

The Biology of Trees Native to Tropical Florida, P.B. Tomlinson. pp. v + 480 (including 166 pages of black-and-white illustrations by Priscilla Fawcett)

The flora of South Florida is, in part, an extension of the rich tropical flora of the adjacent Caribbean and Bahamas. Tropical forest vegetation is represented by mangrove swamps, rain forest in the form of "hammock" communities, and a distinctive kind of pineland.

This tree flora produces one of the most distinctive tree regions of the continental United States, but has never received any extensive biological description. This book aims to remedy this deficiency and describes these native and a number of common introduced trees, largely by extensive illustration, emphasizing dynamic features of growth, reproduction and dispersal.

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