



FLOWERING TREES FOR SOUTH FLORIDA

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Characteristics of Flowering Trees for Subtropical Locations

Botanical Name	Common Name	Potential Height	Flower Color	Flower Grade	Flowering Season	Uses
<i>Acacia farnesiana</i>	Sweet Acacia	10'	Yellow	B	W	R,P
<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	Orchid Tree	20'	White, Purple, Lavendar	A+	W	Pk,R,Sp
<i>Bauhinia spp.</i>	Hong Kong Orchid Tree	30'	White, Pink,	A+	S,F,W,	M,R,S,Sp
<i>Bombax ceiba</i>	Red Silk Cotton	50'	Red	B	W	Pk,R,S
<i>Bulnesia arborea</i>	Bulnesia, Vera Wood	30'	Yellow	A+	Sp,S,F	B,Pk,Pl,R,S,Sp
<i>Caesalpinia mexicana</i>	Mexican Poinciana	12"	Yellow	A	Yr	M,Pk,Pl,R,Sp
<i>Callistemon viminalis</i>	Weeping bottlebrush	25'	Red	B	Sp	M,Pk,Pl,R,Sp
<i>Cassia afrodistula</i>	East African Cassia	15'	Yellow	A+	Sp	B,M,Pk,Pl,R,Sp
<i>Cassia fistula</i>	Golden Shower	35'	Yellow	A+	S	B,M,R,S,Sp
<i>Cassia javanica</i>	Apple Blossom	20'	Pink, White	A+	Sp,S	B,M,R,S,Sp
<i>Cordia boissieri</i>	Texas Wild Olive	20'	White	A	Yr	M,R,Sp
<i>Cordia lutea</i>	Yellow Geiger	25'	Yellow	A	Yr	M,R,Sp
<i>Cordia sebestena</i>	Orange Geiger	25'	Orange	C+	Sp,S,F	M,Pk,R,Sp
<i>Delonix regia</i>	Royal poinciana	30'	Red, Yellow	A+	Late Sp, Early S	Pk,S,B,R
<i>Gordonia lasianthus</i>	Loblolly Bay	35'	White	C	S,F	B,M,Pk,R,S
<i>Grevillea robusta</i>	Silk Oak	40'	Orange	C	Sp	B,Pk,R,
<i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i>	Sea Hibiscus	40'	Yellow, to Red	D	Yr	Pk,S
<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	Jacaranda	45'	Blue	A+	Sp	B,Pk,R,S

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<i>Kigelia pinnata</i>	Sausage Tree	40'	Purple	C	Yr	Pk,S
<i>Koelreuteria bipinnate</i>	Golden Rain Tree	40'	Yellow	A+	S,F	B,M,Pk,Pl,R,S,Sp
<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Crape Myrtle	20'	Red, Purple, White	A+	Late Sp,S	B,M,Pk,Pl,R,Sp
<i>Lagerstoemia speciosa</i>	Queen's Crape Myrtle	35'	Purple	A+	S	B,M,Pk,R,S
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Southern Magnolia	50'	White	C+	Sp	B,M,Pk,R,Sp
<i>Murraya paniculata</i>	Orange Jasmine	15'	White	B	S	M.Pk,Pl,R,
<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Jerusalem Thorn	25'	Yellow	B+	Sp,S	Pk,R,Sp
<i>Peltophorum pterocarpum</i>	Yellow Poinciana	40'	Yellow	A+	Sp,S	B,Pk,Pl,R,S,Sp,
<i>Piscidia piscipula</i>	Jamaican Dogwood	40'	White, Lavender	B	Late Sp	B,M,Pk,R,S[
<i>Plumeria rubra</i>	Frangipani	18'	Yellow, Purple	A	Sp,S	R
<i>Plumeria obusta</i>	Frangipani	20'	White	A	Sp,S	R
<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	Pongam	35'	Pink	C	Sp	B,M,Pk,R,S
<i>Pseudobombax ellipticum</i>	Shavingbrush Tree	39'	Red	A	Sp,W	B,M,P,R,Sp,s
<i>Senna polyphylla</i>	Desert Cassia	9'	Yellow	A	S,F	M,R,Sp
<i>Senna surattensis</i>	Glaucous Cassia	15'	Yellow	A+	Sp,S,F	M,Pk,Pl,R,Sp,
<i>Tabebuia aurea (caraiba)</i>	Silver Trumpet Tree	25'	Yellow	A+	Sp	B,M,Pk,R,Sp
<i>Tabebuia chrysanta</i>	Yellow Tabebuia	20'	Yellow	A+	Sp	B,M,Pk,R,S,
<i>Tabebuia hetrophylla</i>	Pink Tabebuia	30'	Pink	A	Sp	B,M,Pl,Pk,R,Sp
<i>Tabebuia impetiginosa</i>	Purple Trumpet Tree	20'	Purple	A+	Sp	B,M,Pk,R,S,
<i>Tecoma stans</i>	Elder, Yellow	15'	Yellow	A+	Sp,S	Pk,R

Flower Grade
Intensity of Flower Display

A=Excellent
B=Above Average
C=Average
D=Below Average

Flowering Season

Sp=Spring
S=Summer
F=Fall
W=Winter
Yr=Year-round

Uses

B=Boulevards
M=Medians
Pk=Parks
Pl=Parking Lots
R=Residence
S=Shade
Sp=Specimen Plant