



# Hernando County Acceptable Tree List



Common Name	Species	Tree Type	Height, Width	Special Notes/Requirements	Fact Sheet
American Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	Shade Tree	70-90↑ 50-70→	Well-drained to wet soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ULMAMEA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ULMAMEA.pdf</a>
American Holly	** <i>Ilex opaca</i>	Shade Tree	35-50↑ 15-25→	Well-drained to wet soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ILEOPAA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ILEOPAA.pdf</a>
American Hornbeam, Hophornbeam	** <i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Shade Tree	30-50↑ 25-30→	Well-drained soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/OSTVIRA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/OSTVIRA.pdf</a>
Bluff Oak	<i>Quercus austrina</i>	Shade Tree	40-60↑ 35-50→	Well to medium drained acid soil. Deciduous.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/queausa.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/queausa.pdf</a>
Cedar Elm	<i>Ulmus crassifolia</i>	Shade Tree	50-70↑ 40-60→	Well-drained to wet soil. Drought tolerant	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ULMCRAA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ULMCRAA.pdf</a>
Crapemyrtle Tree	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Medium Tree	10-30↑ 15-30→	Well to medium-drained soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/laginda.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/laginda.pdf</a>
Crapemyrtle Tree (Japanese)	<i>Lagerstroemia indica Xfauriei</i> , <i>Lagerstroemia fauriei</i>	Medium Tree	35-50↑ 25-35→	Well to medium-drained soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/Pages/lagfaufan/lagfaufan.shtml">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/Pages/lagfaufan/lagfaufan.shtml</a>
Dahoon Holly	<i>Ilex cassine and cvs.</i>	Evergreen	20-30↑ 15-20→	Medium drained to wet rich soil. Mod. Drought tolerance	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ilecasa.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ilecasa.pdf</a>
Eagleston Holly	** <i>Ilex × attenuata</i> and cvs.	Shade Tree (Residential Use)	20-25↑ 6-10→	Well-drained to moist soil. Drought and flood tolerant.	<a href="https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/MG/MG02100.pdf">https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/MG/MG02100.pdf</a>
East Palatka Holly	** <i>Ilex × attenuata</i> and cvs.	Shade Tree	30-45↑ 10-15→	Well-drained soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ILEATTA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ILEATTA.pdf</a>
Florida Maple, Southern Sugar Maple	** <i>Acer barbatum</i>	Shade Tree	25-60↑ 25-40→	Occasionally wet to well-drained soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ACEBARA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ACEBARA.pdf</a>
Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Shade Tree	50-100↑ 30-70→	Wet to mod. drained soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/FRAPENA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/FRAPENA.pdf</a>
Hickories, Pecan	<i>Carya spp.</i>	Shade Tree	50-100↑ 25-70→	Wet to well-drained soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/carilla.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/carilla.pdf</a>
Japanese Blueberry	** <i>Elaeocarpus decipiens</i>	Shade Tree	30-40↑ 30-40→	Well-drained soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/Pages/eladen/eladen.shtml">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/Pages/eladen/eladen.shtml</a>
Live Oak	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	Shade Tree	40-80↑ 60-120→	Well-drained soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/QUEVIRA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/QUEVIRA.pdf</a>
Loblolly Bay	<i>Gordonia lasianthus</i>	Shade Tree	30-60↑ 20-30→	Wet to mod. drained soil. Mod. drought tolerance.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/GORLASA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/GORLASA.pdf</a>
Marlberry, Marbleberry	<i>Ardisia escallonioides</i>	Small Tree (Residential Use)	10-20↑ 3-12→	Well-drained to medium drained soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/FP/FP04800.pdf">https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/FP/FP04800.pdf</a>
Nellie R Stevens Holly	<i>Ilex X'Nellie R Stevens'</i>	Evergreen (Residential Use)	15-25↑ 10-12→	Well-drained soil. Medium rough tolerance.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ilexa.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ilexa.pdf</a>
Overcup Oak	<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	Shade Tree	30-40↑ 30-40→	Well-drained to medium drained soil. Medium drought tolerance.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/quelyra.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/quelyra.pdf</a>
Pond Cypress	<i>Taxodium spp.</i>	Shade Tree	50-80↑ 10-35→	Well-drained to wet soil. Drought tolerant. Plant min. 30' from buildings. Full sun.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/taxasca.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/taxasca.pdf</a>



