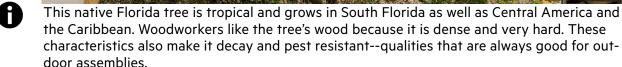
Guaiacum Sanctum

Lignum Vitae

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Finding them in nurseries is not very easy because many neurseries do not like carrying them--they grow slow.

The species is evergreen and flowers with colors of purple and periwinkle in the spring and early summer. At maturity the trees can grow to about 30 feet (we have only typically seen 8 - 15 feet) tall with 8-12 feet canopy spread. The specimens we have seen in hammocks and gardens have a primary trunk with low-lying large branches.

We like the tree because it is native, drought resistant and listed as endangered; so we want to do our part to help reestablish the plant in our South Florida Landscapes.











Family

Zygophyllaceae



Conditions

Zone: 10B to 11
Growth: Slow
Drought tolerance: High
Salt tolerance: High

Soil: Well-drained

soil



Size/Shape

Height: 8ft. to 12ft. Spread: 8ft. to 12ft.



Wildlife

birds and butterflies



Care

Full sun or partial shade