

FLORIDA-FRIENDLY GROUNDCOVERS FOR BAKER COUNTY

Species Name	Growth Rate	Flower Color	Flower Season	Attracts Wildlife	Drought Tolerance	Sun/Shade Tolerance (Optimum Light)	Other Characteristics
Bugleweed <i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Fast	Purple/Blue	Spring/ Summer	---	Moderate	Any (Partial Sun)	Does not compete well with weeds, esp. in sun
Perennial Peanut <i>Arachis glabrata</i>	Slow	Yellow/ Orange	Summer/ Fall	---	High	Sun only	No nitrogen fertilizer needed; withstands foot traffic; damaged by frost
Wiregrass <i>Aristida stricta</i>	Fast	Tan	All Year	---	High	Sun/partial sun (Sun)	Also known as <i>Aristida beyrichiana</i>
Cast Iron Plant <i>Aspidistra elatior</i>	Slow	Brown	Periodically All Year	---	Moderate	Partial Sun/Shade (Partial Sun)	Tolerates deep shade better than most plants
Caladium <i>Caladium x hortulanum</i>	Fast	White	Summer	---	Moderate	Any (Shade)	Attractive colorful foliage; leaves die back naturally in fall
Holly Fern <i>Cyrtomium falcatum</i>	Moderate	---	---	---	Moderate	Any (Partial Sun)	Evergreen; low maintenance
Autumn Fern <i>Dryopteris erythrosora</i>	Slow	---	---	---	Moderate	Partial Sun/Shade (Shade)	Also known as shield fern
Twin Flower <i>Dyschoriste oblongifolia</i>	Fast	Lavender	All Year	Butterflies	High	Sun/partial sun (Sun)	---
Elliott's Lovegrass <i>Eragrostis eliottii</i>	Fast	Tan	All Year, Esp. Fall	---	High	Sun/partial sun (Sun)	---
Purple Lovegrass <i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	Fast	Red/Purple	All Year, Esp. Fall	---	High	Sun/partial sun (Sun)	Grows best in hot, dry sites

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Algerian Ivy <i>Hedera canariensis</i>	Fast	---	---	---	Moderate	Shade only	---
English Ivy <i>Hedera helix</i>	Fast	---	---	---	Moderate	Shade only	---
Shore Juniper <i>Juniperus conferta</i>	Slow	---	---	Birds	High	Sun only	Flammable – plant min. 30 feet from buildings
Creeping Juniper <i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	Moderate	---	---	Birds	High	Sun only	---
Lily Turf, Monkey Grass <i>Liriope muscari</i>	Moderate	Purple	Summer	---	Moderate	Any (Sun)	Variegated cultivar is damaged by frost
Muhly Grass <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Moderate	Pink	Fall	---	High	Sun only	Tolerates extreme drought & flooding
Mondo Grass <i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i>	Slow	White	Summer		Moderate	Partial Sun/Shade (Shade)	No pest problems
Asiatic Jasmine <i>Trachelospermum asiaticum</i>	Fast	Yellowish-White	Rarely produced, in May	---	Moderate	Sun/Partial Sun (Sun)	Withstands foot traffic; maintain to contain
Confederate Jasmine <i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i>	Fast	White (fragrant)	Spring	Hummingbirds	Moderate	Sun/Partial Sun (Sun)	Can be aggressive
Fakahatchee Grass <i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>	Moderate	Cream/Orange/Red/Yellow	Spring/Summer	---	Moderate	Sun/Partial Sun (Sun)	Pest resistant; tolerates occasionally wet soil
Florida Gama Grass <i>Tripsacum floridana</i>	Moderate	Yellow	Spring/Summer	---	Moderate	Sun/Partial Sun (Sun)	Used to stabilize banks and steep slopes
Periwinkle <i>Vinca major</i>	Moderate to Fast	Blue/Purple/Lavender	Summer	---	Moderate	Any (Partial Sun)	Does not tolerate hot, dry conditions