

PLANTS THAT ATTRACT HUMMINGBIRDS FOR BREVARD COUNTY

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TREES						
Scientific Name Common Name	Height	Spread	Flower Color & Season	Light Conditions	Salt Spray Tolerance	Comments
<i>Bauhinia variegata</i> Hong Kong orchid tree	20-40 feet	20-30 feet	white, purple,lavender winter,spring	Full sun, part shade	Moderate	Deciduous; fast grower; tolerates acidic to slightly alkaline soils; well-drained soils; high drought tolerance; requires pruning to develop strong structure; wood is weak and tends to break; tree can cause a litter problem; <i>B.v. 'Candida'</i> the white flowering form grows best in full sun; attracts hummingbirds; zones9B-11
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i> Red Bottle-brush	10-15 feet	10-15 feet	Red spring,summer	Full sun only	High	Evergreen; attracts hummingbirds; prefers acids soils
<i>Cordia sebestena</i> Geiger tree	25-30 feet	20-25 feet	Orange spring,summer	Full sun part shade	High	Evergreen; tolerates wide range of pH; high drought tolerance; attracts hummingbirds; <i>C. boissieri</i> has white flowers
<i>Jatropha integerrima</i> <i>Jatropha</i>	10-15 feet	10-15 feet	Red year round	Full sun part shade	Moderate	Evergeen; tolerates wide range of pH; attracts butterflies; well-drained soils; may freeze back to the ground in cold weather but comes back from the roots; attracts hummingbirds
SHRUBS						
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<i>Buddleia spp.</i> Butterfly bush	6-10 feet	6-10 feet	Variety spring,fall	Full sun only	Moderate	Good border plant; susceptible to frost; attracts butterflies & hummingbirds; fragrant flowers; cut flowers; tolerates acid soil; cut back in February as it blooms on new growth
<i>Clerodendron paniculatum</i> Pagoda flower	6-10 feet	6-10 feet	Red year round	Full sun part shade	Low	Evergreen; well-drained soils; dry soils; tolerates wide range of pH; <i>C.speciosissimum</i> attracts hummingbirds, root suckers
<i>Erythrina herbacea</i> Cherokee-bean	3-5 feet	4-8 feet	Red summer	Full sun part shade	Moderate	Well-drained soils; attracts hummingbirds; beans split to reveal bright scarlet seeds; deciduous; seeds are very poisonous; larval & nectar plant for butterflies; cold & drought tolerant; thorns
<i>Hamelia patens</i> Firebush	8-10 feet	4-6 feet	Red,orange year round	Full sun to shade	Low	Attracts butterflies & hummingbirds; well-drained soils; dry soils; wet soils; tolerates wide range of pH; drought tolerant; evergreen
<i>Hibiscus coccineus</i> Red Hibiscus	6-8 feet	2-3 feet	Red Spring	Full sun to shade	Low	Dies back to the ground in winter; prefers acidic, moist soils; tolerates wet soils; attracts hummingbirds
<i>Ixora coccinea</i> Ixora	10-15 feet	3-6 feet	Varied year round	Full sun part shade	Low	Prefers acidic soil; well-drained soils; dry soils; attracts hummingbirds

