

AgriLife Water University's Top 100 Plants for North Texas

Shade Trees													
Common Name	Botanical Name	Water Req.	Size	Mature Height	Plant Spread	Light Req.	Bloom Time	Blooms Color	Growth	Evergreen/Deciduous	Use	Consider Combining With	Texas Native
Shantung Maple	Acer truncatum	Medium	Medium	25'	20'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	N/A	N/A	Medium	Deciduous	Shade Tree, Fall Foliage	N/A	N
Eldarica Pine	Pinus eldarica	Low	Large	50'	30'	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	Rapid	Evergreen	Shade Tree, Evergreen Screen or Windbreak	N/A	N
Red Oak	Quercus buckleyi	Low	Medium	35'	30'	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	Medium	Deciduous	Shade Tree, Fall Foliage	N/A	Y
Bur Oak	Quercus macrocarpa	Low	Large	80'	70'	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	Slow	Deciduous	Shade Tree, Fall Foliage	N/A	Y
Chinquapin Oak	Quercus muehlenbergii	Low	Large	80'	60'	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	Medium	Deciduous	Shade Tree, Fall Foliage	N/A	Y
Live Oak	Quercus virginiana	Low	Large	50'	60'	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	Medium	Evergreen	Shade Tree, Evergreen Foliage	N/A	Y
Cedar Elm	Ulmus crassifolia	Low to Medium	Large	80'	60'	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	Medium	Deciduous	Shade Tree, Fall Foliage	N/A	Y
Lacebark Elm	Ulmus parvifolia	Low	Large	60'	40'	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	Rapid	Deciduous	Shade Tree, Fall Foliage	N/A	N
Ornamental Trees													
Common Name	Botanical Name	Water Req.	Size	Mature Height	Plant Spread	Light Req.	Bloom Time	Blooms	Growth	Evergreen/Deciduous	Use	Consider Combining With	Texas Native
Red Buckeyes	Aesculus pavia	Medium	Small	20'	20'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring	Red	Medium	Deciduous	Specimen, Accent, Screen	Specimen tree with underplantings like Inland Sea Oats or White Cloud Muhly.	Y
Redbud-Many Varieties	Cercis spp.	Low	Small	20'	15'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring	Pink, White	Rapid	Deciduous	Specimen, Accent, Screen	Great planting in the mix of mass perennials. Purple leaf varieties go best with red and white bloomers like Autumn Sage and/or Mist Flower.	Y
Desert Willow	Chilopsis linearis	Low	Medium	25'	15'	Full Sun	Spring to Fall	Pink, White, and Burgundy	Rapid	Deciduous	Specimen, Accent, Screen, Hedge	Great specimen tree planted in the mix with perennial grasses like Dwarf Hamelin.	Y
Smoketree	Cotinus obovatus	Low	Medium	25'	15'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring	Pink, Purple, White	Slow	Deciduous	Specimen, Accent, Screen, Hedge	Combine with finer textures like perennial grasses and/or evergreens like Kaleidoscope Abelia.	Y
Possumhaw Holly	Ilex decidua	Low	Small	20'	15'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring	Small White	Medium	Deciduous	Specimen, Accent, Screen, Hedge	Treat as a specimen or border plant. Plant with Henry Deulberg Salvia and/or perennial grasses.	Y
Yaupon Holly	Ilex vomitoria	Low to Medium	Small	20'	20'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring	Small White	Medium	Evergreen	Specimen, Accent, Screen, Hedge	Autumn Sage and/or Spiraea combine well as underplantings.	Y
Wichita Blue Juniper	Juniperus scopulorum 'Wichita'	Low	Small	18'	8'	Full Sun	N/A	N/A	Medium	Evergreen	Specimen, Accent, Screen, Hedge	Plant bold contrasting colors and textures like Kaleidoscope Abelia, Anne Marie Lantana, Flame Acanthus, Color Guard Yucca and/or Palms.	Y
Deciduous Magnolia	Magnolia x soulangeana, M. stellata	Medium	Small	20'	20'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring	Pink, White	Medium	Deciduous	Specimen, Accent, Screen, Hedge	Great with Moudry Grass, Inland Sea Oats, and/or Spiraea.	N
