

Filter Marsh Functional Assessment Method (FMFAM) Plant Identification Guide

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Air-potato

Genus and species: *Dioscorea bulbiflora*
Native: No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status: Not Listed
State Wetland Status: Not Listed
Habitats: Disturbed
Florida Range: Peninsula, Central Panhandle
Reproductive Season: Spring-Summer



Alligator Flag; Fireflag

Genus and species:	<i>Thalia geniculata</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Freshwater marsh; Swamp
Florida Range:	Peninsula west to central Panhandle
Reproductive Season:	Summer-Fall



Alligator Weed

Genus and species:	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>
Native:	No, Category II– Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Freshwater tidal swamp; slough, marsh, strand swamp
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Reproduces vegetatively from stem fragments all year



American Beautyberry

Genus and species:	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative Upland
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Rich woodlands and dry hammocks
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Fall-Winter



Australian-Pine, Horsetail *Casuarina*

Genus and species:	<i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i>
Native:	No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative Upland
State Wetland Status:	Facultative
Habitats:	Disturbed; resents prolonged flooding
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Fall-Winter



Bahia Grass

Genus and species:	<i>Paspalum notatum</i>
Native:	No
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative Upland
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Disturbed; resents prolonged flooding
Florida Range:	Peninsula west to central Panhandle
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Fall



Baker's Cordgrass; Sand Cordgrass; Switchgrass

Genus and species:	<i>Spartina bakeri</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Facultative Wetland
Habitats:	Brackish to freshwater marsh
Florida Range:	Peninsula west to central Panhandle
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Fall



Brazilian Pepper

Genus and species: *Schinus terebinthifolius*
Native: No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status: Facultative
State Wetland Status: Facultative
Habitats: All disturbed except marine
Florida Range: Peninsular Florida
Reproductive Season: Spring-Summer



Broadleaf Arrowhead

Genus and species:	<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Freshwater marsh, ponds.
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Summer-Fall



Broomsedge Bluestem

Genus and species: *Andropogon virginicus*
Native: Yes
Federal Wetland Status: Facultative
State Wetland Status: Facultative
Habitats: Flatwoods including hydric
Florida Range: Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season: Fall



Bulltongue Arrowhead; Duck Potato

Genus and species:	<i>Sagittaria lancifolia</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Ponds, rivers, swamps, ditches
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Fall



Bulrush, Softstem Bulrush

Genus and species:	<i>Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani.</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Marsh, streams, ponds.
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	All Year



Cabbage Palm

Genus and species:	<i>Sabal palmetto</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative
State Wetland Status:	Facultative
Habitats:	Uplands, Swamps
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Summer



Caesarweed

Genus and species:	<i>Urena lobata</i>
Native:	No, Category II Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Disturbed Sites
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	All Year



Carrotwood

Genus and species: *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*
Native: No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status: Not Listed
State Wetland Status: Facultative
Habitats: Disturbed Sites
Florida Range: Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season: Spring-Summer



Cattail, Broadleaf Cattail

Genus and species:	<i>Typha latifolia</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Marsh, Rivers, Ponds
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Summer



Cattail, Southern Cattail

Genus and species: *Typha domingensis*
Native: Yes
Federal Wetland Status: Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status: Obligate Wetland
Habitats: Marshes, Ponds, River
Florida Range: Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season: Spring-Summer



Chinese Tallowtree, Popcorn tree

Genus and species:	<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>
Native:	No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Not Listed
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Disturbed Mesic to Hydric Hammocks
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring



Climbing Cassia; Valamuerto

Genus and species:	<i>Senna pendula</i>
Native:	No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Disturbed Sites
Florida Range:	Peninsular Florida
Reproductive Season:	Fall-Winter



Climbing Hempvine

Genus and species:	<i>Mikania scandens</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Floodplain Forest, Riverbank, Pond Margins
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	All Year



Coastal Little Bluestem

Genus and species:	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative
State Wetland Status:	Facultative
Habitats:	Flatwoods, Dunes, Sandy Shores
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Summer-Fall



Coastalplain Willow; Carolina Willow

Genus and species:	<i>Salix caroliniana</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Rivers, Ponds, Marshes, Lakes
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring



