

## LANDSCAPING & MAINTENANCE OF YOUR TEQUESTA YARD

Living in the Village of Tequesta, bordered by the Loxahatchee River and in close proximity to Jonathan Dickinson State Park, we are blessed with an extraordinary natural environment. Intertwined and linked with these resources are our own landscapes. How we design and maintain our yards has a direct effect on the greater ecosystem. More specifically, what we plant and apply to our landscapes can play a significant role in the health and diversity of our surrounding environment.

Consider incorporating more Florida Native plants and trees into your landscape. Natives will attract pollinators, butterflies, and a variety of birds. Compared with yards dominated by large lawns, these Native & Florida-Friendly landscapes typically require much less watering. This can save you significantly on your water bill. Finally, yards absent these Native plantings and dominated by fertilizer & pesticide-dependent turf can be sterile landscapes that limit habitat for beneficial species and potentially contribute to the degradation of our environment.

For more information, visit these organizations; *Florida Native Plant Society* ([fnps.org](http://fnps.org)), *Florida Yards* ([floridayards.org](http://floridayards.org)), *Be Floridian Now* ([befloridiannow.org](http://befloridiannow.org)) & view the educational video “*Where Have All the Songbirds Gone*” on [Youtube](#).