





Recommended Trees – South Florida

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The following trees would be suitable for planting adjacent to overhead power lines in South Florida:

<p style="text-align: center;">Geiger Tree (<i>Cordia sebestena</i>)</p> <p>Growth Rate: Slow Maturity Height x Spread: 15-20' x 20' Foliage: Evergreen This slow growing tree has striking orange blossoms in the spring. Whether multi-stemmed or with a single trunk, this tree works well as a specimen or patio tree</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Silver Buttonwood (<i>Conocarpus erectus ver. sericeus</i>)</p> <p>Growth Rate: Moderate Maturity Height x Spread: 15-20' x 20-30' Foliage: Evergreen Silver to blue-green foliage provides accent as a small tree of buffer. Multi-stemmed, tough tree adapts well to urban areas.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Spanish Stopper (<i>Eugenia</i> spp.)</p> <p>Growth Rate: Slow to moderate Maturity Height x Spread: 15-20' x 15' Foliage: Evergreen Narrow canopy and the ability to grow in limited soil space makes this tree ideal for parking lot islands and small landscapes. Drought-tolerant once established.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Glaucous Cassia (<i>Cassia surattensis</i>)</p> <p>Growth Rate: Moderate Maturity Height x Spread: 15-20' x 15-20' Foliage: Evergreen Beautiful yellow flowers on an outstanding small tree. Prune to maintain tree form. Ideal for small landscapes as an accent tree.</p>	

Florida Thatch Palm (Thrinax spp.)

Growth Rate: Slow

Maturity Height x Spread: 6-15' x 6'

Foliage: Evergreen

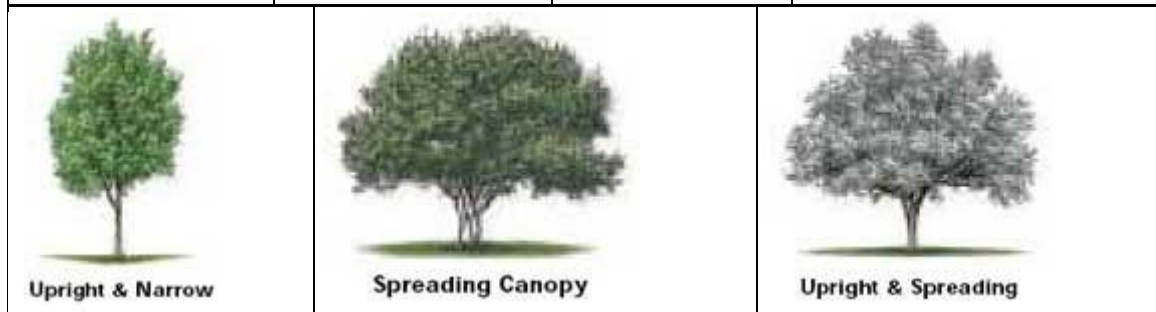
Excellent native palm for use near patio or adjacent to power line. Adaptable to many soil types and shade areas.



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Here's a list of some canopy trees often seen in South Florida. These large, canopy trees need their space. If you plant a canopy tree on your property please follow these guidelines:

Common Name	Height x Spread	Setback from Power Line	Tree Shape
Bald Cypress	30-45' x 30-50'	30'	Upright & narrow
Brazilian Beautyleaf	40-50' x 35-50'	30'	Spreading canopy
Green Buttonwood	30-40' x 20-30'	30'	Spreading vase
Live Oak	60-80' x 60-120'	30'	Spreading canopy
Shumard Oak	60-80' x 40-50'	30'	Spreading canopy
Slash Pine	35-50' x 30-40'	30'	Upright & slightly spreading
Southern Magnolia	60-80' x 30-40'	30'	Upright & spreading
Southern Redcedar	30-40' x 20-30'	30'	Upright & spreading
Sweetbay Magnolia	40-50' x 15-25'	30'	Upright & narrow
Sweetgum	60-75' x 40-50'	30'	Upright & slightly spreading
Sycamore	75-90' x 60-70'	30'	Upright & spreading
Winged Elm	45-70' x 30-40'	30'	Upright & spreading
American Holly	35-50' x 15-25'	30'	Upright & slightly spreading
Pecan	70-100' x 50-60'	30'	Spreading canopy
Red Maple	60-70' x 40-40'	30'	Upright & spreading



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