

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Type of plant</u>	<u>Flower Foliage color</u>	<u>Sun/Shade</u>	<u>Wind Tolerance</u>	<u>Drought tolerance</u>	<u>Salt Tolerance</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Agave	Agave sp.	Succulent	Yellow - green leaves	Sun	VH	VH	H	1.5 m	Excellent in xeriscape or as accent
Aloe	Aloe vera	Succulent	Yellow	Sun	VH	VH	H	.5 m	Excellent for rock gardens. Goats do not eat. Good for skin burns or scratches (sap).
Asparagus fern	Asparagus densiflorus 'sprengerii'	G. cover	White	SH	H	H	M	0.6 m	Ground cover under trees or lg. Shrubs or in hanging baskets. Small spines on stems. Red berries.
Bismarck Palm	Bismarckia nobilis	Palm/Cycad	White	Sun	H	M	M	12 m	Eye-catching fan palm. Big leaves – nice color.
Bougainvillea OR Trinitaria (P)	Bougainvillea spectabilis	Shrub	Many	Sun	H	H	H	3 m	Excellent for the climate. Flowers almost year round.
Bush allamanda	Allamanda nerifolia	Shrub	Yellow	Sun	M	M	L	1.5m	Always in bloom (dwarf) – need to keep trimmed. Needs regular fertilizer
Butterfly bush OR Petrea	Petrea volubilis	Vines	Blue	Sun	M	M	L	2 m	Can be used as shrub but is really vine. Grow on trellis for vine, trim regularly for shrub
Cabbage Palm	Sabal palmetto	Palm/Cycad	White	Sun	H	H	H	12 m	Very slow grower – will last a long time. Almost no maintenance – just take out dead leaves. Can find with cleared trunks or with fronds on trunk.
Cardboard palm	Zamia	Palm/cycad	None	Sun	VH	H	H	1 m	Use as accent 'shrub' or as groundcover in groups. Very slow grower. Looks like a fern of sorts.
Century plant	Agave vivipari	Succulent	Yellow	Sun	VH	VH	H	1.5 m	Good for rock gardens, accent – spiny!
Coconut Palm	Coco nucifera	Palm/Cycad	Cream	Sun	H	M	H	15 m	Needs sprayed against scale and related insects. Sometimes also mites. Needs regular water.
Date Palm	Phoenix dactyifera	Palm/cycad	White	Sun	VH	H	H	20 m	No diseases. The "real" date palm – "Medjool" cultivars imported from California.
Date Palm (Island Date)	Phoenix canariensis	Palm/Cycad	White	Sun	H	H	M	12 m	No diseases. Heavy trunk. Females produce orange small dates. Spiny leaves.
Desert Cassia	Senna polyphylla	Shrub	Yellow	Sun	H	H	H	2.5 m	Leaves like Divi-divi – almost always flowering – good for this climate. Large shrub or little tree.
Dracaena (Reflexed)	Dracaena reflexa	Shrub	None	B	M	H	M	4 m	Does well in sun or shade. No diseases.
Dypsis (no common names)	Dypsis lutescens	Palm/Cycad	White	Sun	L	M	M	6 m	Grows medium fast and does well in Curacao. No diseases, but wind can burn leaf tips.

Fakahatchee grass	Tripsacum dactyloides	Shrub	Yellow	Sun	H	H	M	1 m	Drought tolerant ornamental grass. Cut back to 10 cm when becomes old... nice group or solo. Spiny leaves. Slow growing – will last for years.
Fan Palm	Livistona chinensis	Palm/Cycad	White	Sun	M	M	M	6 m	
Ficus		Tree							
Ficus OR Cuban Laurel	Ficus nitida	Tree	None	Sun	H	H	M	15 m	One form of ficus – good shade tree. Can trim in all sorts of forms. Shallow roots – keep away from walks and driveways and foundations
Fountain grass	Pennisetum setaceum	Shrub	Cream	Sun	H	M	L	1.2 m	Use as accent. Comes with either green leaves or red leaves.
Fragrant callisia	Callisia fragans	G. cover	White	SH	M	H	M	0.5 m	Ground cover for under trees. Does not flower easily in Curacao
Frangipani (also known in papiaментu as oleander)	Plumeria alba	Tree	White	Sun	M	H	H	6 m	Excellent tree for climate. Needs to dry out now and then. Will drop all leaves before flowering. Too much water causes fast growth and possible branch breakage
Frangipani (Also in papiaментu as oleander)	Plumeria rubra	Tree	Pink	Sun	M	H	H	6 m	Same as other frangipani – plant in drier area of garden to prevent growing too fast and branch breakage
Hibiscus	Hibiscus rosa-sinensis	Shrub	Red (many)	Sun	M	M	M	2 m	Many varieties. Was almost wiped out by imported pink mealy bug. Goats love it
Ixora	Ixora hybrid	Shrub	Many	Sun	M	M	M	1.5 m	Subject to scale Yellow leaves caused by iron deficiency – high pH in ground water
Jasmine (Arabian)	Jasminum sambac	Shrub	Cream	Sun	M	M	L	1.5 m	Fragrant flowers.
King Palm	Roystonea elata	Palm/Cycad	Cream	Sun	L	L	M	20	From Florida. Becomes huge in a few years. Use near huge buildings and out of the wind.
Lantana	Lantana camara	G. cover	Many	Sun	H	H	H	0.3 m	Loves hot dry climate. Non-stop flowers – also in bush forms. Subject to white fly
Lignum-vitae	Guaiacum officinale	Tree	Lavender	Sun	H	VH	H	5 m	True evergreen on Curacao – hard wood. Good small shade tree.
Lobster Claw	Heliconia rostrata	Shrub	Red	B	VL	VL	L	2 m	Needs protected area and city water – but also needs acid fertilizer
Mahoe OR Hibiscus bloom	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Tree	Yellow	Sun	L	H	H	12 m	Flowers turn from yellow to red in one day. Needs trimming to keep tree form. Needs lots of space. Some varieties have variegated foliage
Manilla palm	Adonidia merrillii	Palm/Cycad	White	Sun	M	H	M	4 m	Red colored fruit on trunk... Often sold in Curacao as Royal Palm which it is not. Good for small space.
Night-blooming Cereus	Hyllocereus undatus	Succulent	Cream	B	VH	VH	H	3 m	Cacti vine! Grows into trees or over rocks – uses air roots – night-blooming vine with huge (30 cm) fragrant flowers. Edible fruit.
Oleander	Nerium oleander	Shrub	Many	Sun	VH	H	H	4 m	Excellent hedge – don't trim square

Washingtonia Palm	Washingtonia robusta	Palm/Cycad	Cream	Sun	M	H	M	12 m	Fast grower with irrigation. After 5 years will be too tall for garden. Grows slow under little irrigation. Looks best at 6 m. No major pests. Thorns on leaf stalk.
Yucca	Yucca rostrata	Succulent	White	Sun	H	H	H	4 m	Grows straight up – large leaves and dangerous – grow away from walks. Use as accent.
Zamia	Zamia	Palm/cycad	None	B	H	H	H	1.5 m	Cycas kind of leaves. Use as groundcover. Does well in Curacao.
Zamioculcas	Zamioculcas zamiifolia	Shrub	White	SH	H	M	M		Shiny leaves. Good for shade or in pots. Does not like full sun.