A Guide to Planting an African-American/African Focused Yard in Miami-Dade County:

Resources and Links

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If you are interested in obtaining further information on the topics covered in the various sections of the ‘Guide to Planting an African American/African Garden in Miami-Dade’, consult the printed reference materials below. You can also use the hyperlinks provided to access information on the web sites listed. Links to web sites were valid at the time this guide was posted.

For Florida residents valuable information on growing many of the vegetables, fruit trees and various ornamental plants mentioned in this guide, as well as other gardening topics, is available from the University of Florida IFAS Extension web site: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu


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*Palms and cycads* – detailed descriptions of palms and cycads, including African species, posted on the Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia web site.  
Internet:  

*African American gardens at Monticello*.  
Internet:  
http://twinleaf.org/articles/aagardens.html

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Internet:  
www.eslarp.uiuc.edu/la/LA437-F95/final/yan/main2.html

*Plantzafrica*.  
National Botanical Institute of South Africa web site for information on plants native to South Africa (including many important landscape items).  
Internet:  
http://www.plantzafrica.com

*National Botanical Institute of South Africa - List of for sale gardening books* (emphasizes African plants and local growing conditions).  
Internet:  
http://www.nbi.ac.za/products/publications/gardengreen.htm

*Bio-diversity Explorer: The Kingdom of Plants* (general information on plants with an emphasis on those from southern Africa) Part of the web site of Iziko Museums of Cape Town.  
Internet:  
**MWEB Online Gardening.** A South African based web site containing extensive information on gardening in South Africa with an emphasis on African plants. Internet: [http://new.mweb.co.za/gardening/gardening_index.jsp](http://new.mweb.co.za/gardening/gardening_index.jsp)

**The African Garden**  British based garden site that features African plants – good quality photographs, especially of cormous and bulbous plants. Internet: [http://www.theafricangarden.com](http://www.theafricangarden.com)


**PROTA: Plant resources of Tropical Africa.** An on going survey of more than 700 edible plants from Africa involving European and African organizations and based at the University of Wageningen, The Netherlands. Internet: [www.prota.org/](http://www.prota.org/)


**Information on African Food (recipes) and many leafy vegetables.** Internet: [www.congocookbook.com](http://www.congocookbook.com)

**Food Composition Table for use in Africa.** An extensive list of edible fruits, vegetables and cereals found in Africa, compiled by the FAO. Internet: [http://www.fao.org/docrep/003/x6877e/X6877E00.htm#OC](http://www.fao.org/docrep/003/x6877e/X6877E00.htm#OC)

**Attempts to rescue African vegetable crops** – information and links about the loss of many of the indigenous plants used in Africa as leafy green vegetables. Internet: [www.futureharvest.org/pdf/leafy_feature.pdf](http://www.futureharvest.org/pdf/leafy_feature.pdf)

**Famine food guide** – information on edible wild plants in Ethiopia that can be used in times of famine. Internet: [http://www.africa.upenn.edu/faminefood/index.htm](http://www.africa.upenn.edu/faminefood/index.htm)


**African food staples** – a listing with a short description of the many plants grown as food staples in Africa. Internet: [http://www.afrol.com/archive/food_staples.htm](http://www.afrol.com/archive/food_staples.htm)

**Indigenous multi-purpose trees of Tanzania** – describes a variety of trees native to this part of E. Africa and their economic uses. Internet:
www.fao.org/docrep/x5327e/x5327e00.htm  (Search the FAO site for extensive information on food crops in Africa).

*Gateway Africa* – wide range of information on Africa, including food and plants. Internet:  www.gateway-africa.com