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<i>Malvaviscus arboreus</i> Turks-cap	6-10 feet	6-10 feet	Red year round	Full sun part shade	Moderate	Tolerates wide range of pH; well-drained soils; dry soils; fast grower; attracts hummingbirds
<i>Sophora tomentosa</i> Necklace pod	5-6 feet	3-4 feet	Yellow spring,summer	Full sun	High	Attracts birds, hummingbirds & butterflies; well-drained soils; dry soils
HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS						
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<i>Justicia brandegeana</i> Shrimp plant	2-4 feet	3-6 feet	Bronze spring,summer	Full sun to shade	None	Attracts hummingbirds; may freeze back to ground; tolerates wide range of pH; well-drained soils; wet soils
<i>Justicia carnea</i> Jacobinia	2-4 feet	1-3 feet	Pink year round	Full sun part shade	None	Cut back in spring to promote bushiness; may freeze back to ground; well-drained soils; tolerates wide range of pH
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> Cardinal Flower	2-4 feet	1-3 feet	Red summer	Full sun part shade	Low	Attracts hummingbirds; nectar plant - butterflies; cut flowers; wet soils; well-drained soils; fast grower
<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i> Four o'clock	2-4 feet	1-3 feet	Varies summer,fall	Full sun only	?	Attracts hummingbirds; tolerates acid soils; well-drained soils
<i>Monarda didyma</i> Bee balm	2-4 feet	1-3 feet	Pink summer	part shade	None	Attracts hummingbirds; nectar plant-butterflies; well-drained soils; wet soils; tolerates acid soils; cut flower
<i>Odontonema strictum</i> Firespike	4-6 feet	3-4 feet	Red summer, fall	part shade	?	Attracts hummingbirds; well-drained soils
<i>Pelargonium X hortorum</i> Geranium	2-3 feet	1-3 feet	Red,pink,white year round	Part shade	?	Attracts hummingbirds; plants can only handle full sun in the winter; tolerate acid soils; well-drained soils
<i>Russelia equisetiformis</i> Firecracker plant	2-4 feet	Indef.	Red year round	Full sun only	?	Attracts hummingbirds; troublesome - arching branches take root so it spreads; needs room; container plant; well-drained soils
<i>Salvia coccinea</i> Tropical Sage	2-3 feet	2-3 feet	Red spring-fall	Full sun	High	Attracts hummingbirds; nectar plant -butterflies; dry soils; drought tolerant; can be sheared; S.c.var <i>bicolor</i> is a naturally occurring cross
<i>Salvia elegans</i> Pineapple sage	2-4 feet	3-6 feet	Red fall	Full sun part shade	?	Attracts hummingbirds & butterflies; culinary & fragrance herb; tolerates acid soils well-drained soils

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GROUNDCOVERS						
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<i>Aloe spp.</i> Aloe	0-1 foot	1-3 feet	Orange year round	Full sun to shade	High	Tolerates wide range of pH; well-drained soils; dry soils; attracts hummingbirds
<i>Aptenia cordifolia</i> Baby sun rose	to 6 inches	2-3 feet	Pink, red year round	Full sun only	High	Well-drained soils; dry soils; tolerates wide range of pH; very attractive bright green succulent foliage; nectar plant - butterflies; attracts hummingbirds in hanging basket
<i>Dianthus barbatus</i> Sweet William	0-1 foot	0-1 foot	Pink, white spring,summer	Full sun part shade	?	Prefers alkaline soil but tolerates acid soils; deadhead; cut flower; rots in wet areas; well-drained soils; attracts hummingbirds
<i>Dianthus chinensis</i> Pink	0-1 foot	0-1 foot	Pink,white,red summer-winter	Full sun is best	?	Often grown as an annual; trim silvery foliage with siccors to 3 inches after flowering; tolerates acid soils; well-drained soils; attracts hummingbirds; cut flower
<i>Salvia greggii</i> Autumn sage	1-2 feet	3-5 feet	Rosy red fall	Full sun	?	Attracts hummingbirds; drought tolerant; well-drained soils
<i>Sedum spectabile</i> Showy stonecrop	1-2 feet	1-3 feet	Pink,red summer,fall	Full sun only	?	Tolerates acidic soils; well-drained soils; dry soils; attracts hummingbirds; nectar plant - butterflies; fast grower
ORNAMENTAL CLIMBING VINES						
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<i>Bignonia capreolata</i> Cross vine	Vine	var.	Yellow-red Spring	part shade	None	Attracts hummingbirds; well-drained soils; wet soils; tolerates acid soils; evergreen; has tendrils so it naturally climbs; native to woods & swamps from
<i>Campsis radicans</i> Orange Trumpet Vine	Vine	var.	Orange,yellow summer	Full sun part shade	Moderate	Attracts hummingbirds; well-drained soils; wet soils; dry soils; tolerates wide range of pH; deciduous; fast grower
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> Coral honeysuckle	0-1 foot	vine	Red,yellow spring,summer	Full sun only	High	Tolerates wide range of pH; well-drained soils; dry soils; attracts hummingbirds
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