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Bald Cypress	<i>Taxodium spp.</i>	Shade Tree	50-80↑ 10-35→	Well-drained to wet soil. Drought tolerant. Plant min. 30' from buildings. Full sun.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/taxdisa.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/taxdisa.pdf</a>
Pop Ash, Carolina Ash, Water Ash	<i>Fraxinus caroliniana</i>	Shade Tree	30-50↑ 20-35→	Wet to mod. drained soil. Mod. drought tolerance.	<a href="https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fr318">https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fr318</a>
Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Evergreen	40-50↑ 10-25→	Well-drained soils. Drought tolerant.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/junvira.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/junvira.pdf</a>
Red Maple	** <i>Acer rubrum</i>	Shade Tree	60-75↑ 25-35→	Wet to well-drained soil. Mod. drought tolerance.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ACERUBA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ACERUBA.pdf</a>
River Birch	** <i>Betula nigra</i>	Shade Tree	40-50↑ 25-35→	Wet to well-drained soil. Mod. drought tolerance.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/BETNIGA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/BETNIGA.pdf</a>
Round Holly, Round Leaf Holly, Rotund Holly	<i>Ilex rotunda</i>	Evergreen	30-50↑ 20-30→	Well-drained soil. Medium drought tolerance.	<a href="https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/mg021">https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/mg021</a>
Sand Live Oak	<i>Quercus geminata</i>	Shade Tree	30-50↑ 20-30→	Well-drained soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/Pages/quegem/quegem.shtml">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/Pages/quegem/quegem.shtml</a>
Savannah Holly	** <i>Ilex</i> × <i>attenuata</i> and cvs.	Shade Tree	30-45↑ 6-10→	Well-drained soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/Pages/ileattsav/ileattsav.shtml">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/Pages/ileattsav/ileattsav.shtml</a>
Sawtooth Oak	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	Shade Tree	40-50↑ 50-70→	Well-drained to medium drained soil. Drought tolerant. Full sun.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/queacub.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/queacub.pdf</a>
Shumard Oak	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Shade Tree	55-80↑ 40-50→	Full sun. Well-drained to wet soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/QUESHUA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/QUESHUA.pdf</a>
Southern Magnolia	** <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> and cvs.	Shade Tree	40-80↑ 15-40→	Well-drained to wet soil. Mod. drought tolerance.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/MAGGRAA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/MAGGRAA.pdf</a>
Stoppers (Natives Only)	<i>Eugenia spp.</i>	Evergreen (Residential Use)	10-30↑ 5-20→	Well-drained soil. Drought tolerant. Full sun to partial shade.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/eugsppa.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/eugsppa.pdf</a>
Sugarberry	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	Shade Tree	50-70↑ 50-60→	Wet to well-drained soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/CELLAEA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/CELLAEA.pdf</a>
Sweet Bay Magnolia	** <i>Magnolia virginiana</i> and cvs.	Shade Tree	40-60↑ 20-50→	Well-drained to wet soil. Low drought tolerance.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/MAGVIRA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/MAGVIRA.pdf</a>
Sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Shade Tree	40-100↑ 40-60→	Wet to well-drained soil. Mod. drought tolerance.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/LIOSTYA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/LIOSTYA.pdf</a>
Sycamore, American, Planetree	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Shade Tree	75-90↑ 50-70→	Full sun. Well-drained to wet soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/PLAOCCA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/PLAOCCA.pdf</a>
Texas Olive, White Geiger	<i>Cordia boissieri</i>	Small Tree (Residential Use)	15-20↑ 10-15→	Well-drained soil. Drought tolerant. Full sun.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/corboia.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/corboia.pdf</a>
Tulip Poplar, Tulip Tree, Yellow Poplar	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Shade Tree	80-100↑ 40-80→	Full sun. Well-drained to wet soil. Mod. Drought tolerance.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/LIRTULA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/LIRTULA.pdf</a>



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Tupelo, Black Gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Shade Tree	60-75↑ 25-35→	Well-drained to wet soils. Mod.drought tolerance.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/nyssyla.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/nyssyla.pdf</a>
Varnish Leaf, Hopbush	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	Small Tree (Residential Use)	10-18↑ 6-15→	Well-drained soil. Drought tolerant. Full sun.	<a href="https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fp181">https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fp181</a>
White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>	Shade Tree	60-100↑ 60-80→	Moist but well-drained soil. Mod. drought tolerance.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/QUEALBA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/QUEALBA.pdf</a>
Wild Olive, Devilwood	<i>Osmanthus americanus</i>	Evergreen (Residential Use)	15-25↑ 10-15→	Well-drained to wet soil. Medium drought tolerance.	<a href="https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/osamea.pdf">https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/osamea.pdf</a>
Winged Elm	<i>Ulmus alata</i>	Shade Tree	45-70↑ 30-40→	Well-drained to wet soil. Drought tolerant.	<a href="http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ULMALAA.pdf">http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/documents/pdf/tree_fact_sheets/ULMALAA.pdf</a>

The table lists acceptable **shade** trees to be planted or preserved. Species should be selected based on the characteristics of the site. Must have a single trunk.

\*\* Shade Tree Species Suitable for Smaller Lots

Trees Planted for **Commercial Projects** Shall Meet Specific Requirements of CHAPTER 10, COMMUNITY APPEARANCE, Sec. 10-21 & Sec. 10-24 of Hernando County Code of Ordinances.

Height and Width are in feet.

Invasive Plants Are **Not Acceptable**; See Category 1 and 2 FLEPPC List:  
<https://www.fleppc.org/list/list.htm>

For more information see "The Florida Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to PLANT SELECTION & LANDSCAPE DESIGN":  
[https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN\\_Plant\\_Selection\\_Guide\\_2015.pdf](https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide_2015.pdf)