



## Northeast Region

### Trees

While woody trees, shrubs and vines often drop fruit (or leaves) that gopher tortoises feed on, this is a very seasonal food source so most trees are listed as low or moderate forage value.

Seagrape (*Coccoloba uvifera*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery.

Japanese Persimmon (*Diospyros kaki*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Nonnative species. Attractive greenery, fall color and fruit.

Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery and fruit. Low maintenance.

Loquat (*Eriobotrya japonica*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Nonnative species. Attractive greenery and fruit.

Chickasaw Plum (*Prunus angustifolia*) – Low to moderate forage value. Native species. Attractive flowers and fruit.

Flatwoods Plum (*Prunus umbellata*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers, greenery, fruit and fall color.

Sumac, Winged (*Rhus copallina*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers, greenery, fruit and fall color.

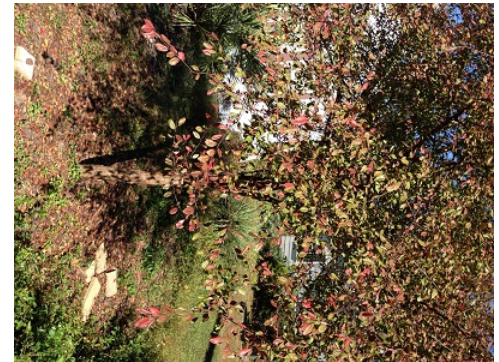
Saffron Plum (*Sideroxylon celastrinum*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers, greenery and fruit.

### Shrubs

Pawpaw (*Asimina spp.*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers, greenery and fruit.

Beautyberry (*Callicarpa Americana*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers, greenery and fruit.

Surinam Cherry (*Eugenia uniflora*) – Low forage value for gopher tortoises. Nonnative species. Attractive greenery, fruit and fall color. Invasive concerns



Dwarf Huckleberry (*Gaylussacia dumosa*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Blue Huckleberry (*Gaylussacia frondosa*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery and fruit.

Bush Daisy (*Gamolepis spp.*) – Moderate to high forage value for gopher tortoises. Nonnative species. Attractive flowers and greenery.

Hibiscus (*Hibiscus spp.*) – Moderate to high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.



Weeping Lantana (*Lantana depressa*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies. Invasive concerns.

Lespedezas (*Lespedeza spp.*) – Moderate to high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies. Invasive concerns.

Bush Clover (*Lespedeza bicolor*) – Low forage value for gopher tortoises. Nonnative species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Blackberry (*Rubus spp.*) – High to very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Scrub Palmetto (*Sabal etonia*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies. Low maintenance.

Dwarf Palmetto (*Sabal minor*) – Low to Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies. Low maintenance.

Saw Palmetto (*Serenoa repens*) – Moderate to very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies. Low maintenance.

Porterweed (*Stachytarpheta spp.*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Nonnative species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Sparkleberry (*Vaccinium arboreum*) – Moderate to high forage value for gopher tortoises. Attractive flowers, greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum, darrowii, and myrsinites*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers, greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Spanish Bayonet (*Yucca aloifolia*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers, greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.



Vines

Butterfly Pea (*Centrosema spp.*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Railroad Vine (*Ipomoea spp.*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Low maintenance.

Passion Flower (*Passiflora spp.*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers, greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.



Maypop (*passiflora incarnate*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers, greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Summer Grape (*Vitis aestivalis*) – Very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Wild Grape (*Vitis rotundifolia*) – Very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Cultivated Grapes (*Vitis spp.*) – Very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

## Flowers

Aster (*Aster spp.*) – Moderate to very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Paintbrush (*Carphephorus spp.*) – Very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Pineland Daisy (*Chaptalia tomentosa*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.



Golden Aster (*Chrysopsis spp.*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Coreopsis (*Coreopsis spp.*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Dayflower (*Commelina spp.*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia spp.*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Sunflower (*Helianthus spp.*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers, greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Gayfeather (*Liatrix spp.*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers, greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Gopher Apple (*Licania michauxii*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Lupine (*Lupinus spp.*) – Moderate to high forage value for gopher tortoises. Attractive flowers, greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Prickly Pear (*Opuntia spp.*) – Moderate to very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Woodsorrel (*Oxalis spp.*) – Moderate to high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Petunia (*Petunia hybrid*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Nonnative species. Attractive flowers, greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Beardtongue (*Penstemon spp.*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Groundcherry (*Physalis spp.*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers, greenery and fruit. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Portulacca (*Portulacca spp.*) – Very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies. Low maintenance.

Verbena (*Verbena spp.*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Moss Verbena (*Verbena tenuisecta*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Pansy, Violets (*Viola spp.*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Wedelia (*Wedelia trilobata*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Nonnative species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies. Invasive concerns.

Grass-like

Hairsedge (*Bulbostylis spp.*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery.



Woodland Sedge (*Carex spp.*) – Moderate to high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery.

Sedge, Flatsedge (*Cyperus spp.*) – High to very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery.

Spikerush (*Eleocharis spp.*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery.

Fimbrary (*Fimbristylis spp.*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery.

Umbrella Sedge (*Fuirena spp.*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery.

Spikesedge (*Kyllingia spp.*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery.

Plantain (*Plantago spp.*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery.

Beaksedge (*Rhynchospora spp.*) – Moderate to high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery.

Nutrush (*Scleria spp.*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery.

Yellow-eyed Grass (*Xyris spp.*) – Low to moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

## Grasses

Upland bent grass (*Agrostis perennans*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery.

Blue Maidencane (*Amphicarpum muhlenbergianum*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery.

## Weeds

Common Ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies. Low maintenance. Allergy concerns.

Coastal Ragweed (*Ambrosia hispida*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies. Low maintenance. Allergy concerns.

Beggar's Ticks (*Bidens alba*) – Very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.



Spanish Needles (*Bidens bipinnata and pilosa*) – Very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Thistle (*Cirsium spp.*) – High to very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Poor Joe (*Diodia teres*) – Very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Virginia Buttonweed (*Diodia virginiana*) – Very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Pitted Stripeseed (*Piriqueta caroliniana*) – Moderate forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Capeweed (*Phyla nodiflora*) – High forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Mex. Clover (*Richardia braliensis*) – Very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Nonnative species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Florida Pulsey (*Richardia scabra*) – Very high forage value for gopher tortoises. Nonnative species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.

Dock (*Rumex spp.*) – Moderate to high forage value for gopher tortoises. Native species. Attractive flowers and greenery. Attracts wildlife and butterflies.



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