**Winter Interest in the Garden**

Today on Gardening in a Minute: winter interest in the garden.

Winter is a relatively short season for gardens in Florida. But you can add elements to your garden to create winter interest.

In winter, plants continue to dominate the landscape, but in different ways. Tree shapes, twig color, and bark become more important. Evergreens, hedges, groundcovers, and ferns give color to the scene--while winter- and early-spring-blooming shrubs, wildflowers, and bulbs add scent in addition to color.

Ornamental grasses and perennials with dried seedpods can add a magical quality to the garden when they glisten with frost. Berries not only add spots of bright color but also attract birds.

Winter is an wonderful time in the garden. With a little planning, you can have a garden you enjoy year round.

For more information about winter interests in the garden, contact your local extension office or visit gardening in a minute dot com.

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