

## Lignum Vitae



Lignum vitae, or Tree of Life, is a Florida native slow-growing evergreen tree. It is drought- and salt-tolerant. It has no significant pests or diseases. It is hurricane wind-resistant. It has blue flowers and orange fruit which attracts birds, bees and butterflies. It is a larval host plant for the Lyside sulphur butterfly. Its multiple trunks, round canopy and showy flowers and fruit make it an ideal ornamental tree. It's very heavy wood, which does not float, has been used to create things from bowling balls to gavels. A Lignum vitae can be seen planted at the southeast corner of the pickleball courts.