WOODY PLANT SELECTION FOR COASTAL MARITIME RIDGE RESTORATION AND REVEGETATION

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American Beautyberry
Callicarpa americana
- Desirable plant for borders in native landscaping
- Food for songbirds and wildlife such as deer, raccoons, squirrels and opossum
- Crushed leaves used as natural bug repellent

Hercules Club
Zanthoxylum clava-herculis
- Important pollinator and butterfly host
- Used by native Americans and early settlers as an analgesic
- Fragrant and showy flowers make it desirable as ornamental

Sugarberry
Celtis laevigata
- Native landscaping for windbreaks
- Food and nesting for birds, host to butterflies
- Used by native Americans to treat sore throat and dye wool

Live Oak
Quercus virginiana
- Hardiness in coastal zone ideal for native landscaping and coastal restoration
- Food for deer, squirrels, raccoons, turkeys and waterfowl
- Very long lived

Common Wax Myrtle
Myrica cerifera
- Used for soil stabilization in sandy soils
- Waxy fruits float and resist drying out, ideal for birds and wildlife in coastal areas
- Evergreen native desired for its aromaticity and foliage

Christmasberry
Lycium carolinianum
- Important for wildlife cover and food
- Host plant for numerous butterflies
- High salinity tolerance

Red Mulberry
Morus rubra
- Only native mulberry to Louisiana
- Fast growing for soil stabilization
- Food for songbirds during spring and summer and host to butterflies

Yaupon
Ilex vomitoria
- Forms thick stands for wildlife cover
- Food for song and game birds during fall migration
- Used by native Americans as an emetic and as an offering of friendship

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