

# OUR FAVORITE TROPICAL PLANTS



- *Robellini Palm* – If you are looking for the typical palm tree you see in Florida this would be your choice, only in a smaller manageable size perfect for your patio. ( my personal favorite).Sun loving
- *Adonidia Palm*- Also known as the Christmas palm in Florida, because of the flowers and berries it produces around Christmas. This palm is also an easy care plant its self-cleaning which means when fronds die off they shed and fall off by themselves. And we can't forget that this palm is also on the deer resistant list. Sun loving.
- *Majesty Palm*—A great robust palm with graceful feathery type fronds. Although this plant can be planted out on your patio it does much better in a bright but indirect lighting conditions.
- *Areca Palm*- Beautiful green, long, feathery fronds (leaves) arch upwards off of multiple reed like stems. Makes for a great houseplant too!
- *Bird of Paradise* - Nothing says tropical quite like the bird of paradise. With its large, coarse-textured leaves it's a must in the tropical garden., They will not flower in our neck of the woods, but we think the foliage is worth it!
- *Tropical Hibiscus*—What can I say, if you're looking for a big show of color, this is your plant. This plant produces exotic large flowers, that will bloom from now thru fall. Loves full sun and lots of water. (Tip to remember) This plant likes to be slightly pot bound this sends all the energy up to those beautiful flowers.
- *Mandevilla*—These have become a very popular plant over the last few years. The trumpet-shaped flowers not only look amazing climbing up a trellis, but here at the greenhouse the hummingbirds have been adding this plant to their favorites list.
- *Star Jasmine*— If you are looking for a plant to block those nosey neighbors, this is your plant. Not only is this one of the most fragrant tropical for your patio, but its foliage also becomes a strong vine, creating a barrier where needed. Sun loving but can handle some shade.
- *Gardenia*—There is nothing like walking into our tropical paradise here at Van Wilgen's and smelling all the gardenia's every day. Best smelling flowering plant in my opinion. Like the hibiscus this plant does better slightly pot bound and likes its water. It is a plant that will do better in a indirect lighting situation like a covered porch.
- *Canna lily*-will bloom all summer, it is extremely heat tolerant - loving both heat and humidity. They are adaptable and can take damp conditions, but they are not especially water needy. A continuous bloom or rebloomer.
- *Elephant Ear*- Cool foliage with a tropical feel. A perfect thriller for your containers.
- *Red Fountain Grass*- Gorgeous color. Rich burgundy leaves, stems and flowers; blooms in late summer. Heat tolerant and also great in a container.
- *Passion flower*- Thought to be one of the worlds most beautifl flowers! A great climber and exotic flower.
- *Citrus* - Meyer Lemons and Bearss Limes grown in pots can be extremely rewarding! Not only are they prolific fruit producers, the blossoms are incredibly fragrant and beautiful.

With a combination of any of the above you can surely make that tropical oasis we all dream about. Just in time for summer.