Wax Myrtle	Myrica cerifera	Medium	Small	18'	10'	Full Sun, Partial Shade, Shade	Spring	Small Yellow-green	Rapid	Evergreen	Specimen, Accent, Screen, Hedge	Mixes well with all perennial grasses and/or Autumn Sage, Mexican Bush Sage.	Y
Cherry Laurel	Prunus caroliniana 'Compacta'	Low to Medium	Small	10'	8'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring	White	Medium	Evergreen	Specimen, Accent, Screen, Hedge	Great screen or specimen tree with Turk's Cap as underplanting or Texas Columbine once it provides enough shade.	Y
Eve's Necklace	Sophora affinis	Low to Medium	Small	20'	15'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring	Pink, White	Medium	Deciduous	Specimen, Accent, Screen	Combines well with Bridalwreath Spirea, Texas Sage and/or Zexmenia.	Y
Texas Mountain Laurel	Sophora secundiflora	Low to Medium	Small	15'	15'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring	Purple, Blue	Slow	Evergreen	Specimen, Accent, Screen, Hedge	Finer textures compliment this tree the best like perennial grasses and/or Guara.	Y
Vitex	Vitex agnus-castus	Low	Small	20'	15'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Summer	Purple, White	Rapid	Deciduous	Specimen, Accent, Screen, Hedge	Combines great with Turk's Cap, Flame Acanthus, and/or Hot Lips Salvia or with shrubs like St. John's Wort.	N
Shrubs													
Common Name	Botanical Name	Water Req.	Size	Mature Height	Plant Spread	Light Req.	Bloom Time	Blooms	Growth	Evergreen/Deciduous	Use	Consider Combining With	Texas Native
Glossy Abelia	Abelia x grandiflora	Low to Medium		6'	6'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Summer	White	Medium	Evergreen	Hedge, Shrub Border, Screen	Plant as a backdrop Dwarf Hamelin Grass and/or any of the Coreopsis.	N
Kaleidoscope Abelia	Abelia x grandiflora 'Kaleidoscope'	Low to Medium		3'	3'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Summer	Fall, White	Medium	Evergreen	Low Hedge, Shrub Border	Combine with Andorra Juniper and/or Moudry Grass.	N
Rose Creek Abelia	Abelia x grandiflora 'Rose Creek'	Low to Medium		3'	3'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Summer	Fall, White	Medium	Evergreen	Low Hedge, Shrub Border	Plant in front of Eastern Snowball Viburnum and/or use Damianita and/or Blackfoot Daisy as a border in front.	N
Butterfly Bush	Buddleia davidii	Low to Medium		6'	4'	Full Sun	Summer	Purple, Pink, Red, White	Medium	Deciduous	Shrub Border, Accent	Use as a specimen surrounded by evergreens like Dwarf Yaupon or Texas Sage.	N
Beauty Berry	Callicarpa americana	Low to Medium		4'	6'	Full Sun, Part Shade, Shade	N/A	N/A	Medium	Deciduous	Shrub Border, Accent	Use to fill a corner with Lamb's Ear.	Y
False Aralia	Fatsia japonica	Medium		8'	8'	Partial Shade, Shade	Summer	Fall, White	Medium	Evergreen	Shrub Border, Accent	Plant as a specimen in a shady area with a dwarf Oakleaf Hydrangea and/or ferns.	N
Althea/Rose of Sharon	Hibiscus syriacus	Low		15"	10'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Summer	Pink, Purple, White	Rapid	Deciduous	Screen, Shrub Border, Specimen Tree	Great specimen planted with Soft Leaf Yucca and/or any of the Lantanas.	N
Oakleaf Hydrangea	Hydrangea quercifolia	Medium		6'	6'	Partial Shade, Full Shade	Spring to Summer	White	Medium	Deciduous	Hedge, Shrub Border, Accent	Great Shade color when combined with any of the ferns, False Aralia, and/or Turk's Cap	N
St. John's Wort	Hypericum spp.	Low to Medium		3'	3'	Full Sun, Partial Shade, Shade	Spring to Summer	Fall, Yellow	Medium	Deciduous	Shrub Border, Accent	Versatile shrub contrasts well with Zebra Grass and/or Color Guard Yucca.	N
