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

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Flowering shrubs

*Bauhinia galpinii* (punctata) - Pride of De Kaap
*Bauhinia grandiflora* - 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

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

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

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.