

# Recommended Trees for Marco Island

Prepared by the Marco Island Beautification Advisory Committee  
and the Naples Botanical Garden

The Marco Island Beautification Advisory Committee (BAC) collaborated with the Naples Botanical Garden to develop this recommended tree list for Marco Island. The team carefully considered factors such as height, low fertilizer needs, pest resistance and the ability to provide a unique, beneficial environment and a sense of place for Marco Island. This list is based on information available and is subject to change with additions or deletions. Height and spread represent maximum heights in ideal conditions and some species may take years or decades to reach these sizes. Larger trees or trees with aggressive root systems may be best suited for larger open spaces. This list does not preclude residents, businesses or city agencies from planting trees not featured on this list. You must obtain a city permit to plant in swales.

## Canopy Trees

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height	Spread	Native	Florida Friendly	Invasive Roots	Wind	Surge
<i>Bucida (Terminalia) buceras</i>	Black Olive 'Shady Lady'	50	50	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>Chrysobalanus icaco</i>	Cocoplum	15	15	Y	Y	N	Y	N
<i>Chrysophyllum oliviforme</i>	Satinleaf	45	25	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Coccoloba uvifera</i>	Sea Grape	30	30	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Conocarpus erectus</i>	Buttonwood	30	20	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Ficus citrifolia</i>	Shortleaf Fig	40	40	N		Y	?	N
<i>Guettarda elliptica</i>	Everglades Velvetseed	20	10	Y		?	?	?
<i>Krugiodendrum ferreum</i>	Ironwood	30	20	Y		?	Y	N
<i>Lysiloma sabicu</i>	Horseflesh mahogany	36	30	N		Y	?	?
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Magnolia	50	25	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Mango	45	40	N		Y	Y	N
<i>Pachira aquatica</i>	Tropical Chestnut	30	30	N		N	?	?
<i>Quercus geminata</i>	Sand Oak	50	50	Y		Y	Y	N
<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	Live Oak	60	60	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>Sideroxylon foetidissimum</i>	Mastic Tree	60	50	Y		Y	Y	?
<i>Sideroxylon salicifolium</i>	Willow Busic	60	40	Y		?	Y	N
<i>Simarouba glauca</i>	Paradise Tree	50	30	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
<i>Swietenia mahagoni</i>	Mahogany	40	40	Y	Y	?	Y	Y
<i>Pinus elliottii</i>	Slash Pine	100	50	Y	Y	N	Y	?
<i>Pinus palustris</i>	Longleaf Pine	80	40	Y	Y	N	?	?
<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>	Pond Cypress	60	15	Y		N	?	?
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald Cypress	50	25	Y		Y	Y	Y

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## Flowering Trees

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height	Spread	Native	Florida Friendly	Invasive Roots	Wind	Surge
<i>Bauhinia x blakeana</i>	Hong Kong Orchid Tree	20	20	N	Y	N	N	?
<i>Brya ebenus</i>	Jamaica(n) Rain Tree	30	20	Y		N	?	?
<i>Butea monosperma</i>	Flame of the Forest	40	40	N		Y	?	?
<i>Cassia bakeriana</i>	Dwarf Flowering Cassia	25	25	N		N	?	?
<i>Cassia roxburghii</i>	Red Cassia Tree	30	25	N		N	?	?
<i>Cassia X nealiae</i>	Rainbow Shower Tree	30	25	N		N	?	?
<i>Cordia dodechandra</i>	Ziricote	25	15	N		N	?	?
<i>Cordia sebestena</i>	Geiger Tree	25	20	N	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Delonix regia*</i>	Royal Poinciana	35	40	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>Eugenia confusa</i>	Red Stopper	30	20	Y		N	?	?
<i>Gliricidia species</i>	Madre de Cacao	30	20	N		N	?	?
<i>Gonopterodendron arboreum</i>	Verawood	20	20	N		N	?	?
<i>Guaiaacum sanctum</i>	Lignum Vitae	12	12	Y		N	Y	Y
<i>Handroanthus chrysotrichus</i>	Yellow Trumpet Tree	25	25	N	Y	N	Y	?
<i>Handroanthus heterophylla</i>	Pink Trumpet Tree	30	25	N	Y	N	Y	?
<i>Handroanthus impetiginosus</i>	Purple Trumpet Tree	30	25	N	Y	N	Y	?
<i>Jacaranda caerulea</i>	Caribbean Jacaranda	40	40	N		N	?	?
<i>Jacaranda cuspidifolia</i>	Blue Jacaranda	40	40	N		N	?	?
<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	Jacaranda	40	40	N		N	?	?
<i>Lagerstroemia langkawiensis</i>	Red Leaf Crape Myrtle	40	30	N		N	?	?
<i>Libidibia ferrea</i>	Brazilian ironwood	35	35	N	Y	Y	?	?
<i>Libidibia punctata</i>	Bridalveil Tree	35	35	N		N	Y	?
<i>Peltophorum pterocarpum</i>	Copper Pod	50	40	N		Y	?	?
<i>Tabebuia aurea</i>	Caribbean Trumpet Tree	25	15	N	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Tabebuia bahamensis</i>	Dwarf Bahamian Trumpet Tree	25	5	N		N	Y	Y
<i>Tabebuia heterophylla</i>	Trumpet Tree	30	25	N	Y	N	Y	Y