Creeping Oxeye, Wedelia

Genus and species:	<i>Sphagneticola trilobata</i>
Native:	No, Category II Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Not Listed
State Wetland Status:	Facultative
Habitats:	Moist, open disturbed areas
Florida Range:	Central, southern peninsula
Reproductive Season:	All Year



Cypress; Bald Cypress

Genus and species:	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Lakes, swamps, floodplains, along streams
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring



Downy Rose-myrtle

Genus and species: *Rhodomyrtus tomentosa*
Native: No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status: Facultative
State Wetland Status: Facultative
Habitats: Flatwoods
Florida Range: Central and Southern Peninsula
Reproductive Season: Spring



Elephant Ear; Taro; Coco Yam

Genus and species:	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>
Native:	No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Edges of Streams and Swamps
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Summer



Giant Duckweed; Common Duckweed

Genus and species:	<i>Spirodela polyrhiza</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Rivers, ponds, lakes, sloughs
Florida Range:	Peninsula to central panhandle
Reproductive Season:	All year



Giant Foxtail; Giant Bristlegrass

Genus and species: *Setaria magna*
Native: Yes
Federal Wetland Status: Facultative Wetland
State Wetland Status: Obligate Wetland
Habitats: Swamps, wet disturbed sites
Florida Range: Peninsula to central panhandle
Reproductive Season: All year



Giant Leather Fern

Genus and species:	<i>Acrostichum danaeifolium</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Mangroves, brackish marshes
Florida Range:	Manatee County, south
Reproductive Season:	All year



Goldenrod, Seaside Goldenrod

Genus and species:	<i>Solidago sempervirens</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative
State Wetland Status:	Facultative Wetland
Habitats:	Dunes, tidal marshes
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Summer-Fall



Grassy Arrowhead

Genus and species:	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Ponds, Lake, Swamps, Marshes
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Fall



Guava

Genus and species:	<i>Psidium guajava</i>
Native:	No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Hammocks, disturbed sites
Florida Range:	Central and southern peninsula
Reproductive Season:	All year



Hydrilla; Esthwaite Eaterweed; Waterthyme

Genus and species: *Hydrilla verticillata*
Native: No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status: Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status: Not Listed
Habitats: Canals, ponds, streams
Florida Range: Peninsula to Central Panhandle
Reproductive Season: Spring-Summer



Japanese Climbing Fern

Genus and species: *Lygodium japonicum*
Native: No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status: Facultative
State Wetland Status: Not Listed
Habitats: Swamps, disturbed wet sites
Florida Range: Central and southern peninsula
Reproductive Season: All year



Java Plum; Jambolan

Genus and species: *Syzygium cumini*
Native: No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status: Obligate Upland
State Wetland Status: Facultative
Habitats: Disturbed hammocks
Florida Range: Lee, Collier, Palm Beach
Reproductive Season: All year



Maidencane

Genus and species:	<i>Panicum hemitomon</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Ponds, streams, sloughs, swamps, disturbed wet areas
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Fall



Melaleuca; Punk Tree

Genus and species: *Melaleuca quinquenervia*
Native: No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status: Facultative
State Wetland Status: Facultative
Habitats: Wet flatwoods, disturbed sites
Florida Range: Central and southern peninsula
Reproductive Season: All year



Mexican Primrose Willow

Genus and species:	<i>Ludwigia octovalvis</i>
Native:	Native
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Marshes
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	All year



Old World Climbing Fern

Genus and species:	<i>Lygodium microphyllum</i>
Native:	No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Disturbed hammocks and savannah
Florida Range:	Central and southern peninsula
Reproductive Season:	All year



Papyrus

Genus and species:	<i>Cyperus papyrus</i>
Native:	No
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Open, wet disturbed sites
Florida Range:	Central and southern peninsula
Reproductive Season:	Summer-Fall



Paragrass

Genus and species: *Urochloa mutica*
Native: No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status: Facultative Wetland
State Wetland Status: Facultative Wetland
Habitats: Wet disturbed sites
Florida Range: Central and Southern Peninsula
Reproductive Season: All year from above-ground creeping



Peruvian Primrose Willow

Genus and species:	<i>Ludwigia peruviana</i>
Native:	No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Swamps, lake/Pond margins
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	All year



