



FLORIDA
**MASTER
GARDENER**

Plant ID

List # 4

UF/IFAS — Franklin/Wakulla Counties

Aztec Grass

Ophiopogon intermedius

Asparagaceae

Liliaceae



Liriope muscari 'Variegata'

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/fp349>

Aztec Grass

Ophiopogon intermedius

- Plant type: groundcover
- Light: part sun to part shade
- Size: small
- Life Span: perennial
- Native: Asia

Asparagaceae

Liliaceae

- Highlight: tolerates wide range of soil types and pH, no serious pest or disease problems, excellent border grass
- Problem: Less tolerant of full sun and high temperatures

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/ep457>

<http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/wakullaco/2020/06/03/aztec-grass-mondo-grass-and-lioriope-for-shady-areas/>

Black Cherry

Prunus serotina

Rosaceae



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Figure 4. Flower - *Prunus serotina*: black cherry
Credit: UF/IFAS



Figure 5. Fruit - *Prunus serotina*: black cherry
Credit: UF/IFAS



Figure 6. Bark, Young - *Prunus serotina*: black cherry
Credit: UF/IFAS



Figure 7. Bark, Mature - *Prunus serotina*: black cherry
Credit: Gitta Hasing, UF/IFAS

Black Cherry

Prunus serotina

Rosaceae



- Plant type: tree deciduous
- Light: full sun
- Size: large
- Life Span: perennial
- Native: Eastern North America, Mexico and Central America

- Highlight: Good in semi-natural, woodland type gardens, birds and wildlife like the berries
- Problem: twigs and older wilted leaves contain a cyanide compound that is toxic to horses and cattle, berries will stain concrete and other materials

<https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/database/lppi/sp309.shtml>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/st516>

Purple Passionflower

Passiflora incarnata

Passifloraceae

Maypop



Zebra Longwing



Purple Passionflower

Passiflora incarnata

Passifloraceae

Maypop



Photo: Alicia R. Lamborn



Gulf Fritillary Caterpillar and egg on Maypop/Passionvine

Purple Passionflower

Passiflora incarnata

- Plant type: vine
- Light: sun to partial
- Size: small/ground
- Life span: perennial
- Native: Florida

Passifloraceae

Maypop

- Highlights: Blooms most of year, larval host for Gulf Fritillary, Zebra Longwing
- Problems: can be aggressive, can be affected by nematodes, host plant thus eaten

Chocolate Mint

Lamiaceae

Mentha x piperita citrate 'Chocolate'



Mint flowers are attractive to pollinators. Photo: Julie McConnell, UF/IFAS



<https://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/edibles/vegetables/mint.html>

Chocolate Mint

`Lamiaceae

Mentha x piperita citrate 'Chocolate'

- Plant type: herb, groundcover
- Light: full sun to part shade
- Size: low, small
- Life Span: perennial
- Native: Mediterranean Region
- Highlight: edible, used in culinary dishes and drinks, strong aromatic leaves, evergreen and cold hardy,
- Problem: spreads enthusiastically if not contained

Muscadine Grape

Vitis rotundifolia

Vitaceae

(Scuppernongs)



Muscadine Grape

Vitis rotundifolia

Vitaceae



Figure 2. 'Granny Vall' is a large, bronze grape recommended for fresh market.
Credit: Peter C. Andersen, UF/IFAS.



Carl Hunter @ USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database / USDA SC.S. 1991. *Southern wetland flora: Field office guide to plant species*. South National Technical Center, Fort Worth.

<https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/edibles/fruits/muscadines.html>