\* No longer recommended by Naples Botanical Garden as it is invasive in some Caribbean locations.

## Conifers

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height	Spread	Native	Florida Friendly	Invasive Roots	Wind	Surge
<i>Pinus elliottii</i>	Slash Pine	100	50	Y	Y	N	Y	?
<i>Pinus palustris</i>	Longleaf Pine	80	40	Y	Y	N	?	?
<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>	Pond Cypress	60	15	Y		N	?	?
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald Cypress	50	25	Y		Y	Y	Y

## Palms

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height	Spread	Native	Florida Friendly	Invasive Roots	Wind	Surge
<i>Adonidia merrillii</i>	Manila Palm	20	8	N		N	Y	?
<i>Chambeyronia macrocarpa</i>	Flamethrower Palm	20	18	N		N	Y	Y
<i>Coccothrinax alta</i>	Puerto Rican Thatch Palm	15	7	N		N	Y	Y
<i>Coccothrinax argentata</i>	Florida Silver Palm	15	7	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Coccothrinax barbadensis</i>	Puerto Rico Silver Palm	15	7	N		N	Y	Y
<i>Coccothrinax miraguama</i>	Miraguama Palm	15	7	N		N	Y	Y
<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	Coconut Palm	40	25	N	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Coppernicia alba</i>	Carnauba Wax Palm	30	15	N	y	N	y	y
<i>Coppernicia hospita</i>	Cuban Wax Palm	25	15	N	y	N	y	y
<i>Coppernicia prunifera</i>	Carnauba Wax Palm	30	15	N	y	N	y	y
<i>Hyophorbe lagenicaulis</i>	Bottle Palm	12	6	N		N	Y	Y
<i>Hyophorbe verschaffeltii</i>	Spindle Palm	15	8	N		N	Y	Y
<i>Latania loddigesii</i>	Blue Latan Palm	25	15	N		N	Y	?
<i>Leucothrinax morrisii</i>	Key Thatch Palm	15	10	Y		N	Y	Y
<i>Phoenix roebelenii</i>	Pygmy Date Palm	12	6	N	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Pseudophoenix sargentii</i>	Buccaneer Palm	15	8	Y		N	Y	Y
<i>Roystonea regia</i>	Royal Palm	60	22	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Sabal Palmetto</i>	Sabal Palm	40	15	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Thrinax morrisii</i>	Key Thatch Palm	20	10	N	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Thrinax radiata</i>	Florida Thatch Palm	20	10	Y	Y	N	Y	Y

## Small Trees

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height	Spread	Native	Florida Friendly	Invasive Roots	Wind	Surge
<i>Annona glabra</i>	Pond Apple	15	15	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Ardisia escallonoides</i>	Marlberry	20	15	Y	y		Y	
<i>Bourreria succulenta</i>	Strong Bark	15	15	Y			Y	Y
<i>Casasia clusiifolia</i>	Seven Year Apple	25	15	Y	Y	N	?	?
<i>Coccoloba diversifolia</i>	Pigeon Plum	25	30	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
<i>Coccoloba uvifera x diversifolia</i>	Sea Plum	8	6	Y		N	Y	Y
<i>Eugenia axillaris</i>	White Stopper	15	8	Y		N	Y	Y
<i>Eugenia foetida</i>	Boxleaf Stopper	15	8	Y		N	Y	Y
<i>Guapira discolor</i>	Blolly	24	12	Y	Y	N	?	?
<i>Guapira obtusata</i>	Big Leaf Blolly	24	12	Y	Y	N	?	?
<i>Ilex cassine</i>	Dahoon Holly	30	12	Y		N	Y	Y
<i>Picramnia pentandra</i>	Bitterbush	15	5	Y	Y		N	Y