

Suggested Small Plantings for 3' Area around Villas

Highly recommend always buying **dwarf varieties** as regular varieties grow to over 6' in height.

<p>Dwarf Podocarpus Will grow in full sun or full shade</p>	<p>Dwarf Ixora Needs full to partial sun for most blooms.</p>
<p>Variegated Arboricola Full sun or partial shade.</p>	<p>Dwarf Tibouchina This dwarf shrub grows at a moderate pace to about 2-1/2 to 3 feet tall. Part sun to partial shade is an ideal location.</p>
<p>Dwarf Clusia (aka pitch apple) Full sun to part shade. Dwarf variety is slow grower. Easy care</p>	<p>Crotons Full sun to partial shade. Multiple varieties and colors. Can be kept to about 3'. Freckled Croton a favorite</p>
<p>Coontie "Palm" Slow growing. Takes sun or full shade. Lovely dark green color.</p>	<p>Foxtail Fern Sun or shade.</p>
<p>Dwarf Firebush Great butterfly plant. This shrub is a fast grower that can be kept 3 feet tall and wide. Prefers full or partial sun.</p>	<p>Jasmine There are a number of small Jasmine varieties. Pinwheel jasmine does not grow tall and takes sun or light shade.</p>
<p>Indian Hawthorne A very low maintenance plant. It goes almost anywhere - sun to partial shade.</p>	<p>Hibiscus Variety of colors. Needs lots of sun, fertilizer and water. Can be heavily pruned to promote new growth and blossoms. Grows quite tall unless pruned.</p>
<p>Cordylines (aka) Ti plant Morning sun to bright shade. Can be cut back and will sprout new leaves if they get too tall.</p>	<p>Dracaenas Excellent fit for narrow spaces. Can be cut back like Cordylines if they get too tall. Will sprout new growth.</p>
<p>Dwarf Oleander Evergreen, drought tolerant, likes full sun. Dwarf variety grows to about 4' but can be pruned. Wear gloves when pruning as sap can be irritating to skin.</p>	<p>Texas Sage Silver, gray, and green foliage varieties. Very drought tolerant. Requires excellent drainage. Fairly slow-growing plant. Once established, it's extremely drought tolerant, and will bloom after a good rain storm. Can grow to around 6 feet tall but be pruned.</p>

For additional information on southern Florida plants: <https://www.south-florida-plant-guide.com>

Shrubs/plants not recommended: Ficus, Schefflera, any Bougainvillea, just about any climbing vine, and Mexican petunia (Ruellia). Fruit trees and vegetable plants are prohibited. They attract wildlife and BCVA has lots of possums, rabbits, rats and raccoons.

Best places to shop for dwarf varieties and to get help:

Troy's Tropics – 5224 Proctor Rd

Your Farm and Garden – 735 S. Beneva Rd (just past Bahia Vista on the right)

See also [Invasive Plants - UF/IFAS Extension: Solutions for Your Life \(ufl.edu\)](https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/archive/hot_topics/environment/invasive_plants.shtml) at

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