



Gardening For the Birds

SCRUB JAYS, THAT IS...

FRED AND ANN HUNTERS LIVE IN A BEAUTIFUL LOG CABIN home in Paisley situated near the Ocala National Forest. But what truly makes their property beautiful is the garden. Their goal was to have a garden that would attract scrub jays, which is why they relied on the expertise of Bruce and Cathy Brown, owners of the Clermont-based BB Brown's Gardens.

The Browns began planting the gar-

den last June and would often come as early as 5:30 a.m. Around the property is scrub oaks and white sand, which is natural scrub jay habitat. Using their green thumbs, the couple also planted separate butterfly, grass and herb gardens using mostly Florida-native plants. What resulted is a stunning landscape that is visually appealing. It often attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.



Plant Name: Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)
Light: Full Sun
Water: Dry
Hardiness: Very
Favorite Aspects: Thrives in heat, drought, and salt-spray
Bloom Time: Summer-Fall



Plant Name: Echinacea
Light: Full Sun - Part Shade
Water: Dry
Hardiness: Very, once established
Favorite Aspects: Nectar
Bloom Time: Summer-Fall



Plant Name: Louise Phillip Rose
Light: Full Sun
Water: Medium
Hardiness: Very
Favorite Aspects: Old Fashioned
Bloom Time: On-Off all year

Plant Name: Hamelia Patens Firebush
Light: Full Sun - Part Shade
Water: Medium
Hardiness: Medium
Favorite Aspects: Foliage turns fall-winter
Bloom Time: Summer-Fall



Plant Name: Cosmos
Light: Full Sun - Part Shade
Water: Dry
Hardiness: Very
Favorite Aspects: Nectar, re-seeds
Bloom Time: All year



Plant Name: Green Eyes
Light: Full Sun
Water: Dry
Hardiness: Very
Favorite Aspects: Evergreen
Bloom Time: Spring, late Fall



Plant Name: Coreopsis Tickseed
Light: Full Sun - Part Shade
Water: Medium
Hardiness: Very
Favorite Aspects: Re-seeds
Bloom Time: Annual



Plant Name: Daylily
Light: Full Sun - Part Shade
Water: Dry - Medium
Hardiness: Very
Favorite Aspects: Nectar
Bloom Time: Summer



Plant Name: Lantana Depressa
Light: Full Sun
Water: Dry
Hardiness: Very
Favorite Aspects: Nectar, Great ground cover
Bloom Time: All year



Different plant beds throughout the property.





Plant Name: Sandwire Weed, soft pink flower
Light: Full Sun
Water: Dry
Hardiness: Evergreen
Favorite Aspects: Unique flower/foliage
Bloom Time: Late Summer-Fall



Plant Name: Metabalis Rose
Light: Full Sun
Water: Medium-Dry
Hardiness: Very
Favorite Aspects: Full blooms
Bloom Time: All year



Plant Name: White Trailing antena
Light: Full Sun
Water: Dry
Hardiness: Very
Favorite Aspects: Great ground cover
Bloom Time: All year



Plant Name: Spotted Bee-Balm, soft pink w/cream
Light: Full Sun, Part Shade
Water: Medium-Dry
Hardiness: Very
Favorite Aspects: Reseeds
Bloom Time: Late Summer-Fall



Plant Name: Lions Mane [with bumblebee]
Light: Full Sun, Part Shade
Water: Medium-Dry
Hardiness: Very
Favorite Aspects: Unique look and color, great pollinator
Bloom Time: Spring-Fall



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