Dwarf Yaupon Holly	Ilex vomitoria 'Nana'	Low to Medium		3'	3'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	N/A	N/A	Medium	Evergreen	Hedge, Shrub Border, Accent	Great border shrub with perennial backdrops like Rock Rose, Garden Phlox, and/or Hot Lips Salvia. Plant Skullcap as a border in front.	Y
Andorra Juniper	Juniperus horizontalis 'Andorra'	Low to Medium		2'	4'-6'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	N/A	N/A	Medium	Evergreen	Hedge, Shrub Border, Groundcover	Plant with contrasting colors like Kaleidoscope Abelia, Color Guard Yucca, Little Bluestem, White Cloud Muhly, and/or Society Garlic.	N
Texas Sage	Leucophyllum frutescens	Low		6'	5'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	Blue, Lavender, White	Medium to Slow	Evergreen	Hedge, Shrub Border, Accent	Native shrub that combines well with New Gold Lantana, Texas Lantana, and/or Red Yucca.	Y
Dwarf Wax Myrtle	Myrica cerifera	Medium		4'	4'	Full Sun, Partial Shade, Shade	N/A	N/A	Rapid	Evergreen	Hedge, Shrub Border, Accent	Plant as a backdrop to any Coreopsis, Cone Flower or combine with Rudbeckia and/or Jerusalem Sage.	Y
Rosemary	Rosemarinus officinalis	Low to Medium		3'	3'	Full Sun	Spring to Summer	Blue, White	Rapid	Evergreen	Hedge, Shrub Border, Accent	Combine with heavy bloomers like Rock Rose, Zexmenia, and/or Flame Acanthus	N
Autumn sage	Salvia greggii	Low		3'	3'	Full Sun	Spring to Fall	Orange, Pink, Red, White	Rapid	Deciduous	Shrub Border, Accent	Plant with different colors of itself or in front of Texas Sage or combine with any of the Yuccas.	Y
Bridal Wreath Spirea	Spiraea prunifolia 'Plena'	Medium		6'	6'	Full Sun	Spring	White	Medium	Deciduous	Screen, Hedge, Shrub Border, Specimen	Plant this soft plant with broader textures like any of the yuccas and/or palms or as a mass border.	N

Anthony Waterer Spirea	Spiraea x bumalda 'Anthony Waterer'	Medium		3'	3'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Summer	Pink, Red	Medium	Deciduous	Screen, Hedge, Shrub Border	Combines well with any junipers or contrasting bloomers like Mexican Bush Sage.	N
Limemound Spirea	Spiraea x bumalda 'Monhub'	Medium		3'	3'	Full Sun	Spring to Summer	Pink	Medium	Deciduous	Screen, Hedge, Shrub Border	Combines well with any junipers or contrasting bloomers like Blue Black Salvia.	N
Bush Germander	Teucrium fruticans	Low		5'	5'	Full Sun	Spring to Fall	Blue, Purple	Rapid	Evergreen	Low Hedge, Shrub Border	Silver foliage combines with red and orange bloomers like Autumn Sage and/or Flame Acanthus	N
Eastern Snowball Viburnum	Viburnum opulus 'Sterile'	Medium		12'	10'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Summer	White	Medium	Deciduous	Screens, Hedge, Shrub Border, Accent	Plant as a larger border or specimen with Mexican Bush Sage and/or Fall Aster underplanting.	N
Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum	Viburnum rufidulum	Low		15'	10'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring	White	Slow	Deciduous	Screen, Hedge, Shrub Border, Specimen Tree	Plant as a natural looking border with compliments of perennial grasses like gulf and White Cloud Muhly.	Y

Perennials

Common Name	Botanical Name	Water Req.	Size	Mature Height	Plant Spread	Light Req.		Blooms	Growth	Evergreen/Deciduous	Use	Consider Combining With	Texas Native
Flame Acanthus	Anisacanthus quadrifidus var. wrightii	Low		3'	3'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	Orange, Red	Rapid	Deciduous	Shrub Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Combines well with any perennial grass or with yellows like Zexmenia.	Y