Muscadine Grapes

Vitis rotundifolia

Vitaceae

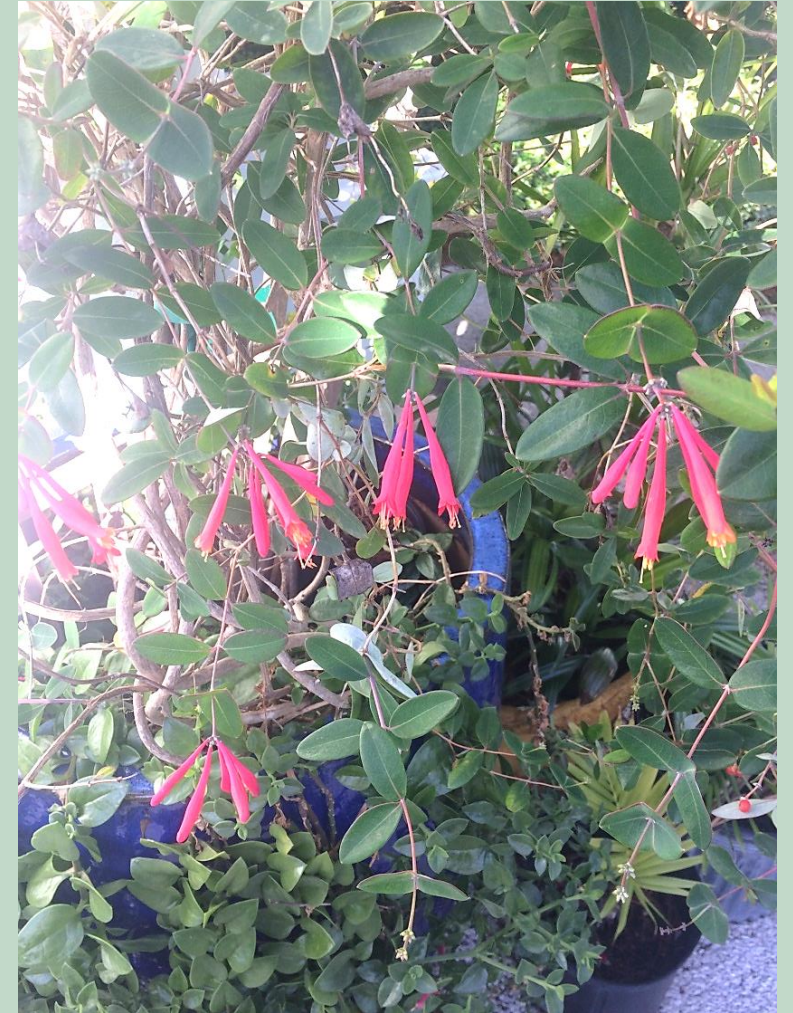
(AKA Scuppernongs)

- Plant type: vine
- Light: full sun
- Size: variable in length
- Life Span: perennial
- Native: North America
- Highlight: some cultivars are disease-resistant, tolerant of most insect pests
- Problem: fruit attractive to animals, yearly pruning maintenance required for optimal production

Honeysuckle

Caprifoliaceae

Lonicera sempervirens



Honeysuckle

Lonicera sempervirens

Caprifoliaceae



- Plant type: vine
- Light: sun-partial
- Size: variable in length
- Life span: perennial
- Native: Florida

- Highlight: bright flowers, attracts hummingbirds
- Problem: aphids, a few diseases, powdery mildew and leaf spot

Kumquat

Fortunella spp.

Rutaceae



https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/outreach/plant_id/fruits_nuts/kumquat.shtml

Kumquat

Fortunella spp.

Rutaceae



- Plant type: tree
 - Light: full sun
 - Size: small
 - Life Span: perennial
 - Native: China
- Highlight: cold hardy in our area, flowers attract native pollinators, fruit is NOT attractive to squirrels, entire fruit is edible including peel.
 - Problem: flowers may be mildly allergenic

