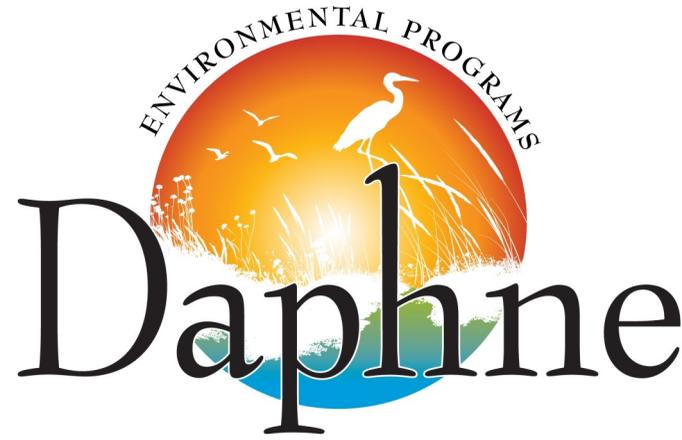
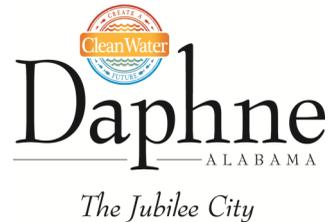


Water Oak, *Quercus nigra*

Native plant sales are good places to purchase native trees. 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.

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Benefits of Planting Native Trees 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 those flowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees indigenous to a geographical region of North America prior to European settlement. Coastal Alabama has 80 or more native tree species, and many of these can be outstanding additions to South Alabama landscapes.

Benefits of Native Trees

Once Established Native Trees:

- *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 Trees for South Alabama Landscapes

American Beech, *Fagus grandifolia*

Landscape value: large deciduous canopy tree
Average Height: 50' - 70'
Average Crown: 40' - 60'
Growth: slow to moderate
Site Requirements: full sun to light shade; moist to well drained soils
Flower/Fruit: nuts foraged by wildlife



Atlantic White Cedar, *Chamaecyparis thyoides*

Landscape value: large, upright evergreen tree
Average Height: 40' - 50'
Average Crown: 10' - 15'
Growth: fast juvenile, slows later
Site Requirements: full sun to part shade; wet to well drained soils
Flower/Fruit: n/a



Bald Cypress, *Taxodium distichum*

Landscape value: large deciduous tree, tolerant of very wet sites

Average Height: 70' - 90'

Average Crown: 20' - 30'

Growth: medium

Site Requirements: full sun to part shade; average to wet soils

Flower/Fruit: n/a



Live Oak, *Quercus virginiana*

Landscape value: large evergreen, wind resistant tree

Average Height: 40' - 80'

Average Crown: 60' - 120'

Growth: medium

Site Requirements: full sun to part shade; moist to dry soils

Flower/Fruit: acorns foraged by wildlife



Southern Magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora*

Landscape value: large evergreen, wind resistant tree

Average Height: 60' - 80'

Average Crown : 40' - 60'

Growth: slow to medium

Light Requirement: full sun to part shade; moist to dry soils

Flower/Fruit: showy flowers



Sweetbay Magnolia, *Magnolia virginiana*

Landscape value: medium evergreen tree

Average Height: 50' - 60'

Average Crown: 20' - 40'

Growth: medium

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

Flower/Fruit: mid-spring flowers; fruits foraged by birds



Black Gum, *Nyssa sylvatica*

Landscape value: large deciduous canopy tree, spectacular fall foliage

Average Height: 60' - 80'

Average Crown: 30' - 40'

Growth: slow to medium

Site Requirements: full sun to shade; average to wet soils

Flower/Fruit: fruit, some value to wildlife



Red Maple, *Acer rubrum*

Landscape value: fast growing medium deciduous tree

Average Height: 40' - 60'

Average Crown: 20' - 30'

Growth: medium to fast

Site Requirements: sun to part shade; moist to well drained soils

Flower/Fruit: early spring flowers are beautiful dark red



Sparkleberry, *Vaccinium arboreum*

Landscape value: small semi-evergreen tree with reddish bark, interesting form;

Average Height: 15' - 20'

Average Crown: 15' - 20'

Growth: slow

Site Requirements: full sun to light shade; moist to well drained soils

Flower/Fruit: berries foraged by wild life



Two-Winged Silverbell, *Halesia diptera*

Landscape value: small deciduous tree, good replacement for dogwood

Average Height: 20' - 30'

Average Crown: 20' - 30'

Growth: slow to medium

Site Requirements: full sun to shade; moist to well drained soils

Flower/Fruit: pretty snow-white bell shaped spring flowers