Texas Gold Columbine	Aquilegia chrysantha 'Texas Gold'	Medium		2'	2'	Partial Shade, Full Shade	Spring	Yellow	Medium	Deciduous	Shade Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Best as a mass planting in a shady spot or bordered by any of the ferns and/or combined with Inland Sea Oats.	Y
Damianita	Chrysactinia mexicana	Low		1'-2'	2'	Full Sun	Spring to Fall	Yellow	Rapid	Evergreen	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Great as a native full sun ground cover or as a border to contrasting bloomers like Society Garlic.	Y
Coreopsis	Coreopsis spp.	Low to Medium		1'-2'	1'-2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Summer	Yellow	Rapid	Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Great mass planting or with any of the perennial grasses especially Indiangrass.	Y
Cone Flower	Echinacea spp.	Low to Medium		3'	1.5'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	Pink, Purple, White	Medium	Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Combines well with any of the Yuccas.	Y
Mist Flower	Eupatorium spp.	Low to Medium		2'	2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	Blue, Purple, White	Rapid	Deciduous	Shade/Sun Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Plant with larger bloomers like Althea, Rock Rose, and/or silver leaves like Lamb's Ear.	Y
Gaura	Gaura lindheimeri	Low		3'	2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	Pink, White	Rapid	Deciduous	Shrub Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Plant with contrasting textures like Yucca and/or Palms.	Y
Texas Star Hibiscus	Hibiscus coccineus	Medium		5'	3'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	Red	Medium	Deciduous	Accent, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Best as a specimen surrounded by perennial grasses and/or spiraeas.	N
Anne Marie Lantana	Lantana camara 'Anne Marie'	Low		1'5	2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	Purple, Yellow	Rapid to Medium	Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Great border to Andorra Juniper or combine with Berkeley Sedge or Little Bluestem.	N
Texas Lantana	Lantana urticoides	Low		3'-6'	2'-5'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	Orange, Red, Yellow	Rapid to Medium	Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Combines best with perennial grasses like Maiden Grass and Zebra Grass.	Y
New Gold Lantana	Lantana x 'New Gold'	Low		1.5'	2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	Yellow	Rapid to Medium	Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Border plant or low grower to Dwarf Wax Myrtle or Texas Sage.	N
Turk's Cap	Malvastrum arboreum var. drummondii	Low to Medium		4'	3'	Full Sun, Partial Shade, Full Shade	Spring to Fall	Red, White, Pink	Rapid	Deciduous	Shade/Sun Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Partners well with Inland Sea Oats or with Vitex	Y
Blackfoot Daisy	Melampodium leucanthum	Low		1'	2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	White	Medium	Deciduous	Border, Mixed Bed	Border Plant to evergreens like Yaupon Holly, Witchita Blue Juniper and/or Wax Myrtle.	Y
Rock Rose	Pavonia lasiopetala	Low		3'	3'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	Pink	Rapid	Deciduous	Shrub Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Great backdrop with Dwarf Yaupon Holly border or Dwarf Hamelin Grass border.	Y
Jerusalem Sage	Phlomis fruticosa	Low to Medium		3'	4'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Summer	Yellow	Medium	Evergreen	Shrub Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Specimen planted with contrasting colors like Limemound Spirea or Autumn Sage.	N
Garden Phlox	Phlox spp.	Medium		3'	2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Summer	Lavender, Pink, Red, White,	Rapid	Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Great with finer textures like Moudry Grass or with evergreens like Wichita Blue Juniper.	N
