

## Replant with Small Trees after the Hurricanes

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In these post-hurricane weeks the revelations have continued. As I drive around the county I am noticing large trees (most of them live oaks) planted under power lines (they were there before, I just didn't notice them the way I do now), live oaks of all ages in need of thinning, and large trees planted in small areas. All three of these situations can lead to problems in the future.

In case you are wondering what trees you can plant near power lines or in small areas, here are some ideas. I have them divided up by native vs. non-native, evergreen vs. deciduous and flowering vs. non-flowering. Here are just some of the small trees you can choose from!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Native – Evergreen – Flowering</u>		<u>Comments</u>
	<u>Height</u>	<u>Spread</u>	
Acacia farnesiana Sweet Acacia	15'-25'	15'-25'	Yellow fragrant flowers, full sun only
Cordia sebestena Geiger tree	25'-30'	20'-25'	Orange blooms attract hummingbirds, high salt spray tolerance
Myricanthes fragrans Simpson's stopper	10'-20'	15'-20'	White fragrant flowers, attracts birds, high salt spray tolerance
Osmanthus americanus Wild-olive	15'-25'	10'-15'	Fragrant white flowers, attracts birds, high salt spray tolerance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Native-Evergreen</u>		<u>Comments</u>
	<u>Height</u>	<u>Spread</u>	
Coccoloba uvifera Seagrape	25'-30'	20'-30'	High salt spray tolerance
Ilex cassine Dahoon holly	20'-30'	8'-12'	Female plants produce berries that attracts birds
Ilex vomitoria Yaupon holly	15'-25'	15'-20'	Attracts birds, full sun to shade, high salt spray tolerance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Native – Deciduous- Flowering</u>		<u>Comments</u>
	<u>Height</u>	<u>Spread</u>	
Prunus angustifolia Chickasaw plum	12'-20'	15'-20'	Fragrant white flowers
Cercis canadensis Eastern redbud	20'-30'	15'-25'	Attractive pink flowers in spring
Chionanthus virginicus Fringe tree	12'-20'	10'-15'	Fragrant white flowers, full sun to shade, attracts birds

	<u>Non-Native – Evergreen – Flowering</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Spread</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Callistemon citrinus Red Bottlebrush	10'-15'	10'-15'	Red flowers attract hummingbirds, full sun only, high salt spray tolerance
Jatropha integerrima Peregrina	10'-15'	10'-15'	Red flowers, full sun to shade attracts butterflies, poisonous seeds

	<u>Non-Native – Deciduous – Flowering</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Spread</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Lagerstroemia indica Crape myrtle	10'-30'	15'-25'	Full sun only, bloom colors vary, prune every winter for best blooms
Parkinsonia aculeata Jerusalem-thorn	15'-20'	20'-25'	Full sun only, yellow blooms, high salt spray tolerance
Plumeria alba Frangipani	20'-25'	20'-25'	Fragrant flowers, high salt spray tolerance, symmetrical canopy
Tabebuia argentea Golden trumpet tree	15'-25'	10'-15'	Yellow blooms, high salt spray
Tabebuia impetiginosa Purple tabebuia	12'-20'	10'-15'	Purple blooms, full sun only
Tibouchina granulosa Purple glory flower	15'-20'	15'-20'	Purple blooms, full sun only, flowers spring, summer and fall

Smaller trees can fit into more places, don't do the damage that large trees can and many of them have attractive blooms. If you've lost some trees in your yard you may want to consider planting one of these trees in your landscape.