Florida Native Plant Society – Native Yard Certification Criteria

Category	Criteria	Max Pts	Notes
Food	Number of native plants[i]	50	
	Invasive species	40	
	Host species	40	
	Seasons in bloom	20	
	Native fruiting plants	5	
Water	Reclaimed water / rain barrel	5	
	Water feature (natural or man-made)	5	
Shelter	Compost / leaf litter on soil	5	
	Sustainably sourced organic mulch	5	
	Organic practices	5	
	IPM or least toxic practices	5	
	Wood / stick pile	5	
	Open soil space	5	
	Stems left for pollinators	5	
	Housing (bat box, bird house, bee hotel, etc.)	5	
	Standing snags / stumps	5	
Other Recognition	Homegrown National Park addition to map	3.33	
	Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ certification	3.33	
	Florida Springs-Friendly Yard certification	3.33	
	Points Available	220	

Points Needed per Tier	
40	**Sprout**
90	**Pollinator**
110	**Host**
175	**Keystone**

Category Definitions

- **Food:** Food for birds, insects, and wildlife.
- **Water:** Water for birds, insects, and wildlife.
- **Shelter:** Shelter for birds, insects, and wildlife.
- **Other Recognition:** Certifications and programs your yard is already part of.

[i] See FNPS Native Plant Definition for definition of a “Native Plant.”