Rudbeckia	Rudbeckia fulgida	Low to Medium		2'	2'	Full Sun	Summer to Fall	Yellow	Medium	Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Partners great with Indiangrass, Soft Leaf Yucca, and/or Maiden Grass.	Y
Henry Duelberg Mealycup Sage	Salvia farinacea 'Henry Duelberg'	Low		3'	3'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	Blue	Medium	Semi-evergreen	Shrub Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Mix with other salvias like Autumn Sage or combine with Zexmenia.	Y
Black and Blue Salvia	Salvia guaranitica 'Black and Blue'	Medium		2'-3'	2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Summer	Blue	Medium	Deciduous	Border, Container, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Partner with whites like Mist Flower or White Cloud Muhly.	N
Mexican Bush Sage	Salvia leucantha	Low to Medium		4'	4'	Full Sun	Spring to Fall	Purple	Medium	Deciduous	Shrub Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Use Blackfoot Daisy, Skullcap, or Dwarf Yaupon Holly as a border in front.	N
Lyre Leaf Sage	Salvia lyrata	Low to Medium		1'	1'	Partial Shade, Full Shade	Spring to Fall	Blue, Purple	Rapid	Semi-evergreen	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed, Groundcover	Great groundcover or combine with Inland Sea Oats, or Oakleaf Hydrangea	Y
Hot Lips Salvia	Salvia microphylla 'Hot Lips'	Low to Medium		3'	2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	Pink, White	Rapid	Semi-evergreen	Border, Container, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Combine wider contrasts like Soft Leaf Yucca, or Palms.	N
Skullcap	Scutellaria spp.	Low to Medium		1.5'	2'	Full Sun	Spring to Fall	Blue, Pink, Purple	Rapid	Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Great border plant in front of evergreens like any Abelia, Juniper, or Dwarf Yaupon Holly.	Y
Lamb's Ear	Stachys byzantina	Low		1'	1.5'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Summer	Purple	Rapid	Evergreen	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed, Groundcover	Great mass planting and contrast texture to palms and bloomers like Coreopsis.	N
Fall Aster	Symphyotrichum oblongifolium	Low to Medium		3'	4'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Fall	Purple	Rapid	Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Great medium planting with lantana borders and larger backdrops like Viburnum.	Y
Society Garlic	Tulbaghia violacea	Low to Medium		1.5'	2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Fall	Pink, White	Rapid	Semi-evergreen	Container, Herb / Vegetable, Mixed Border	Plant as a grassy mass planting or compliments to evergreens like Dwarf Yaupon Holly.	N
Zexmenia	Wedelia hispida	Low		2'	2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade, Full Shade	Spring to Fall	Yellow	Rapid	Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Plant in a mix with other perennials as a border plant or medium grower in front of evergreens as a border like Wax Myrtle.	Y

Groundcovers

Common Name	Botanical Name	Water Req.	Size	Mature Height	Plant Spread	Light Req.		Blooms	Growth	Evergreen/Deciduous	Use	Consider Combining With	Texas Native
Horse Herb	Calyptocarpus vialis	Low to Medium		.5'	1'	Partial Shade, Full Shade	Spring to Fall	Yellow	Rapid	Deciduous	Blooming Groundcover, Mass Planting		Y
Snake Herb	Dyschoriste linearis	Low		.5'	1'	Fun Sun, Partial Shade	Spring to Summer	Purple	Rapid	Deciduous	Blooming Groundcover, Mass Planting	Compliments Damianita plantings or a narrow mass planting in front of any of the Yuccas.	Y
Purple Wintercreeper	Euonymus fortunei 'Colorata'	Medium		1.5'	1'	Full Sun, Partial Shade	N/A	N/A	Rapid	Evergreen	Groundcover, Mass Planting		N
