Native Trees

Today on Gardening in a Minute: native trees.

When choosing a tree for your landscape, consider a native tree. There are plenty of options for any type of landscape.

If you’re looking for small trees, consider the redbud. In Central and North Florida, it puts on an amazing show each spring with a beautiful display of pink flowers.

The medium-to-large red maple ushers in spring with red flowers and winged seeds.

As far as large trees go, the bald cypress will do well near water or on drier land throughout the state. The live oak is a majestic native that can also be planted statewide.

Even if a tree is native, make sure you know its soil, light, and other requirements, to ensure its success in your landscape. Remember, all trees will need regular watering following planting.

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