A PRELIMINARY LIST OF THE SHRUBS OF THE EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

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This list is the second of a series intended to cover the plants of the Park. Like that of the trees it is admittedly incomplete as many areas have been very insufficiently investigated.

Many plants that are annuals further north grow continuously in the mild climate of this area and take on the characteristics of shrubs, often developing considerable woody portions.

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Scientific Name

Common Name

Abrus precatorius L.

Crabs Eye

Vine escaped from cultivation, native of South America.

Abutilon theophrasti Medic (A. permolle (Wills) Sweet)

Principally on the prairies of salt water areas.

Acacia farnesiana (L) Willd.

Sweet-acacia

Pine lands.

Acacia insularis Small

Key Largo Ranger Station.

Acacia peninsularis Small

Hammocks fresh and salt water areas.

Acuan (see Desmanthus)

Aeschynomene americana L.

Shy-leaves

Pine Island.

Aeschynomene pratensis Small

Shy-leaves

On dryer glades, 7-Mile Road.

Agave americana L.

Century Plant

Naturalized from Mexico, established into several localities, particularly Flamingo.

Agave decipens Baker

False Sisal

Cape Sable, Flamingo

Agave sisalana Perrine

Sisal

Introduction from Yucatan. Long Pine Key.

Allamanda cathartica L.

Allamanda

Paradise Key, naturalized of South America.

Aloe vera L.

Bitter Aloe

Naturalized around old settlements, Indian Mounds. Native of the Mediterranean region.

Alternanthera mercanthifolia

Chaff-flowers

Salt water areas, widely distributed.

Alternanthera ramosissima (Mart.) Standley

Bear Lake Trail, Rodgers River Mound.

Amerimnon (see Dalbergia)

Ampelopsis arborea (L) Koehne

Pepper Vine

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Common in fresh water hammocks and in the pine lands.

Antigonon leptopus Hook. & Arn.

Coral-vine

Key Largo Ranger Station, naturalized from tropical America.

Ardisia solonacea Roxb.

Naturalized from West Indies - east of Park boundary at Naranja.

Ayenia euphrasiaefolia Griseb

Long Pine Key, Pine Island, common.

Batis maritima L

Salt-wort

Marl flats in salt water areas, Florida Bay Keys and in mangrove stands.

Berchemia scandens (Hill) K. Koch

Rattan Vine Supple-Jack

Loop Road, and return grante of the count beam on the 40 st 77.

Bivonea (see Cnidosculus)

Borrichia arborescens (L.) DC.

Sea Daisy

Sandy Shores Florida Bay.

Borrichia frutescens (L) DC

Sea Ox-Eyes

Sea Daisy

Marl flats in salt water areas, common.

Bourreria cassinifolia (A. Rich) Griseb.

Long Pine Key west of Palma Vista Hammock, rare.

Bumelia angustifolia Nutt.

Buck-thorn

Shrub on pine land small tree along coast.

Bumelia reclinata Vent.

Saffron-plum

Buck-thorn

Pine land.

Bumelia texana (L.) Wild.

Tough-buckthorn

Marco Island and probably western park.

Caesalpinia crista L.

Nicker Bean

Chiefly salt water hammocks but on many hammocks and Indian sites in fresh water area, Paradise Key.

Callicarpa americana L.

French Mulberry

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Widely distributed through Park, pine land and hammocks.

Calonyction aculeatum (L.) House

Moon-flowers

Widely distributed on hammocks.

Calonyction tuba (Schlecht Colla.

Moon-flowers

Salt water hammocks.

Canavalia obtusifolia DC.

Bay-bean

Shell beaches Florida Bay and Lostman's River Ranger Station.

Capraria biflora L.

Widely distributed salt and fresh water areas.

Capsicum frutescens L.

Cayenne-peppers

Bird-peppers

Hammocks, Indian Mounds.

Capsicum baccatum L.

Cayenne-peppers

Bird-peppers

Hammocks, Indian Mounds

Cassia bahamensis Mill.

Sensitive-plants

Pine lands and some hammocks in fresh water areas.

Cassia deeringiana (Small & Pennell)

Sensitive-plants

Long Pine Key

Cassia ligustrina L.

