

# FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING™ GROUNDCOVERS FOR BAKER COUNTY

The list of plants below is intended to be a starting point for making landscape decisions, and not an all-inclusive list of groundcovers suitable for Florida-Friendly Landscapes. As long as a plant isn't invasive, and is planted in the right location (right plant, right place) it could be considered for use in a Florida-Friendly Landscape.

Species Name	Growth Rate	Flower Color	Flower Season	Attracts Wildlife	Drought Tolerance	Sun/Shade Tolerance (Optimum Light)	Other Characteristics
<b>Bugleweed</b> <i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Fast	Purple/Blue	Spring/ Summer	---	Moderate	Any (Partial Sun)	Does not compete well with weeds, esp. in sun
<b>Perennial Peanut</b> <i>Arachis glabrata</i>	Slow	Yellow/ Orange	Summer/ Fall	---	High	Sun only	No nitrogen fertilizer needed; withstands foot traffic; damaged by frost
<b>Wiregrass</b> <i>Aristida stricta</i>	Fast	Tan	All Year	---	High	Sun/partial sun (Sun)	Also known as <i>Aristida beyrichiana</i>
<b>Cast Iron Plant</b> <i>Aspidistra elatior</i>	Slow	Brown	Periodically All Year	---	Moderate	Partial Sun/Shade (Partial Sun)	Tolerates deep shade better than most plants
<b>Caladium</b> <i>Caladium x hortulanum</i>	Fast	White	Summer	---	Moderate	Any (Shade)	Attractive colorful foliage; leaves die back naturally in fall
<b>Holly Fern</b> <i>Cyrtomium falcatum</i>	Moderate	---	---	---	Moderate	Any (Partial Sun)	Evergreen; low maintenance
<b>Autumn Fern</b> <i>Dryopteris erythrosora</i>	Slow	---	---	---	Moderate	Partial Sun/Shade (Shade)	Also known as shield fern
<b>Twin Flower</b> <i>Dyschoriste oblongifolia</i>	Fast	Lavender	All Year	Butterflies	High	Sun/partial sun (Sun)	---
<b>Elliott's Lovegrass</b> <i>Eragrostis eliottii</i>	Fast	Tan	All Year, Esp. Fall	---	High	Sun/partial sun (Sun)	---
<b>Purple Lovegrass</b> <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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<b>Algerian Ivy</b> <i>Hedera canariensis</i>	Fast	---	---	---	Moderate	Shade only	---
<b>English Ivy</b> <i>Hedera helix</i>	Fast	---	---	---	Moderate	Shade only	---
<b>Shore Juniper</b> <i>Juniperus conferta</i>	Slow	---	---	Birds	High	Sun only	Flammable – plant min. 30 feet from buildings
<b>Creeping Juniper</b> <i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	Moderate	---	---	Birds	High	Sun only	---
<b>Lily Turf, Monkey Grass</b> <i>Liriope muscari</i>	Moderate	Purple	Summer	---	Moderate	Any (Sun)	Variegated cultivar is damaged by frost
<b>Muhly Grass</b> <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Moderate	Pink	Fall	---	High	Sun only	Tolerates extreme drought & flooding
<b>Mondo Grass</b> <i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i>	Slow	White	Summer		Moderate	Partial Sun/Shade (Shade)	No pest problems
<b>Asiatic Jasmine</b> <i>Trachelospermum asiaticum</i>	Fast	Yellowish-White	Rarely produced, in May	---	Moderate	Sun/Partial Sun (Sun)	Withstands foot traffic; maintain to contain
<b>Confederate Jasmine</b> <i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i>	Fast	White (fragrant)	Spring	Hummingbirds	Moderate	Sun/Partial Sun (Sun)	Can be aggressive
<b>Fakahatchee Grass</b> <i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>	Moderate	Cream/Orange/Red/Yellow	Spring/Summer	---	Moderate	Sun/Partial Sun (Sun)	Pest resistant; tolerates occasionally wet soil
<b>Florida Gama Grass</b> <i>Tripsacum floridana</i>	Moderate	Yellow	Spring/Summer	---	Moderate	Sun/Partial Sun (Sun)	Used to stabilize banks and steep slopes
<b>Periwinkle</b> <i>Vinca major</i>	Moderate to Fast	Blue/Purple/Lavender	Summer	---	Moderate	Any (Partial Sun)	Does not tolerate hot, dry conditions

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