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## **Plants to look for at MISTY'S GARDEN**

### **1. *Coccoloba uvifera* – Sea Grape**

HEIGHT 30' GROWTH RATE: Moderate ORIGIN: So. Florida & Caribbean HABIT: Sprawling shrub or small tree, sun to shade  
LEAF: Evergreen, thick, round, 4-8" diameter, green turning red before dropping. FLOWERS: Small narrow spikes of white flowers in spring.  
FRUIT: Clusters of purple, edible, fruit about 1/2", makes excellent jelly  
TRUNK: Bark is light gray, mature trees have multicolored, peeling bark.

### **2. *Lysiloma latisilqua* – Wild Tamarind**

HEIGHT 50-60' GROWTH RATE: Fast ORIGIN: So. FL, FL Keys, Bahamas, West Indies HABIT: Large horizontal branches forming a wide head, making an excellent shade tree. LEAF: Feathery with tiny 1/3" leaflets FRUIT: Pods contain a sticky pulp which is used in food preparation around the world, also in medicines and metal polish. The wood is used in boat timber.

### **FRUIT TREES – Eastern side of property**

Misty's fruit trees include avocado, mango, brown fig, papaya, and bananas.

### **ORCHIDS - too numerous to mention, but all have ID tags**

### **BROMELIADS – many growing throughout the yard**

### **FERNS – located in Gazebo area – some rare – all with ID tags**

### **3. *Platyserium sporophytes* – staghorn fern**

HEIGHT: Epiphytic, grows on trees, can be 4' across  
ORIGIN: So. America, Africa, So. East Asia, Australia, and New Guinea  
HABIT: Tufted roots growing from a short rhizome, attaching to bark on tree LEAF: Unique shaped fronds are kidney shaped, forming an open crown of lobes, catching tree litter and water.

Misty has placed several orchids in the tops of the staghorn ferns, where they thrive.

### **4. *Bambusa vulgaris* – Buddha Belly Bamboo**

HEIGHT 30-70' GROWTH: Clumping ORIGIN: China & Indochina  
Inflated internodes on stems give the name Buddha Belly.  
HABIT: Clumping yellow green stems have green stripes, and dark green leaves.

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### **1. Chrysobalanus icaco L. - Coco Plum**

HEIGHT 10'      ORIGIN: So. Florida, West Indies, Mexico, Central/So.Amer.  
HABIT: Evergreen shrub forming dense, low branching, clumping bush  
LEAF: Dark green, leathery, rounded/new growth reddish      FRUIT: May to Aug.  
1 ½", can be eaten raw. Cocoplum jelly is made by cooking skinned fruit

### **2. Callicarpa Americana - Beautyberry**

HEIGHT 5-6'      GROWTH RATE: Fast      ORIGIN: So. Florida & Fl. Keys  
HABIT: Colorful, compact shrub for part sun to full shade areas  
BLOOM: Small clustering pale purple, in spring/summer, attracts butterflies  
FRUIT: Small round bright purple berries clustered around the stems, attracts  
mockingbirds. Drought and cold tolerant.

### **3. Erithalis fruticosa - Black Torch**

HEIGHT 7-14'      ORIGIN: Coastal hammocks of FL, Florida Keys & tropical  
America      BLOOM: Star-shaped white flowers      FRUIT: Shiny black 1/3"  
HABIT: Evergreen, woody shrub or small tree, wood used for fence posts in  
Caribbean. Branches used by as torches by native Indians & fishermen  
because of flammable sap.

### **4. Suriana maritima - Bay Cedar**

HEIGHT: 10'      ORIGIN: So. FL, Bahamas, Caribbean & tropical America  
HABIT: Densely branched shrub/small tree grows in dry, sandy beaches and  
dunes in sun to part shade      BLOOM: ½", five petaled yellow, attracts  
butterflies      LEAF: Fleshy, fuzzy, gray. Leaf tea used in Caribbean to treat  
intestinal disorders and fevers.

### **5. Randia aculeata - White Indigoberry**

HEIGHT 12'      GROWTH RATE: Slow      ORIGIN: So. FL, FL Keys, Bahamas &  
West Indies      HABIT: Shrub or small tree with 2 sharp spines at the nodes.  
FLOWERS: Fragrant, ¼" white      FRUITS: 3/8" white with purple pulp, used to  
make blue dye. Larval host plant of Tantalus Sphinx Moth. Atala Hairstreaks  
visit the flowers.

