



## Top Tropicals guide to late-season plants (Fall through Early Spring) in SW Florida

Many Floridians move up North during hot summer months, our "snow-bird" season usually starts late September and ends by Mother's Day in May. Garden enthusiasts sure would prefer planting those flowering and fruiting species that they can fully enjoy while staying in Florida. Below is a brief summary of the most interesting tropical plants that will flower and fruit for you in Fall, Winter and early Spring. Some of them are ever-blooming, others are late- or early season.

### Flowering trees

E – everbloomer, W - fall/winter bloomer, S – early spring bloomer

<i>Acacia farnesiana</i> - Sweet Mimosa	W	<i>Clerodendrum quadriloculare</i> - Winter Starburst	W
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i> - Aster Tree, Snow Bush	W	<i>Cordia lutea</i> - Yellow Geiger tree	E
<i>Bauhinia blakeana</i> - Hong Kong Orchid Tree	W	<i>Delonix regia</i> - Royal poinciana, Flamboyant	S
<i>Bauhinia divaricata</i> - Butterfly Orchid Tree	W	<i>Erythrina bidwillii</i> - Cry Baby Tree	W
<i>Bauhinia monandra</i> - Napoleon's Plume	W	<i>Erythrina indica-picta</i> - variegated Coral Tree	W
<i>Bauhinia purpurea</i> - Purple Orchid tree	W	<i>Jacaranda jasminoides</i> Maroon	E
<i>Bauhinia saccocalyx</i> - Thai Orchid Tree	W	<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	S
<i>Bauhinia tomentosa</i> - Yellow Orchid Tree	E	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i> - Golden Rain Tree	W
<i>Bauhinia variegata alba</i> - White orchid tree	W	<i>Lonchocarpus violaceus</i> - Lilac Tree	W
<i>Bombax ceiba</i> - Red Kapok tree	W	<i>Magnolia champaca</i> - Joy Perfume Tree	E
<i>Bougainvillea arborea</i> - Thornless Bougainvillea	E	<i>Pseudobombax ellipticum</i> - Shaving Brush Tree	W
<i>Brachychiton acerifolium</i> - Flame tree	W	<i>Punica granatum</i> Noshi Shibari - Flowering Pomegranate	E
<i>Butea monosperma</i> - Flame of the Forest	W	<i>Radermachera Kunming</i> - Dwarf Tree Jasmine	E
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i> - Weeping red Bottlebrush	S	<i>Senna surattensis</i> - Scrambled Egg Bush	W
<i>Cananga odorata</i> - Ylang Ylang	E	<i>Spathodea campanulata</i> - African Tulip Tree	W
<i>Cassia afrofitula</i> - Kenyan shower	S	<i>Tabebuia caraiba</i> - Yellow trumpet tree	S
<i>Cassia fistula</i> - Golden Shower Tree	S	<i>Tabebuia chrysotricha</i> - Dwarf Golden Tabebuia	S
Ceiba hybrid Pink Princess	W	<i>Tabebuia impetiginosa</i> - Dwarf Pink Tabebuia	S
<i>Cercis canadensis</i> - Redbud	S	<i>Tibouchina granulosa</i> - Glory tree	W
<i>Chorisia speciosa</i> - Pink Silk Floss Tree	W	<i>Tipuana tipu</i> - Yellow Jacaranda	W

### Flowering shrubs

*Bauhinia galpinii* (*punctata*) - Pride of De Kaap  
*Bauhinia grandidieri* - Dwarf Blue Orchid Tree  
*Bougainvillea arborea* Dwarf - PIXIE  
*Brunfelsia americana* (*nitida*) - Lady of the night  
*Brunfelsia australis* - Morning, Noon and Night  
*Brunfelsia grandiflora* - Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow  
*Brunfelsia lactea* - Lady of the night  
*Calliandra emarginata* - Powderpuff  
*Calliandra haematocephala* - Powderpuff  
*Cassia bicapsularis* - Butterfly Bush  
*Cestrum nocturnum* - Night blooming jasmine  
*Clerodendrum minahasse* - Fountain Clerodendrum  
*Clerodendrum wallichii* - Bridal Veil

*Dombeya* × *wallichii* - Tropical Hydrangea  
*Euphorbia leucocephala* - Snows of Kilimanjaro  
*Gardenia* (*Kailarsenia*) *vietnamensis*  
*Gardenia radicans*  
*Iboza riparia* - Musk Bush  
*Jasminum sambac*  
*Magnolia* (*Michelia*) *figo* - Banana Magnolia  
*Osmanthus fragrans* - Tea Olive  
*Plumeria pudica* - Bridal Bouquet  
*Tecomaria capensis* - Cape Honeysuckle  
*Thunbergia erecta* - Kings Mantle  
*Tibouchina multiflora* - Glory bush

### Flowering vines

*Clerodendrum speciosum* (*delectum*)  
*Clerodendrum thomsoniae* - Bleeding Heart  
*Gelsemium sempervirens* - Carolina Jasmine  
*Gmelina philippensis* - Parrot's Beak  
*Lonicera heckrottii* - Pink Honeysuckle  
*Lonicera japonica* - Japanese Honeysuckle

*Mansoa alliacea* - Garlic Vine  
*Petrea volubilis* - Queens wreath  
*Senecio confusus* - Mexican flame vine  
*Stephanotis floribunda* - Bridal Bouquet  
*Trachelospermum jasminoides* - Confederate Jasmine

### Late season (or prolonged season) fruit trees

*Achras* (*manilkara*) *zapota* - Sapodilla  
*Annona cherimola* × *A. squamosa* - Atemoya  
*Blighia sapida* - Akee  
*Casimiroa edulis* - white sapote  
*Cinnamomum aromaticum* - Cassia Cinnamon  
*Diospyros digyna* - Black Sapote grafted  
*Diospyros kaki* - Persimmon  
*Eriobotrya japonica* - Loquat  
*Eugenia victoriana* - Sundrop  
*Euphoria longana* - Biew Kiew longan  
*Feijoa sellowiana* - Feijoa  
*Ficus carica* - Fig

*Hylocereus* sp - Pitaya, Dragon Fruit  
*Morus hybrid* - Mulberry  
*Musa* sp - Banana  
*Myrciaria cauliflora* - Jaboticaba  
*Persea americana* - Avocado  
*Pimenta dioica* - Allspice  
*Pimenta racemosa* - Bay Rum Tree  
*Pouteria campechiana* - Canistel  
*Randia formosa* - Blackberry jam fruit  
*Spondias cytherea* - June Plum, Ambarella  
*Spondias purpurea* - Jocote, Hog Plum  
*Synsepalum dulcificum* - Miracle Fruit

### Late season Mango varieties

Choc Anon (Miracle) – Possibly two crops per year: November-January and sometimes July as well  
Graham - mid-July to August  
Keitt - Late July to October  
Kensington Pride - early to mid-November  
Kent - July-August  
Lancetilla - August-September  
Neelum - August-September  
Palmer - July and August sometimes into September  
Valencia Pride - July-August  
Rosigold - is the earliest season, March through June, you may enjoy fruit during early Spring.