

Gumbo Limbo
Bursera simaruba
Family: Burseraceae



The Gumbo Limbo Tree is easily identified by its peeling, red bark, which has earned it the nickname "Tourist Tree". This tree has an interesting form, as its trunk and branches will grow into unique forms. As the bark peels, a green- brown underlayer is exposed. The Gumbo Limbo grows to about 75' tall. The flowers are not showy; the leaves are a shiny, medium green. The Gumbo Limbo is a very low- maintenance tree and needs little care.



As with all trees in the City of Plantation, please make sure that they are of the Florida #1 or better quality. This means the tree has one central leader (not several) and good branch structure with branches evenly spaced around the trunk. Roots should grow away from the trunk, not circle or girdle it. Please be sure to follow proper planting procedures!

Questions can be directed to the City of Plantation Department of Landscape Architecture at 954.797.2246 or to our Tree Gurus, Marge and Fred at AskMargeAndFred@Plantation.org