### **6. Vallesia antillana - Pearl berry**

HEIGHT 12'      ORIGIN: So. FL, Fl Keys, Bahamas, Greater Antilles  
HABIT: Shrub or small tree with fissured, yellowish brown bark grows in full sun  
to part shade      FLOWERS: All year, white ¼" open clusters      FRUIT: White,  
½" pear shaped, resembling pearls. State listed endangered species.

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### **7. *Ernodea littoralis* - Golden Beach Creeper**

HEIGHT 2'      ORIGIN: South Florida & West Indies

HABIT: Vine like sprawling shrub tolerant of dry weather found on coastal dunes      LEAVES: Narrow, shiny green to yellow      FLOWER: All year, tubular, pink or yellow      FRUIT: Small, round to oval golden fruit. Drought tolerant native ground cover

### **8. *Jacquinia keyensis* - Joewood**

HEIGHT 15'      GROWTH: Very slow      ORIGIN: So. FL, FL Keys, Bahamas

HABIT: Densely leaved evergreen shrub or small tree tolerant of sun, salt & drought, good for coastal locations.      FLOWERS: All year, pale yellow, very fragrant      FRUIT: Red to yellow, 1/2" –poisonous, have been used as fish poison

### **9. *Gymnanthes lucida* Sw - Crabwood**

HEIGHT 20-30'      ORIGIN: So. FL, West Indies, Mexico

HABIT: Evergreen, compact shade tree tolerant of wind, salt, drought and cold.      FLOWERS: Tiny, fragrant, yellow-green in spikes      LEAF: Dark green with pronounced top vein. Sapwood is light yellow w/contrasting dark heartwood, a favorite with wood turners for bowls.

### **10. *Cocoloba diversifolia* Jacq - Pigeonplum (one male and one female)**

HEIGHT 20-40'      ORIGIN: FL Keys, Bahamas, West. Indies, tropical

America      HABIT: Hammock/coastal tree with wide-spreading branches

LEAF: Leathery, 2-12" long, bright green with clasping petioles

BLOOM: Small white May to November.      FRUIT: 3/8" black, favorite food of pigeons and raccoons and can be made into jelly or wine.

### **11. *Thrinax radiata* - Florida Thatch Palm**

HEIGHT: 12-25'      ORIGIN: So. FL, FL Keys, Bahamas, West Indies, Central

America      HABIT: Coastal, hammock and pineland native. Tolerates salt and alkaline conditions and partial shade.      LEAF: 3' Fan shaped, green with yellow

ribs, serves as larval food for Monk Skipper butterfly.      FLOWERS: All year,

white in long clusters      FRUIT: Globular 1/4" white in clusters, eaten by birds.

### **12. *Coccothrinax argentata* - Silver Palm**

HEIGHT 15-20'      ORIGIN: South FL, FL Keys, West Indies

HABIT: Slow growing, salt and drought tolerant, found in hammocks and pinelands.      LEAF: 3' palmate fronds, shiny green above, bright silver below.

Leaves can be woven into hats, mats and baskets.      FRUIT: 1/2" BLACK

Larval host plant of Monk Skipper Butterfly. No major pest problems.

## **Plants to look for at “Little Pond”**

### **1. Delonix regia – Royal Poinciana**

HEIGHT 35-40' GROWTH RATE: Fast ORIGIN: Madagascar, but grown worldwide, official tree of Vietnam HABIT: Symmetrical crown spreads 40-60', prefers tropical climate but tolerates drought and salt. LEAF: Feathery, fernlike, sheds during dry season FLOWERS: Large very showy orange-red, best flowering in full sun. SEED: Elongated 12-15" brown pod

### **2. Eucalyptus deglupta – Rainbow eucalyptus**

HEIGHT 200' GROWTH RATE: Fast ORIGIN: the only Eucalyptus species found naturally in the Northern Hemisphere HABIT: Ornamental tree for tropical gardens and parks. BARK: Patches shed annually showing bright inner bark—this darkens to multi-hued blue, orange, maroon and colors of the rainbow. Grown for pulpwood used in making paper.

### **3. Ficus pumila – Creeping fig**

HEIGHT: Creeping vine GROWTH RATE: Fast ORIGIN: East Asia HABIT: Woody vine used in gardens to cover walls and structures LEAVES: ½" green, evergreen. Needs fig wasp for pollination. When climbing buildings or wooden structures, woody tendrils can cling, damaging surface finishes.

