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# Invasive and Banned Plants of Miami-Dade County

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Extensive urbanization of Miami-Dade County has led to the introduction of numerous non-native (exotic) plants into the landscape. Some of these plants have become invasive in native plant communities by displacing natural vegetation. Within Miami-Dade County, natural control systems are not effective in controlling the following list of pest plants.

## Prohibited Plants by Florida Department of Environmental Protection

*Casuarina equisetifolia*  
*C. glauca*

*Eichhornia crassipes*  
*Hydrilla verticillata*  
*Hygrophila polysperma*  
*Ipomoea aquatica*  
*Melaleuca quinquenervia*

*Mimosa pigra*  
*Pistia stratiotes*  
*Schinus terebinthifolius*

Australian pine  
Suckering Australian pine  
Water hyacinth  
Hydrilla  
Green hygro  
Waterspinach  
Melaleuca, paperbark tree, punk tree, tea tree, swamp tea tree, cajeput  
Catclaw mimosa  
Water lettuce  
Brazilian pepper, Christmas berry tree, Florida holly

## Miami-Dade County Prohibited Plants

Exotic pest plants. " Prohibited species may not be planted anywhere in [Miami-] Dade County in accordance with the Landscape Code. These species must be removed from sites upon site development."

Source: The Landscape Manual, Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning, January 2001.

*Acacia auriculiformis*  
*Adenanthera pavonina*

Earleaf acacia  
Red sandalwood, coralwood, redwood, Circassian bean tree, peacock flower-fence, coral pea, Barbados pride, bead tree

*Albizia lebbeck*

Woman's tongue, lebbeck tree, siris tree  
Shoebutton ardisia

*Ardisia elliptica*  
(= *A. humilis*)  
*Bischofia javanica*

Bishop wood, toog, bischofia  
Australian pine, beefwood, she oak  
Day jessamine  
Colubrina, lather leaf  
Carrotwood  
Indian rosewood, sissoo  
Air potato, bitter yam, potato vine

*Casuarina* spp.

*Cestrum diurnum*  
*Colubrina asiatica*  
*Cupaniopsis anacardioides*  
*Dalbergia sissoo*  
*Dioscorea bulbifera*

<i>Ficus altissima</i>	Banyan tree, council tree, lofty fig, false banyan	Included are the native plant communities which each is known to invade. (All) = all plant communities, (B) = Beaches, (CW) = Coastal wetlands, (FW) = Freshwater wetlands, (H) = Hammocks, (P) = Pinelands, (SP) = Sandy Pinelands * also a Category I species
<i>F. bengalensis</i>	Bengal fig, Indian banyan, banyan tree, East Indian fig tree	
<i>F. elastica</i>	Indian rubber tree, rubber plant, Assam rubber	
<i>F. microcarpa</i> (= <i>F. nitida</i> , = <i>F. retusa</i> var. <i>nitida</i> )	Laurel fig, Indian laurel, Malay banyan, Chinese banyan, glossy leaf banyan	
<i>Flacourtie indica</i>	Governor's plum, Madagascar plum, Batoko plum, ramonchi	
<i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i>	Mahoe, sea hibiscus	
<i>Jasminum dichotomum</i>	Gold coast jasmine	
<i>J. fluminense</i>	Jasmine, Brazilian jasmine	
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Lead tree, jumbie bean, tan-tan	
<i>Merremia tuberosa</i>	Wood rose, Hawaiian wood rose, yellow morning glory, Ceylon morning glory, Spanish wood vine	
<i>Neyraudia reynaudiana</i>	Burma reed, cane grass	
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Caster bean, castor oil plant, palma Christi, wonder tree	
<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i> (= <i>Brassaia actinophylla</i> )	Schefflera, umbrella tree, starleaf, octopus tree	
<i>Solanum viarum</i>	Tropical soda apple	
<i>Thespesia populnea</i>	Seaside mahoe, portia tree, cork tree, false rosewood	
<i>Tribulus cistoides</i>	Puncture vine, billy-goat weed, large yellow caltrop	
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<b>Controlled Landscape plants</b>		
<p>These plants "... may not be planted within 500 feet of native plant communities which they have been known to invade ...".</p>		
	<i>Bauhinia purpurea</i>	Orchid tree, butterfly tree, mountain ebony (H)
	* <i>B. variegata</i>	Orchid tree, mountain ebony, Buddhist bauhinia (H)
	* <i>Calophyllum antillanum</i> (= <i>C. calaba</i> , <i>C. inophyllum</i> misapplied)	Mast wood, Alexandrian laurel, Indian laurel, kamani, laurelwood, santa maria (H)
	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	Madagascar periwinkle, rose periwinkle, old maid, Cape periwinkle (B, SP, H)
	<i>Epipremnum pinnatum</i> cv. <i>aureum</i>	Pathos, taro vine, devil's ivy, hunter's robe, golden Ceylon creeper, ivy arum (H, P)
	* <i>Eugenia uniflora</i>	Surinam cherry, Brazil cherry, cayenne cherry (H)
	<i>Kalanchoe pinnata</i>	Life plant, air plant, floppers, love plant, curtain plant, mother-in-law, good luck leaf, miracle leaf, sprouting leaf, live-forever, cathedral bells (H)
	<i>Murraya paniculata</i>	Orange jessamine, chalcas, Chinese box, cosmetic bark tree, marilla, satinwood (H)
	<i>Pittosporum pentandrum</i>	(P)
	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i> (= <i>Derris indica</i> )	Tallow tree, ponga, pongam, karum tree, poonga oil tree (P)
	<i>Pouteria campechiana</i>	Canistel, eggfruit, ti-es, sapote borracho, sapote amarillo (H)
	* <i>Rhoeo spathacea</i> ( <i>Tradescantia spathacea</i> )	Oyster plant, Moses in the cradle, man in a boat (P, H)

