

Gardening For the Birds

SCRUB JAYS, THAT IS...

FRED AND ANN HUNTERS LIVE IN A BEAUTIFUL LOG CABIN

home in Paisley situated near the Ocala National Forest. But what truly makes their property beautiful is the garden. Their goal was to have a garden that would attract scrub jays, which is why they relied on the expertise of Bruce and Cathy Brown, owners of the Clermont-based BB Brown's Gardens.

The Browns began planting the gar-

den last June and would often come as early as 5:30 a.m. Around the property is scrub oaks and white sand, which is natural scrub jay habitat. Using their green thumbs, the couple also planted separate butterfly, grass and herb gardens using mostly Florida-native plants. What resulted is a stunning landscape that is visually appealing. If often attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.



Plant Name: Gallardia [Blanket Flower]

Light: Full Sun Water: Dry Hardiness: Very

Favorite Aspects: Thrives in heat, drought, and salt-spray

Bloom Time: Summer-Fall



Plant Name: Echinaccea Light: Full Sun - Part Shade

Water: Dry

Hardiness: Very, once established Favorite Aspects: Nectar Bloom Time: Summer-Fall



Plant Name: Loiuse Phillip Rose

Light: Full Sun Water: Medium Hardiness: Very

Favorite Aspects: Old Fashioned Bloom Time: On-Off all year



Plant Name: Hamelia Patens Firebush

Light: Full Sun - Part Shade Water: Medium Hardiness: Medium

Favorite Aspects: Foliage turns fall-winter

Bloom Time: Summer-Fall

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Plant Name: Cosmos Light: Full Sun - Part Shade

Water: Dry Hardiness: Very

Favorite Aspects: Nectar, re-seeds

Bloom Time: All year



Plant Name: Green Eyes

Light: Full Sun
Water: Dry
Hardiness: Very

Favorite Aspects: Evergreen

Bloom Time: Spring, late Fall



Plant Name: Coreopsis Tickseed Light: Full Sun - Part Shade

Water: Medium Hardiness: Very

Favorite Aspects: Re-seeds Bloom Time: Annual



Plant Name: Daylilly Light: Full Sun - Part Shade Water: Dry - Medium Hardiness: Very

Favorite Aspects: Nectar Bloom Time: Summer



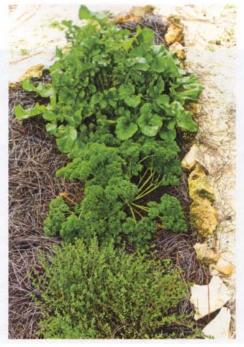
Plant Name: Lantana Depressa

Light: Full Sun Water: Dry Hardiness: Very

Favorite Aspects: Nectar, Great ground cover

Bloom Time: All year







Different plant beds throughout the property.



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Light: Full Sun Water: Dry Hardiness: Evergreen

Favorite Aspects: Unique flower/foliage

Bloom Time: Late Summer-Fall



Plant Name: Metabalis Rose

Light: Full Sun Water: Medium-Dry Hardiness: Very

Favorite Aspects: Full blooms

Bloom Time: All year



Plant Name: White Trailing antana

Light: Full Sun Water: Dry Hardiness: Very

Favorite Aspects: Great ground cover

Bloom Time: All year



Plant Name: Spotted Bee-Balm, soft pink w/cream

Light: Full Sun, Part Shade **Water:** Medium-Dry **Hardiness:** Very

Favorite Aspects: Reseeds Bloom Time: Late Summer-Fall





Plant Name: Lions Mane [with bumblebee]

Light: Full Sun, Part Shade Water: Medium-Dry Hardiness: Very

Favorite Aspects: Unique look and color, great polinator Bloom Time: Spring-Fall