<https://floridata.com/plant/503>

<https://nwdistrict.ifas.ufl.edu/hort/tag/kumquat/>

Oriental Persimmon

Diospyros kaki

Ebenaceae



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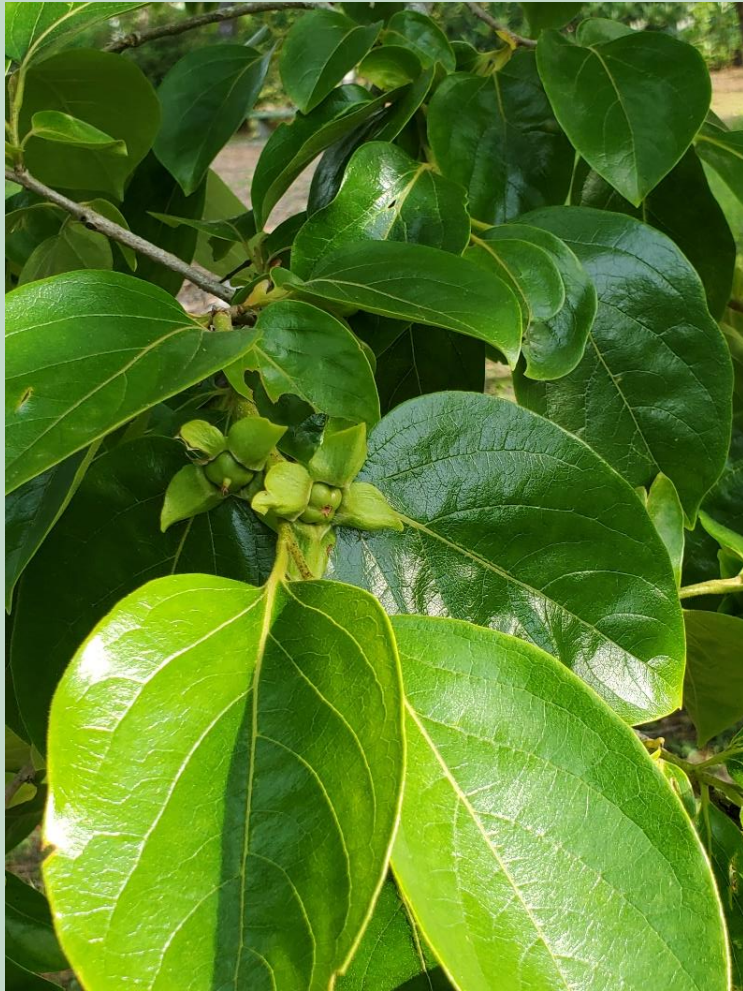
Kaki persimmon orchard in mid-October just as the fruit is ripening.

<https://floridata.com/plant/166>

Oriental Persimmon

Diospyros kaki

Ebenaceae



<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/MG242>

Oriental Persimmon

Diospyros kaki

Ebenaceae



- Plant type: tree
- Light: full sun
- Size: medium
- Life Span: perennial
- Native: China, Japan, Asia
- Highlight: edible fruit, nice shade tree, low maintenance, disease and insect resistant
- Problem: fallen fruit can be a problem

Red Buckeye

Aesculus pavia

Sapindaceae

Hippocastanaceae



Figure 3. Leaf - *Aesculus pavia*: red buckeye
Credit: Gitta Hasing



Figure 1. Full Form - *Aesculus pavia*: red buckeye

Red Buckeye

Aesculus pavia

Sapindaceae

Hippocastanaceae



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Red buckeye flowers provide an elegant dining venue for hungry hummingbirds.



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The outer husk splits to reveal the ripe shiny red buckeyes within.



Figure 4. Flower - *Aesculus pavia*: red buckeye

Credit: Gitta Hasing

Red Buckeye

Aesculus pavia

- Plant type: tree
- Light: full sun or part shade, shade tolerant
- Size: small tree
- Life Span: deciduous perennial
- Native: North America, Florida

<https://floridata.com/plant/268>

Sapindaceae

Hippocastanaceae

- Highlight: red flowers in spring attractive to hummingbirds, disease resistant
- Problem: seeds are poisonous

Stokes' Aster

Stokesia laevis

Asteraceae



Upright habit and profuse blooming of 'Mel's Blue' Stokes' Aster. Photo credit: Mary Derrick, UF/IFAS Extension.



<https://nwdistrict.ifas.ufl.edu/hort/2017/06/22/florida-natives-stokes-aster/>



'Mel's Blue' Stokes' Aster. Photo credit: Mary Derrick, UF/IFAS Extension.

Stokes' Aster

Stokesia laevis

Asteraceae



Stokes' aster attracts butterflies like this black swallowtail. Photo credit: Mary Derrick, UF/IFAS Extension.

Stokes' Aster

Stokesia laevis

Asteraceae



- Plant type: Shrub
- Light: full sun
- Size: small
- Life Span: evergreen perennial
- Native: North America, Florida
- Highlight: evergreen, attractive flowers in spring attractive to native pollinators, no disease or pest problems
- Problem: needs to be divided and kept moist