<i>Sansevieria hyacinthoides</i> (= <i>S. trifasciata</i> )	Snake plant, bowstring hemp, mother-in-law's tongue (P, H)	<i>L. sinense</i>	Chinese privet, hedge privet
* <i>Scaevola sericea</i> (= <i>S. taccada</i> , = <i>S. frutescens</i> )	Scaevola, half-flower, beach naupaka (B)	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Japanese honeysuckle
* <i>Syngonium podophyllum</i>	Arrowhead, nephthyis, African evergreen (H, P)	<i>Lygodium japonicum</i>	Japanese climbing fern
* <i>Syzygium cumini</i>	Jambolan, Java plum, jambool, jambu (H)	<i>Lygodium microphyllum</i>	Old World climbing fern
<i>S. jambos</i>	Wax jambu, rose apple, Malabar plum (H)	<i>Macfadyena unguis-cati</i>	Cat's claw vine
<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	Tropical almond, kamani, myrobalan, India almond (CW, FW)	<i>Manilkara zapota</i>	Sapodilla
<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	Washington palm, Mexican fan palm (CW, B)	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	Chinaberry
<i>Wedelia trilobata</i>	Wedelia (All)	<i>Nandina domestica</i>	Nandina, heavenly bamboo
<i>Zebrina pendula</i>	Wandering jew, wandering zebrina, inch plant (All)	<i>Nephrolepis cordifolia</i>	Sword fern
		<i>N. multiflora</i>	Asian sword fern
		<i>Paederia cruddasiana</i>	Sewer vine, onion vine
		<i>Paederia foetida</i>	Skunk vine
		<i>Panicum repens</i>	Torpedo grass
		<i>Pennisetum purpureum</i>	Napier grass, elephant grass
		<i>Psidium cattleianum</i>	Strawberry guava
		<i>P. guajava</i>	Guava
		<i>Pueraria montana</i>	Kudzu
		= <i>P. lobata</i>	
		<i>Rhodomyrtus tomentosa</i>	Downy rose-myrtle
		<i>Ruellia brittoniana</i>	Mexican petunia
		<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>	Popcorn tree, Chinese tallow tree
		<i>Senna pendula</i>	Climbing cassia,
		= <i>Cassia coluteoides</i>	Christmas senna
		<i>Solanum tampicense</i>	Wetland night shade, aquatic soda apple
		<i>Solanum torvum</i>	Turkey berry, susumber
		<i>Tectaria incisa</i>	Incised halberd fern
		<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i>	White-flowered wandering jew
		<i>Urochloa mutica</i>	Pará grass
		= <i>Brachiaria mutica</i>	

## Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council

In addition to the above plant lists, the following plants are ranked as **Category I** (invading and disrupting native plant communities in Florida) by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council. These plants, as of yet, are not prohibited.

<i>Abrus precatorius</i>	Rosary pea
<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	Mimosa, silk tree
<i>Ardisia crenata</i>	Coral ardisia
= <i>A. crenulata</i>	
<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i>	Asparagus-fern
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	Camphor-tree
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	Wild taro
<i>Dioscorea alata</i>	Winged yam
<i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i>	West Indian marsh grass
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i>	Cogon grass
= <i>I. brasiliensis</i>	
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Lantana, shrub verbena
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	Glossy privet

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\*\* These lists are subject to change. \*\*