Frog Fruit	Phyla nodiflora	Low to Medium		.5'	1'	Full Sun, Partial Shade, Full Shade	Spring to Fall	White	Rapid	Deciduous	Blooming Groundcover, Mass Planting		Y
Gray Santolina	Santolina chamaecyparissus	Low to Medium		1.5'	2.5'	Fun Sun	Summer	Small Yellow	Medium	Evergreen	Blooming Groundcover, Mass Planting	Great border plant or mass planting with contrasting colors from Zexmenia.	N

Vines													
Common Name	Botanical Name	Water Req.	Size	Mature Height	Plant Spread	Light Req.		Blooms	Growth	Evergreen/Deciduous	Use	Consider Combining With	Texas Native
Cross Vine	Bignonia capreolata	Low to Medium		25'	Varies	Full Sun, Partial Shade		Summer		Evergreen	Blooming Vine, Trellis, Arbors		Y
Coral Honeysuckle	Lonicera sempervirens	Low		15'	6'	Full Sun, Partial Shade		Summer		Evergreen	Blooming Vine, Trellis, Arbors		Y
Chinese Wisteria	Wisteria sinensis	Medium		10'-25'	4'-8'	Full Sun, Partial Shade		Spring		Deciduous	Blooming Vine, Trellis, Arbors		N
Ornamental Grasses													
Common Name	Botanical Name	Water Req.	Size	Mature Height	Plant Spread	Light Req.		Blooms	Growth	Evergreen/Deciduous	Use	Consider Combining With	Texas Native
Berkeley Sedge	Carex divulsa	Low		1'-2'	1'-2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade, Full Shade		Spring		Evergreen	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed, Groundcover	Great mounding mass planting combines with broader leaved evergreens like any Abelia.	N
Inland Sea Oats	Chasmanthium latifolium	Low to Medium		3'	2'	Partial Shade, Full Shade		Summer to Fall		Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed, Groundcover	Makes a great mass planting but also combines well with Texas Columbine and/or Oakleaf Hydrangea.	Y
Maiden Grass	Miscanthus sinensis	Low		3'6"	3'-4'	Full Sun, Partial Shade		Summer to Fall		Deciduous	Accent, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Big grass combines well with Soft Leaf Yucca, Texas Star Hibiscus, and/or Althea.	N
Zebra Grass	Miscanthus sinensis 'Zebrainus'	Low		5'-8'	4'-6'	Full Sun, Partial Shade		Summer to Winter		Deciduous	Accent, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Great contrasting plant to darker colors like Glossy Abelia, Red Yucca, Texas Star Hibiscus or plant in a line for dramatic structuring in the landscape.	N
Gulf Muhly	Muhlenbergia capillaris	Low		1.5'-3'	3'	Full Sun, Partial Shade		Fall		Deciduous	Accent, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Makes a great mass planting or underplanting to the Purple Smoketree, Redbuds and Texas Mountain Laurel.	Y
White Cloud Muhly	Muhlenbergia capillaris 'White Cloud'	Low		2'-3'	3'-4'	Full Sun, Partial Shade		Fall		Deciduous	Accent, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	White contrast to any dark colors or bright bloomers like Rose Creek Abelia and/or Black and Blue Salvia.	Y
Mexican Feather Grass	Nassella tenuissima	Low		1'-2'	1'-2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade		Summer to Fall		Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed, Groundcover	Great mass planting or underplanting to Redbuds or texture contrast to evergreens like Wichita Blue Juniper.	Y
Dwarf Hameln Grass	Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Hameln'	Low to Medium		2'-3'	1'-2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade		Summer to Fall		Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Great mass planting or texture contrast to big bloomers and evergreens like Rock Rose and/or Glossy Abelia.	N
