



8.5 Mississippi Alluvial and Southeast USA Coastal Plains



Black Cherry

(Prunus serotina)



LIGHT: Full Sun, Partial Sun
WATER: Average
HEIGHT: 50 - 80 ft
SPREAD: 30 - 60 ft

This plant has glossy green leaves with pointed tips, has fragrant white flowers in the spring, and produces berries that can be used in jams and jellies. Is tolerant of dry soil.



Black Willow

(Salix nigra)



LIGHT: Full Sun, Partial Sun
WATER: Average, High
HEIGHT: 30 - 60 ft
SPREAD: 30 - 60 ft

This versatile and fast-growing tree thrives in moist environments, adding visual interest to the landscape with its elegant leaves and grayish-brown bark. It is a great choice for gardens seeking both aesthetic appeal and tolerance of wet conditions.

* Not native to central and southern FL



Carolina Cherry Laurel

(Prunus caroliniana)



LIGHT: Full Sun, Partial Sun
WATER: Average
HEIGHT: 20 - 30 ft
SPREAD: 15 - 25 ft

This versatile evergreen tree has glossy leaves that emit an almond scent when bruised. Fragrant white flowers in early spring attract pollinators, followed by small red cherries ripening to black, providing a valuable food source for birds.

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N. Highbush Blueberry

(Vaccinium corymbosum)



LIGHT: Full Sun, Partial Sun
WATER: Average, High
HEIGHT: 6 - 12 ft
SPREAD: 8 - 12 ft

This species has small oval blue-green leaves that turn red, yellow, orange, and purple in the fall. Its urn shaped white flowers from the late spring to early summer give way to blueberries as the season progresses.



Post Oak

(Quercus stellata)



LIGHT: Full Sun
WATER: Low, Average
HEIGHT: 35 - 50 ft
SPREAD: 35 - 50 ft

This drought-tolerant tree is known for its distinctive star-shaped leaves and small acorns, attracting wildlife. With its rustic charm and adaptability to different soil conditions, it is a desirable choice for those seeking a hardy and visually appealing tree.

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Red Maple

(Acer rubrum)



LIGHT: Full Sun, Partial Sun
WATER: Average
HEIGHT: 40 - 70 ft
SPREAD: 30 - 50 ft

This fast growing tree has tiny red flowers in early spring followed by red fruit. The dark green leaves in the spring turn to yellow or red in the fall.

Trees and Shrubs List



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Saltbush

(*Baccharis halimifolia*)



LIGHT: Full Sun

WATER: Average, High

HEIGHT: 3 - 10 ft

SPREAD: 3 - 10 ft

This short lived shrub has oval, sharp-toothed, gray-green leaves that are 2 inches long. This species also has white flowers from late summer to fall and is typically pest and disease free.

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Sand Laurel Oak

(*Quercus hemisphaerica*)



LIGHT: Full Sun, Partial Sun

WATER: Low

HEIGHT: 40 - 60 ft

SPREAD: 30 - 40 ft

This resilient and fast-growing tree is known for thriving in sandy or well-drained soils and has leathery leaves. While relatively short-lived, it remains valuable as a food source for birds, mammals, and insects.

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