

"I am loving my low maintenance native front yard designed by Native Plant Consulting", says Cheryl Hirschi, resident of The Shores in St. Augustine. "We did it in two phases. My west-facing, sandy, front yard was a scorched wasteland of brown grass. Now it's a colorful palette of orange, yellow, red, purple and various shades of green, inhabited by an assortment of butterflies, caterpillars, bees, birds and my resident black racer I've affectionately named Ethan. Placing cardboard underneath the pine straw mulch keeps the weeds at bay. Watering is no longer required as the plants are now established. If there is a frost, I no longer have to cover any plants because they are all native and cold hardy to this area. My neighbor had the opposite problem of my sterile, scorched grass. He had an oak tree shaded yard under which nothing would grow. They liked my yard so much, they too now have a native front yard by NPC"!