Moudry Grass	Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Moudry'	Low to Medium		2'	2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade		Summer to Fall		Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Muted blooms contrast well to reds and oranges like the Rudbeckia or good texture contrast to the Viburnums.	N
Little Bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	Low		2'-4'	2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade		Summer to Winter		Deciduous	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Plant with contrasting colors like Color Guard Yucca, Blackfoot Daisy, Andorra Juniper, and/or Kaleidoscope Abelia.	Y
Indiangrass	Sorghastrum nutans	Low		3'-8'	3'	Full Sun, Partial Shade, Full Shade		Fall		Deciduous	Accent, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed	Great backdrop grass with combination border plantings like Flame Acanthus, any of the Coreopsis, and/or Rudbeckia.	Y
Turfgrass													
Common Name	Botanical Name	Water Req.	Size	Mature Height	Plant Spread	Light Req.		Blooms	Growth	Evergreen/Deciduous	Use	Consider Combining With	Texas Native
Bermuda	Cynodon dactylon	Low to Medium		2"-3"	N/A	Full Sun		N/A		Deciduous	Turfgrass	N/A	N
St. Augustine	Stenotaphrum secundatum	Medium		3"-4"	N/A	Full Sun		N/A		Deciduous	Turfgrass	N/A	N
Zoysia	Zoysia japonica	Low to Medium		3"-4"	N/A	Full Sun		N/A		Deciduous	Turfgrass	N/A	N
Buffalo	Buchloe dactyloides	Low		3"-4"	N/A	Full Sun		Summer to Fall		Deciduous	Turfgrass	N/A	Y
Palms													
Common Name	Botanical Name	Water Req.	Size	Mature Height	Plant Spread	Light Req.		Blooms	Growth	Evergreen/Deciduous	Use	Consider Combining With	Texas Native
Dwarf Palmetto	Sabal minor	Low to Medium		8'	6'	Full Sun, Part Shade, Shade		N/A		Evergreen	Deck, Patio Specimen, Shrub Border, Accent	Great texture contrast to all evergreens or as a specimen with underplantings of Lamb's Ear, Blackfoot Daisy, and/or any of the Lantanas.	Y
Windmill Palm	Trachycarpus fortunei	Low to Medium		20'-30'	6'-10'	Full Sun, Part Shade, Shade		N/A		Evergreen	Deck, Patio specimen, Accent	Great specimen plant growing with mass perennial plantings.	N
Yuccas/Cacti													
Common Name	Botanical Name	Water Req.	Size	Mature Height	Plant Spread	Light Req.		Blooms	Growth	Evergreen/Deciduous	Use	Consider Combining With	Texas Native
Soft Leaf Yuccas	Yucca recurvifolia	Low		8'	6'	Full Sun		Summer		Evergreen	Structural Accent, Mass Planting	Specimen planting or combined with Althea, Maiden Grass, and/or any of the Lantanas	Y
Red Yucca	Hesperaloe parviflora	Low		5'	4'	Full Sun, Partial Shade		Spring to Fall		Evergreen	Structural Accent, Shrub Border, Mass Planting	Mixes well with any perennial bloomer or perennial grass.	Y
Color Guard Yucca	Yucca filamentosa 'Color Guard'	Low		3'-6'	3'	Full Sun		Summer		Evergreen	Structural Accent, Mass Planting	Great border plant to contrast with Wichita Blue Juniper, Dwarf Wax Myrtle, or as a backdrop to Rose Creek Abelia.	Y
Ferns													
Common Name	Botanical Name	Water Req.	Size	Mature Height	Plant Spread	Light Req.		Blooms	Growth	Evergreen/Deciduous	Use	Consider Combining With	Texas Native
Wavy Cloak Fern	Astrolepis sinuata	Low		1'	2'	Full Sun, Partial Shade		N/A		Semi-evergreen	Rock Border/ Accent, Shade Border, Mass Planting	Great mass planting or use as a border to Texas Columbine and/or Oakleaf Hydrangea.	Y
Holly Fern	Cyrtomium falcatum	Medium		2'	3'	Part Shade, Shade		N/A		Semi-evergreen	Border, Accent, Shade Border, Mass Planting	Great mass planting or use as a underplanting to Cherry Laurel and/or Oakleaf Hydrangea.	N
Southern Wood Fern	Thelypteris spp.	Low to Medium		2'	3'	Full Sun, Partial Shade		N/A		Semi-evergreen	Border, Mass Planting, Mixed Bed, Groundcover	Plant with contrasting colors and textures like False Aralia and/or Oakleaf Hydrangea.	N