
Invasive Trees

Unfortunately, we have three trees that really don't belong here in Plantation. They were brought here from somewhere else and are meant for other growing conditions. However, in our subtropical climate, these three plants thrive a little more than they should. They threaten and compete with plants that belong here.

*** Permits are not necessary to remove the following three trees in the City of Plantation.**

Brazilian Pepper/ Florida Holly *Shinus Terebinthifolius*

The Brazilian Pepper grows in masses up to about 45' tall. The leaves are dark green and shiny, and the flowers are small and white. The fruits, bright red berries, help to easily identify this plant.



Australian Pine *Casuarina equisetifolia*

This is an evergreen tree that can grow to 150 ft! It is best identified by its height and its gray-green, skinny pine needle-like branchlets. The bark is usually peeling and can be red-brown or gray and is brittle.



Melaleuca
Melaleuca quinquenervia

Melaleuca Trees grow to 100' tall. They are also known as the White Bottlebrush because they have white flower spikes resembling a bottle brush which grow to about 6" long. The bark of the Melaleuca is many- layered and peels, which makes this tree easy to identify.



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[Invasive 101](#)
[Invasive Exotic Plants, by the Florida Native Plant Society](#)
[2003 Invasive Plant List](#)

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