

## Native Plant Sales

Area plant sales are good places to purchase native shrubs. Prices are reasonable and experts are on-hand to answer questions. Weeks Bay Reserve and Wolf Bay Watershed Watch conduct native plant sales in the spring and fall of each year.



Southern Hybrid Azalea  
"Admiral Semmes"

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Florida Anise, White Form

## Benefits of Planting Native Shrubs in Your Yard!

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If you are a business or homeowner interested in landscaping in an ecological, cost effective, and aesthetically pleasing manner, it is time to think about incorporating native plants into your outdoor design. Native plants are flowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees indigenous to a geographical region of North America prior to European settlement. Coastal Alabama has hundreds of native shrub species, and many of these can be grown in cultivation as beautiful, low maintenance additions to South Alabama landscapes.

### Benefits of Native Shrubs

#### Native Shrubs:

- Require less intensive care and maintenance than many exotic species.
- Help reduce air pollution.
- Provide food and shelter for wildlife.
- Promote biodiversity and stewardship of our natural heritage.
- Save money by lowering energy costs.
- Will not escape, to compete with native species in natural areas.
- Are beautiful, and they look natural around our homes.

## Ten Great Native Shrubs for South Alabama Landscapes



Waxmyrtle

**Waxmyrtle; *Myrica (Morella) cerifera***  
**Landscape Value:** Evergreen, very durable.  
**Size / Form:** Large shrub, good informal hedge; dwarf forms available; takes heavy pruning.  
**Growth:** Moderate / fast.  
**Site Requirements:** Any site, wet or dry, sun-shade; salt tolerant.  
**Flower/Fruit:** N/A for landscape value.



Florida Anise

**Florida Anise, *Illicium floridanum***  
**Landscape Value:** Evergreen, year-round interest  
**Size / Form:** Slow growing, upright habit.  
**Site Requirements:** Shady, moist soils.  
**Flower/Fruit:** Red Spring Flowers, persistent star-shaped fruits.



**Oakleaf Hydrangea**

**Oakleaf Hydrangea, *Hydrangea quercifolia***

**Landscape Value:** Large deciduous shrub, large cream-white flowers; year-round interest

**Size/ Form:** Large, broad.

**Growth:** Moderate

**Site Requirements:** Full sun to part shade; average soil, best with added lime.

**Flower/Fruit:** Colorful fall foliage.



**Yaupon**

**Yaupon, *Ilex vomitoria***

**Landscape Value:** Evergreen, durable.

**Size/ Form:** Many sizes and forms

**Growth:** Moderate.

**Site Requirements:** Full sun to part shade; moist to dry soils.

**Flower/Fruit:** Red winter fruits feed birds.



**Bluestem Palmetto**

**Bluestem Palmetto, *Sabal minor***

**Landscape Value:** Evergreen, huge fan-shaped leaves.

**Size/ Form:** Large spreading shrub.

**Growth:** Slow / moderate.

**Light Requirements:** Part to full shade; moist to average soils.

**Flower/Fruit:** N/A for landscape.



**Fringe Tree**

**Fringe Tree, *Chionanthus virginicus***

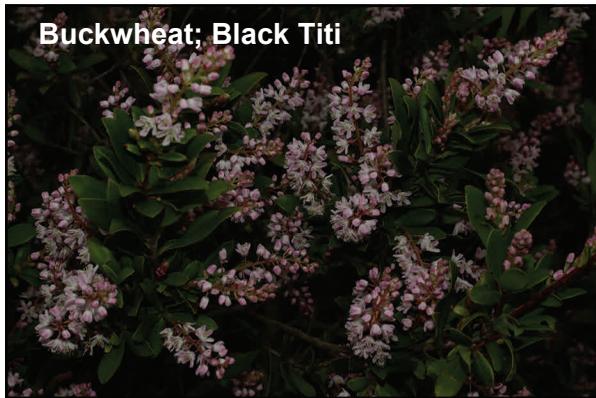
**Landscape Value:** Replacement for dogwoods; beloved American “heirloom”.

**Size/ Form:** Large shrub / small tree.

**Growth:** Moderate.

**Site Requirements:** Full sun to part shade; wet to well drained soils

**Flower/Fruit:** Masses of white flowers in spring.



**Buckwheat; Black Titi**

**Buckwheat Tree; Black Titi, *Cliftonia monophylla***

**Landscape Value:** Evergreen, year-round interest.

**Size/ Form:** Large, upright.

**Growth:** Moderate.

**Site Requirements:** Full sun to shade; average to wet soils.

**Flower/Fruit:** White or pink in early spring.



**Saw Palmetto**

**Saw Palmetto, *Serenoa repens***

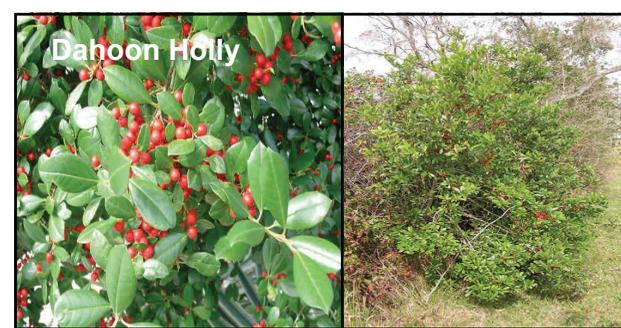
**Landscape Value:** Evergreen, dramatic form.

**Size/ Form:** Large low shrub.

**Growth:** Slow / moderate.

**Site Requirements:** Full sun; dry sandy soils

**Flower/Fruit:** N/A for landscape.



**Dahoon Holly**

**Dahoon Holly, *Ilex cassine***

**Landscape Value:** Evergreen; great alternative to privet.

**Size/ Form:** Large shrub.

**Growth:** Moderate.

**Site Requirements:** Full sun to light shade; moist to well drained soils.

**Flower/Fruit:** Pretty red winter berries foraged by wildlife.



**Native Azalea**

**Native Azaleas, *Rhododendron* spp.**

**Landscape Value:** Deciduous specimen or informal hedge.

**Size / Form:** Large, open.

**Growth:** Slow to medium.

**Site Requirements:** Part shade; well drained acidic soils.

**Flower/Fruit:** Spectacular spring-summer. Flowers; many colors.