Sensitive-plants

Snake Bight.

Cassia keyensis (Pennell) MacBride

Long Pine Key

Cassia tora L.

Sensitive-plants

Long Pine Key.

Cassytha filiformis L.

Love-vine

Widely distributed through out park.

Celosia nitida Vahl.

A few places on Indian Mounds in salt water areas.

Chamaecrista (see Cassia)

Chrysobalanus oblongifolius Michx.

Gopher Apples Ground Apples

Sporadically distributed on pine lands, often in

large colonies.

Chiococca alba (L) A. Hitche

Hammock-snow-berry

Widely distributed, fresh and salt water hammocks.

Chiococca pinetorum Britton

Pine-land snow-berry

Pine lands.

Cissus sicyoides L.

Possum-grape

Widely distributed salt and fresh water areas.

Cissus trifoliata L.

Sorrel-vine

Key Largo Ranger Station, near salt water.

Clerodendron foetidum Bunge

Glory-bowers

Paradise Key; introduced from China.

Clerodendron fragrans Vent

Loop Road. Introduced from eastern Asia.

Cnidosculus stimulosus (Mixh) Englemann & Gray

Tread-softly

Pine lands, common.

Corchorus acutangulus Lam.

Jutes

Paradise Key.

Corchorus orinocensis H.B.K.

Jutes

Snake Bight, salt water areas.

Corchorus siliquosus L.

Jutes

Widely distributed.

Crotalaria incana L.

Rattle-boxes

Rabbit-bells

Bradley Key.

Crotalaria maritima Chapm.

Rattle-boxes Rabbit-bells

Shell beaches, Roger River.

Crotalaria pumila Ortega

Rattle-boxes Rabbit-bells

Long Pine Key.

Crotalaria retusa L.

Rattle-boxes

Rabbit-bells

Long Pine Key.

Crotalaria rotundifolia (Walt) Poir

Rattle-boxes

Rabbit-bells

Long Pine Key.

Croton arenicola Small

Cape Sable beach.

Croton linearis Jacq.

Wild Croton

Pine lands.

Cuscuta americana L.

Dodder

Love-vine

Loop Road; not common in park. See Cassytha.

Dalbergia amerimnon Benth.

Banks, streams and hammocks salt water areas.

Dalbergia brownei Schinz.

Banks of streams and hammocks in salt water areas and far inland on Indian sites. Both of these species form almost impenetrable thickets. Some stems are 3" to 5" thick at the base.

Desmanthus depressus H.B.K. (see Acuan)

Cape Sable and Crocodile Point.

Ditaxis blodgettii (Torr.) Paz.

Found just outside eastern boundary of park near Redlands and west end of Long Pine Key.

Dodonea viscosa L.

Florida-hopbush Varnish-leaf

Common on Long Pine Key.

Dolicholus minimus (L) Medic. (see Rhynchosia)

Dondia (see Suaeda)

Echites umbellata Jacq.

Devils-potato Rubber-vine

Pine lands.

Erithalis fruticosa L.

Cape Sable, Nest Key, Deer Key, Snipe Point; shell beaches.

Ernodea angusta Small

Long Pine Key.

Ernodea littoralis Sw.

Fan Palm Hammock and other marl beaches.

Eugenia longipes Berg.

Long Pine Key, common on west end. Low branched shrub.

Eupatorium capillifolium (Lam) Small

Dog-fennel

Common old fields and disturbed soil, dryer land.

Eupatorium leptophyllum DC

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Widely distributed, more moist areas, in shallow solution holes in rock lands.

Eupatorium serotinum Michx.

Thorough-wort

Common on marl flats along coast and Florida Bay Keys, often in dense stands.

Eupatorium villosum Sev.

Thorough-wort

Common, Long Pine Key.

Euphorbia buxifolia (Lam.) Small

Box-leafed euphorbia

Shores of keys and beaches.

Forestiera pinetorum Small

Long Pine Key.

Furcrea sp

Joe Kemp Key, a large colony, introduced.

Galactia parviflora A. Rich

Milk-peas

Pine land, Cape Sable, vine.

Galactia spiciformus T & G

Milk-peas

Widely distributed vine, edges of hammock.

