UF IFAS Extension Escambia County





Garden Notes

August 2023





Citrus Problems

This year has not been kind to citrus. Another pest to keep an eye out for is the Asian citrus psyllid. This insect can transmit the disease called Citrus greening or Huanglongbing (HLB). Make sure to never propagate any citrus as a homeowner and only purchase from registered nurseries. Read more about citrus areening.





Moranga Squash

Moranga is winter squash that is worth the 95 day wait. Even under our high heat days, vines have grown well with routine watering. Use your days to maturity to help guide your harvest time along with full color development and a firm rind.

Butterfly Ginger

The heat of summer doesn't damper the blooms of the Butterfly ginger, *Hedychium coronarium*.

Most gardeners enjoy plants that grow 4-8 feet tall with white, fragrant blooms that emerge on top of each stem. Plant do best with partial shade and routine moisture during the growing season. Although gingers are cold sensitive in North Florida, they reliably return from underground stems as the soil warms in the spring. You may enjoy the sight of a hawk moth visiting the flowers in the evening.