### **4. Chrysalidocarpus cabadae – Cabada Palm (at POND)**

HEIGHT 30' GROWTH RATE: Moderate ORIGIN: Madagascar HABIT: Clustering, each stem with 6-10 leaves LEAF: Medium green, pinnately compound TRUNK: Smooth bright green, prominently ringed with grayish-white leaf scars FLOWER: Yellow FRUIT: ½" Red

### **5. Dracaena arborea – Tree dracaena**

HEIGHT to 40' GROWTH RATE: Slow ORIGIN: Africa, South Asia HABIT: Easy to grow as a specimen in sun or partial shade LEAF: Sword shaped green leaves can grow to 3' long FLOWER: Blooms with tiny white flowers that fruit to small red berries

### **6. Averrhoa carambola – Starfruit**

HEIGHT 20' GROWTH RATE: Medium- Some varieties bear fruit within a year. ORIGIN: Malaysia, Southeast Asia, Sri Lanka HABIT: Semi-deciduous, densely foliated, grown in Florida since the 1880s. LEAF: Green, 1-3" in length FLOWER: ¼" purplish-pink FRUIT: 3-8" long with prominent longitudinal ribs, giving it a star shape when cut. Mature tree can set 3-4 crops July – February, producing over 500 pounds of fruit. Tree does not tolerate strong wind.

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### **7. *Rhapis excelsa* – Lady Palm**

HEIGHT 7' GROWTH RATE: Moderate ORIGIN: China  
HABIT: Clustering densely, up to several hundred stems with 4-10 leaves. Well suited for partial shade, makes low, dense screen LEAF: Palmate, deeply divided into segments, bluntly toothed. FLOWER: 1" long, pink FRUIT: ½" WHITE  
Variegated forms are expensive.

### **8. *Calliandra haematocephala* – Powderpuff**

HEIGHT 15' GROWTH RATE: Fast ORIGIN: Malaysia  
HABIT: Round open crown spreads 10-15', sun or light shade, drought tolerant  
LEAF: Evergreen, pinnately compound green 2-4" FLOWER: Showy, pink/red, blooms for months, more in cooler areas FRUIT: 3-6" brown pod

### **9. *Dypsis decaryi* – Triangle Palm**

HEIGHT 25' GROWTH RATE: Moderate ORIGIN: Madagascar  
HABIT: Solitary, robust, canopy of about 20 leaves, drought tolerant  
LEAF: Blue-green 8-10' long FLOWER: Yellow FRUIT: 1" long, yellow-green  
The triangle palm is unique in appearance due to the precise three-planed arrangement of the leaves.

### **10. *Dypsis lastelliana* – Teddy Bear Palm, Redneck Palm**

HEIGHT: 30' GROWTH RATE: Moderate ORIGIN: Madagascar  
HABIT: Solitary, crownshaft loosely formed, leaf stem bases covered with fur-like rust-red scales LEAF: Bright green, pinnately compound FLOWER: White  
FRUIT: 1" yellowish-orange

### **11. *Mangifera indica* – Mango**

HEIGHT: 25-8-<sup>6</sup> GROWTH RATE: Moderate to fast ORIGIN: Philippines and Southeast Asia  
HABIT: Evergreen, dense and dome shaped, grows in successive flushes. LEAF: Dark green 5-12" long FLOWER: ¼" Yellow to orange-red flowers in February-March. The mango is self-fertile—insects serve as pollinating agents. FRUIT: Large drupe, varying in form & color, ranging from 2 to 10" long and may weigh as much as 4 pounds with varying flavors and textures.

### **12. *Wodyetia bifurcata* – Foxtail Palm**

HEIGHT: 30' GROWTH RATE: Fast ORIGIN: Northern Australia  
HABIT: Specimen tree, solitary, canopy of 8-10 leaves, full sun, moderately drought tolerant LEAF: Green 8-10' long, named from the very full appearance of the leaves, resembling a fox tail FLOWER: White  
FRUIT: 2" long, red

## Plants to look for at "SHERRYBABY"

### **1. Bambusa lako – Black Bamboo**

HEIGHT to 70'      GROWTH RATE: Rapid in warmer months  
ORIGIN: Indonesia      HABIT: Upright, clumping  
LEAF: Green, long and pendulous, can reach 10"  
Culms initially green, turning glossy black with green striations

### **2. Otatea acuminata – Mexican Weeping Bamboo**

HEIGHT 15'      GROWTH RATE: Fast      ORIGIN: Mexico  
HABIT: Clumping, can spread 1-2' yearly, weeping culms  
LEAF: Fine, sways in gentle breeze      DROUGHT: Tolerant when established. Easily grown in pots; propagate by dividing root ball.