Galactia volubilis (L.) Britton

Milk-peas

Highland Beach.

Gayoides crispum (L.) Small

Widely distributed over park, especially in salt water areas.

Geobalanus (see Chrysobalanus)

Gouania lupuloides (L.) Urban

Chew-stick

Key Largo Ranger Station.

Guilandina (see Caesalpinia)

Heliotropium leavenworthii Torr.

Pineland heliotrope

Common on pine land.

Heliotropium parviflorum L.

Mangrove heliotrope

Common salt water hammocks and keys low ground (stems up to 2" diam.).

Hibiscus grandiflorus Michx.

Rose mallows

Edge of hammocks fresh water.

Hibiscus pilosus (Sw.) Fauc. and Rendle

West end Long Pine Key.

Hippocratea volubilis L.

Common in fresh and salt water hammocks climbing over top of large trees, stems up to 4" in diameter.

Hypericum galiodes var reductum Sven.

St. John's wort

Wet ground in the pine lands and glades.

Hyptis (Leonotis) neptaefolia R. Br.

Lions-ears

Highland Beach.

Hyptis pectinata (L) Poir

East boundary hammocks.

Hyptis radiata Willd.

Bittermint

Common pine land and edge hammocks.

Ipomoea cathartica Poir.

Morning glory

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One of the larger morning glories climbing into tall trees; fresh and salt water hammocks and keys. Lower stems woody.

Iresine celosia L.

Iresine

Low ground in hammocks of mangrove area.

<u>Iva imbricata</u> Walt

Marsh-elder

Florida Bay.

Jussiaea angustifolia Lam.

Primrose-willow

These three species are widely scattered in fresh water areas, quickly taking over abandoned farm land on low ground especially glade land.

Jussiaea peruviana L.

Jussiaea scabra Willd.

Kosteletzkya althaeifolia (Chapm.) A. Gray

Fen-roses

Low ground, fresh water areas.

Kosteletzkya pentasperma (Bert.) Griseb.

Stinging-mallow

Coastal marl land.

Kosteletzkya virginica (L) Presl.

Salt-marsh mallow

Coot Bay.

Lantana depressa Small

Lantanas

Pine land.

Lantana involucrata L.

Sage

Long Pine Key, Key Largo Ranger Station.

Leonotis (see Hyptis)

Lycium carolinianum Walt

Christmas berry

Principally in salt water areas.

Melanthera angustifolia A. Rich

Pine lands.

Melanthera deltoidea Michx.

Florida Bay Keys and coastal marl-praires, often in dense stands.

Melanthera parvifolia Small

Pine lands

Melanthera radiata Small

Pine lands.

Metastelma blodgettii A. Gray

Pine lands and hammocks.

Mikania batatifolia DC

Climbing hempweed

Wide spread, fresh and salt water areas.

Mikania cordifolia (L) Wild.

Fresh water areas.

Momordica charantia L.

Wild balsom-apple

Pine lands

Morinda roioc L.

Yellow-root

Wide spread throughout the park.

Musa sapientum L.

Banana

On Indian Mounds and former habitations.

Opuntia dillenii (Ker) Haw.

Prickly pears

Coastal areas.

Other species of cacti are intentionally omitted for the present.

Osmia odorata (L) Sch. Bip.

Salt water hammocks, Key Largo Ranger Station.

Palafoxia feayi A. Gray

Flamingo and Coot Bay.

Parthenocissus quinquefolia (L) Planch.

Virginia creeper

Widely distributed throughout park.

Passiflora lutea L.

Yellow passion flower

Paradise Key and interior hammocks.

Passiflora pallens Poepp.

Salt water hammocks.

Passiflora pallida L.

Corky-stemmed passion-flower

Widely distributed in salt and fresh water hammocks, often forming a ground cover.

Passiflora multiflora L.

Key Largo Ranger Station.

Pavonia bastata Cav.

Salt water areas.

Phaseolus lathyroides L.

Pine land.

Philibertella (see Sarcostemma)

Philoxerus vermicularis (L) R. Br.

Widely distributed in salt water areas.

Pisonia aculeata L.

Devils-claws Hold-me-back

Fresh and salt water hammocks, large vine or occasionally fairly erect shrub.

