

Plants That Add Fall Color to Your Yard



Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) In the fall, the bright purple berries of the Beautyberry stand out in any garden. Beautyberry is a deciduous shrub that will grow to about six feet tall. This weepy, informal shrub can be grown in part-sun or shade gardens, woodland gardens, natural areas, and in bird and butterfly gardens. Combine Beautyberry with evergreen shrubs.

Muhly Grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaries*) This is one of the most attractive fall-blooming plants in Florida. It produces showy purple/pink blooms that rise above the grass. Muhly grass is drought-tolerant and only grows three to four feet tall and wide. Combine Muhly grass with Goldenrod, Beach Sunflower, and other perennials. It is also attractive when combined with evergreen shrubs.



Goldenrod (*Solidago spp.*) In fall, when ragweed is shedding its pollen to the wind, goldenrod is conspicuously blooming in many of the same fields. Because of this, goldenrod is often wrongly accused of being the cause of ragweed-induced hay fever. They are great fall perennial flowering plants that provide essential nectar for migrating butterflies. They are great in wildflower arrangements. Plant in full to mostly sunny sites.



Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*) This plant prefers light (sandy) and medium (loamy) soils and requires well drained soil in full sun to lightly shady sites. This is a great accent, border, or container plant whose erect showy flowers attract butterflies and bees.



Silver-Leaved Aster (*Pityopsis graminifolia*)

The Silver-Leaved Aster is a low-growing perennial. The silver-green foliage is a nice contrast to the yellow flowers of the plant. This is a tough native plant that can be combined with other wildflowers and perennials, ornamental grasses and native drought-tolerant shrubs.

Lopsided Indian Grass (*Sorghastrum secundum*) The golden multi-colored seed heads of this perennial bunchgrass are showy in the fall breeze and have inspired jewelry art. It needs well drained soils in full sun for natural landscapes, habitat restorations, and wildflower gardens.



Joe Pye, Narrow-leaf Sunflower, and Climbing Aster are also great considerations.

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