### **3. Ceratozamia mexicana – Mexican Horncone**

HEIGHT 2'      GROWTH RATE: Slow      ORIGIN: Mexico  
LEAF: Green, spineless, 4 to 6' long      HABIT: Tropical looking cycad producing large spined cones. Able to grow in low light and dry conditions

### **4. Arenga englerii – Dwarf Sugar Palm**

HEIGHT 12'      GROWTH RATE: Moderate      ORIGIN: Japan  
SALT TOLERANCE: Low      DROUGHT TOLERANCE: Moderate  
HABIT: Clustering, fiber covered stems      FRUITS: Yellow to ripen Red  
LEAVES: green above, silver below      FLOWERS: Yellow/Orange, fragrant

### **5. Calypttranthes zuzygium – Myrtle of the River**

HEIGHT: Shrub or small tree to 20'      GROWTH RATE: Slow  
ORIGIN: Tropical America, South Florida, Caribbean  
HABIT: Evergreen, forked branching pattern, full to partial sun  
LEAF: Fragrant when crushed      FLOWERS: May, scented, nectar for pollinators      BERRIES: Blue, edible, but best for birds

### **6. Eugenia Rhombea – Red Stopper Tree**

HEIGHT 15'      GROWTH RATE: Understory hammock tree  
ORIGIN: So. FL, West Indies, Central America      FRUIT: Black berries

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### **7. *Rhapis Multifida* – Lady Finger Palm**

HEIGHT 10-20' GROWTH RATE: Slow ORIGIN: China  
SALT/DROUGHT TOLERANCE: Moderate LEAVES: Dark Green  
HABIT: Gray trunks covered w light brown fibers  
LIGHT: Part to full shade Can be kept indoors indefinitely.

### **8. *Anthurium* “red hot” – Red Anthurium**

HEIGHT: 12-24" GROWTH RATE: Slow ORIGIN: Tropical America  
LEAVES: Dark glossy green HABIT: Clumping, best in part to full shade  
FLOWERS: 4" bloom all the time, better in warm temperatures  
Well suited for pots

### **9. *Bambusa malingensis* – Seabreeze Bamboo**

HEIGHT 35' GROWTH: Vigorous, grows taller in shade ORIGIN: China  
HABIT: Upright, branching lower sections, wind tolerant  
Culms used for lumber products in China

### **10. *Bulbine frutescens* “hallmark” – Orange/Yellow Desert Candles**

HEIGHT 1' GROWTH: Clumping, spreading ORIGIN: South Africa  
HABIT: Perennial groundcover LEAF: succulent grass like to 1' long  
FLOWERS: Yellow or orange. Tolerates dry and sandy soils.

### **11. *Bougainvillea sunvillea* “rose” – Red miniature bougainvillea**

HEIGHT 2-3' GROWTH: Compact form ORIGIN: Florida  
HABIT: Evergreen, dwarf LEAF: Bright green FLOWER: Magenta  
Excellent for landscape and patio.

### **12. *Phoenix canariensis* – Canary Island Date Palm**

HEIGHT 40' GROWTH RATE – Slow ORIGIN-Canary Islands  
SALT TOLERANCE: Moderate DROUGHT TOLERANCE: High  
FRUIT: Orange – edible but not very palatable  
Hardy throughout most of Florida

## **Plants to look for at “EAGLE’S NEST”**

### **1. Alocasia lutea – Yellow stem Alocasia**

HEIGHT 6’ GROWTH: Fast, grows larger in shade

HABIT: Requires continual warmth and humidity. Likes up to 80% shade.

LEAF: Glossy green up to 3’ long. Prominent yellow veins and stems.

Produces off shoots when full grown.

