Vaccinium arboreum



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Natural Range in Florida



USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:



Sparkleberry, Farkleberry

Ericaceae

Plant Specifics

Size: 15-25 ft tall by 4-15 ft wide

Life Span: Long-lived perennial

Flower Color: White

Fruit Color: Black

Phenology: Deciduous. Blooms in spring. Fruits ripen late

summer. Moderately long-lived (Nelson 2003).

Habitats: Dry sites. Xeric hammock, dryf mesic hardwood

may be in upper edges of floodplains, overgrow flatwoods, coastal dunes, sandhill, scrubby

sandhill.

Landscaping

Recommended A

Uses:

A profuse bloomer. Use for natural landscap and wildlife habitat areas. Does well under a

high pine canopy.

Light: Part Shade

Moisture Somewhat moist, no flooding ---- to ---- Very

Tolerance: long very dry periods

Salt Water Not salt tolerant of inundation by salty or

Flooding brackish water.

Tolerance:

Salt Spray Some tolerance to salty wind but not direct s

Tolerance: spray.

Soil/Substrate: Sand



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Wildlife



Fruit is consumed by birds and other wildlife.

Larval host for striped hairstreak (Satyrium liparops).

Attracts many pollinators; especially valuable to native be