Pickerelweed

Genus and species:	<i>Pontederia cordata</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Streams, marshes, ditches, ponds and lake margins
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Summer



Saltbush; crested saltbush

Genus and species: *Atriplex pentandra*
Native: Yes
Federal Wetland Status: Facultative
State Wetland Status: Not Listed
Habitats: Salt marshes, beaches, dunes
Florida Range: Coastal Florida
Reproductive Season: Summer



Scouringrush horsetail

Genus and species:	<i>Equisetum hyemale</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Facultative Wetland
Habitats:	Swamps, ditches, wet disturbed sites
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Fall



Seagrape

Genus and species:	<i>Coccoloba uvifera</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative Upland
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Coastal hammocks, beach strands
Florida Range:	Central and southern peninsula
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Fall



Seashore Paspalum

Genus and species:	<i>Paspalum vaginatum</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Beaches, salt marsh borders, disturbed brackish sites
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Fall



Seaside Mahoe; Portia Tree

Genus and species:	<i>Thespesia populnea</i>
Native:	No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative
State Wetland Status:	Facultative
Habitats:	Coastal hammocks, beaches
Florida Range:	Brevard, Palm Beach, Lee
Reproductive Season:	All year



Shoebuttan Ardisia

Genus and species: *Ardisia elliptica*
Native: No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status: Facultative
State Wetland Status: Facultative
Habitats: Hammocks
Florida Range: South of Lake Okeechobee
Reproductive Season: Spring-Summer



Small Duckweed; Valdivia Duckweed

Genus and species:	<i>Lemna valdiviana</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Rivers, ponds/lakes, sloughs
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	All year



Smooth Waterhyssop; Herb-of-grace

Genus and species:	<i>Bacopa monnieri</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Coastal hammocks, swales, spring runs, tidal marshes
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	All year



Soft Rush, Soft Stem Juncus

Genus and species:	<i>Juncus effusus</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Marshes, pond margins
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring



Southern Cutgrass

Genus and species:	<i>Leersia hexandra</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Wet prairies, ponds, streams, swamps, marshes, wet disturbed sites
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Fall



Spanish Needles

Genus and species:	<i>Bidens alba</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Disturbed sites
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	All year



Spike Rush; Gulf Coast Spikerush

Genus and species:	<i>Eleocharis cellulosa</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Brackish, freshwater marshes
Florida Range:	Coastal and south Florida
Reproductive Season:	All year



Swamp-lily; Crinum Lily; Seven Sisters

Genus and species:	<i>Crinum americanum</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Swamps, marshes, wet hammocks
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Summer



Torpedograss

Genus and species:	<i>Panicum repens</i>
Native:	No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Facultative Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Facultative Wetland
Habitats:	Marshes, coastal swales, lake margins, wet disturbed sites
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Fall



Tropical Sage

Genus and species:	<i>Salvia coccinea</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Not Listed
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Hammocks, disturbed sites
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	All year



Water-Hyacinth

Genus and species:	<i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>
Native:	No, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Ponds/lakes, streams, sloughs
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Summer



Water Lettuce, Water Cabbage

Genus and species:	<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>
Native:	No, but recently under dispute
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Not Listed
Habitats:	Ponds, sloughs, rivers, canals
Florida Range:	Peninsula, Leon County
Reproductive Season:	All year



Spatterdock; Yellow Pondlily

Genus and species:	<i>Nuphar advena</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Not Listed
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Ponds, marshes, sluggish streams
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Summer



West Indian Marsh Grass; Trompetilla

Genus and species:	<i>Hymenachne amplexicaulis</i>
Native:	Yes, Category I Invasive
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Wet pastures
Florida Range:	Polk, south
Reproductive Season:	All year



White Mangrove

Genus and species:	<i>Laguncularia racemosa</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Brackish and Fresh Swamps, Rivers
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring



Yellow Canna

Genus and species:	<i>Canna flaccida</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Swamps, Marshes
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Summer



Water Lily (White)

Genus and species:	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
Native:	Yes
Federal Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
State Wetland Status:	Obligate Wetland
Habitats:	Ponds, Lake, Swamps, Marshes
Florida Range:	Throughout Florida
Reproductive Season:	Spring-Summer