### **2. Punica granatum – Pomegranate**

HEIGHT to 25’ - branches armed w/spines-Outstanding landscape specimen

Wind, Salt, Drought tolerant LEAF: Narrow green ORIGIN: Middle East

Low Maintenance, requires good drainage FLOWERS : Showy, trumpet shaped, red or white FRUIT: 3-5” round, matures 5-7 months after flowering, skin red blushed, edible portion is 40%, long shelf life

### **3. Chorisia speciosa – Floss Silk Tree**

HEIGHT 50’ X 50’wide GROWTH: Fast ORIGIN: Brazil & Argentina

Named from floating floss expelled from seed pods. Trunk spiny

Blooms Oct. – Dec. Bare of leaves all winter FLOWERS: Pink and white

One of the most beautiful flowering trees in the world.

### **4. Acalypha hispida – Chenille Plant**

HEIGHT: Shrub to 10’ GROWTH: Fast ORIGIN: East Indies

HABIT: Accent shrub with unique red flowers 6-18’ long

Flowers are an excellent source of texture in the garden

**5. Adansonia digitata – Baobab Tree** HEIGHT to 100’ - Largest circumference trunk is 154’ in South Africa ORIGIN: Africa, Madagascar LEAF: Deciduous, sheds during dry season, giving the nickname “upside down tree” OLDEST TREE: 1275 yrs old. Can store up to 26,000 gallons of water in trunk FRUIT: Velvety shell about the size of a coconut. Dried fruit powder full of nutrients. Food uses range from jam and gravy thickener, drink sweetener, base for sauces and ice cream and added to sugar cane for beer making.

### **6. Alpinia purpurata – Red Ginger**

HEIGHT 4-6’ ORIGIN: Melanesia

HABIT: Evergreen perennial attractive to birds, bees, butterflies FLOWERS: Red, Pink, White throughout the year/longlasting cut flowers

Requires moist soil. Important not to plant rhizome too deep

### **7. Pseudophoenix sargentii – Buccaneer Palm**

HEIGHT 10’ GROWTH: Very slow ORIGIN: FL Keys & Caribbean

SALT/DROUGHT TOLERANT: High HABIT: Bulging trunk, good for seaside

landscaping LEAF: Blue Green 9’ long FLOWER: Yellow FRUIT: ¾” Red



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### **8. *Dictyosperma album* – Hurricane Palm**

HEIGHT 30'      GROWTH: Moderate      ORIGIN: Mascarene Islands  
DROUGHT/SALT TOLERANT: Moderate      LEAF: Green w/brown scales on underside  
FLOWER: Yellow to red      FRUIT: ½" purple/black  
Resistant to hurricane force winds.

### **9. *Argusia gnaphalodes* – Sea Lavender**

HEIGHT 5-6'      GROWTH: Multi-stemmed trunk      ORIGIN: So. Florida & Caribbean  
HABIT: Full sun, beach front      LEAF: fuzzy, silvery, narrow, clustering in whorls at branch ends      FRUIT: ¼" black

### **10. *Alagoptera arenaria* – Seashore Palm**

HEIGHT 4-8'      GROWTH: Slow      ORIGIN: Brazil  
HABIT: Clustering, each stem bearing 16-20 leaves      LEAF: Green above, silver below  
SALT/DROUGHT TOLERANCE: High      Excellent hardy seashore & inland palm

### **11. *Cocothrinax crinata* – Old Man Palm**

HEIGHT 15'      GROWTH: Slow      ORIGIN: Cuba  
HABIT: Solitary, trunk covered with long, straw colored hair like fiber  
SALT TOLERANCE: High      DROUGHT TOLERANCE: Moderate  
FLOWER: Yellow      FRUIT: 1" Purple      LEAF: Green above, gray below  
Adapts well to coastal exposure

### **12. *Cryptostachys renda* – Red Sealing Wax Palm**

HEIGHT 15'      GROWTH: slow      ORIGIN: Malay Peninsula & Borneo  
SALT/DROUGHT TOLERANCE: Low      LEAF: Green/red stems  
HABIT: Clustering – each stem with 10 or fewer leaves  
Will not tolerate drought, cold, or drying winds

### **13. *Cyathea cooperi* – Australian Tree Fern**

HEIGHT 15' & 8' Wide      GROWTH: Slow, new growth emerges in a large fuzzy brown curl, unfurling into a giant fern frond. Evergreen - needing full to partial shade.  
HABIT: High moisture plant requiring daily shower. Small hairs on stalks and undersides of leaves cause skin irritations