Plumbago capensis Thunb

Leadworts

Bear Lake Trail.

Plumbago scandens L.

Leadworts

Monroe Lake Mound.

Psychotria ligustrifolia (Northrop) Millsp.

Syn. P. bahamensis Millsp.

Bahama Balsamo Bahama Wild Coffee

East entrance.

Psychotria sulzneri Small

Sulzner Balsamo Sulzner Wild Coffee

Fresh water hammocks.

Psychotria undata Jacq.

Seminole Balsamo Seminole Wild Coffee

Fresh water hammocks and Long Pine Key

Randia aculeata L.

Florida Randia

Widely distributed in hammocks of fresh and salt water areas.

Rhabdadenia biflora (Jacq.) Muell-Arg.

Rubber-vine

Salt water hammocks.

Rhabdadenia corallicola Small

Pine lands.

Rhacoma ilicifolia (Poir) Trelease

Christmas-berry

Pine lands.

Rhipsalis cassutha Gaertn.

Pencil Cactus

Coastal hammocks.

Rhynchosia minima (L.) DC.

Widely distributed vine.

Rhynchosia simplicifolia (Walt.) Wood

Dollar-weed

Common on pine land.

Ricinus communis L.

Castor-bean

Widely distributed.

Rivina humilis L.

Blood-berry Rough-plant

Widely distributed salt water hammocks, Paradise Key.

Sarcostemma clausum (Jacq.) R. Br.

Rubber-vine

Widely distributed through out park.

Sesbania macrocarpa Muhl.

Widely distributed in fresh and salt water areas.

Sesuvium maritimum (Walt.) BSP.

Sea-purslane

Widely distributed near coast and on Florida Bay Keys.

Smilax auriculata Walt.

Greenbier Wild Bamboo

Widely distributed.

Smilax lanceolata L. Greenbier Wild Bamboo Everglades City. Smilax laurifolia L. Greenbier Wild Bamboo Widely distributed. Smilax havanensis Jacq. Long Pine Key. Solanum bahamense L. Near salt water. Solanum blodgettii Chapm. Widely distributed, fresh water areas. Solanum nigrum L. Night-shade Widely distributed fresh and salt water areas. Solanum verbascifolium L. Potatoe-tree Widely distributed, hammocks. Sophora tomentosa L. Necklace-pod Salt water hammocks. Stillingia sylvatica (Torr.) S. Wats. Queens-roots Common in pine lands. Stylosanthes calcicola Small Florida Bay Keys, marl. Stylosanthes hamata (L.) Taub. Pine land. Sea-blite

Suaeda linearis (Ell.) Moq.

Marl flats and beaches of salt water areas; common and colorful ground cover.

Tecoma stans (L.) Juss.

Yellow Elder

Key Largo Ranger Station, Paradise Key.

Thunbergia fragrans Roxb.

White Thunbergia

Paradise Key, naturalized from Asia.

Sea Lavender

Tournefortia gnaphalodes R. Br.

Cape Sable Beach.

Tournefortia hirsutissima L.

Paradise Key.

Tournefortia poliochrus (Spreng.) Small

Key Largo Ranger Station.

Tournefortia volubilis L.

Bear Lake Road.

Tragia saxicola Small

Pine land.

Triumfetta semitriloba Jacq.

Burweed

Paradise Key.

Urechites <u>lutea</u> (L.) Britton

Rubber-vine

Salt water areas.

Urena lobata L.

Caesar-weed

Forming dense woody thickets, Pine Island.

Vallesia glabra Cav.

Key Largo Ranger Station, Cape Sable, Monroe Lake Mound.

Varronia globosa Jacq.

Bear Lake Road, Cape Sable.

Vitis rotundifolia Michx.

Muscodine

Scuppernong

Fresh and salt water hammocks.

Vitis simpsonii Munson

Grape

Widely distributed, hammocks.

Vitis smalliana Bailey

Royal Palm Hammock.

Yucca aloifolia L.

Yucca

Coastal areas, Cape Sable.

Zamia angustifolia Jacq.

Wild-sagos

Hammocks.

Coonties

Zamia floridana DC Pine lands.