

## Overview of UCF Plants

Looking around campus, you will see a variety of beautiful plants. In the Arboretum alone, as shown in the table below, there are 269 observed individual plants and 141 unique species. Of these, 136 have their common name but not their Genus-Species name identified and 121 have both names identified. If learning about and caring for these types of plants and many more, consider studying with the UCF College of Sciences Biology Department.



### UCF Arboretum's Observed Plants

Number of Plant Species Observed at UCF With Common & Genus-Species Names Identified	121
Number of Plant Species Observed at UCF With Common Name Identified	136
Total Number of Plant Species Observed at UCF	141
Total Number of Plants Observed at UCF	269

## Narrow-leaved Blue-eyed Grass

The Narrow-leaved Blue-eyed Grass, shown above, is native to moist meadows and open woodlands. It is the most common blue-eyed grass in the United States and can be used for ornamental purposes.

## Shiny Blueberry and Longleaf Pine

The Longleaf Pine, shown in the bottom right, is native to the southeastern US and is endangered because of overcutting. They are the official state tree of Alabama. Shiny Blueberries, shown at the bottom middle, are native to the southeastern US and are edible. The Seminole used these berries for food, ceremonies, and medicine. Both of these plants are fire-adapted and recover quickly after wildfires.

- Narrow-leaved Blue-eyed Grass photo © dogtooth77
- Shiny Blueberry photo © Bob Peterson
- Longleaf Pine photo © Chris M



- *iNaturalist* (<https://www.inaturalist.org>)
- *Wikipedia* ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vaccinium\\_myrsinites](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vaccinium_myrsinites), [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sisyrinchium\\_angustifolium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sisyrinchium_angustifolium), [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Longleaf\\_pine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Longleaf_pine))