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LARGE TREES													
Arizona Cypress <i>Cupressus arizonica</i>	2	25-50'	25-50'	Sun	E		Blue-silver foliage	L	Prune for shape only				Triangular shaped foliage; well suited to limestone soils; attractive peeling red bark; some disease problems
Big Tooth Maple <i>Acer grandidentatum</i>	1	20-30'	20-30'	Sun/ part shade	D		Red and gold fall	M	Prune for shape or to raise canopy.	✓+			Needs good soil depth; outstanding fall color
Cherry Laurel <i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	2	25'-30'	15-25'	Sun/part shade	E		Dark green foliage	M	Prune for shape only and/or to raise canopy	✓	✓		Screening plant, wildlife food; does not like hot, dry locations; requires deep soil and good drainage or is susceptible to chlorosis; too vigorous to use
Crape Myrtle <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	2	4'-25'	4'-20'	Sun	D	Summer	White, pink, lavender flowers; varied fall foliage	M	Prune for shape or to raise canopy; do not chop tops!				Showy flowers; choose mildew-resistant varieties, many of which are named after Native American tribes, e.g., Sioux, Hopi; trees need good air flow; note mature size when selecting variety
Cypress, Bald <i>Taxodium distichum</i>	1	60-100'	25-50+	Sun/ part shade	D		Copper leaves in fall	H	Pruning not necessary	✓+			Use western seed source only; requires deep, moist soil conditions and moisture; foliage dries up in dry, hot
Eastern Walnut <i>Juglans nigra</i>		50'	40'	sun	N	Fall	Varied leaves	M	Prune for shape or to raise canopy.				provides shade; edible nut; roots give off toxins
Elm, American <i>Ulmus americana</i>		50-80'		sun/party shade	N	Fall	Varied leaves	M	Prune for shape or to raise canopy.	;			Fast-growing, easily transplanted; will grow in many situations; shallow roots; weak wood; susceptible to Dutch Elm and other diseases and bugs
Elm, Cedar <i>Ulmus crassifolia</i>	1	25-50'	25-35'	Sun/ part shade	D		Gold leaves in fall	L	Prune for shape or to raise canopy	✓+	✓		Upright form; adapted to rocky soils; can withstand heavy, poorly drained clay soils and soils that are moderately compacted; susceptible to powdery mildew
Elm, Lacebark <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	2	30-40'	30-40'	Sun	D			M	Prune for shape or to raise canopy.				Nearly evergreen; open spreading form; attractive exfoliating bark; drought tolerant;

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Escarpment Black Cherry <i>Prunus serotina var. eximia</i>	2	25-50'	to 25'	Sun	D		Yellow fall foliage	M	Prune for shape or to raise canopy	✓ +	✓		Fruit bearing, wildlife food; not for heavy, clay soils; foliage may be toxic and can be fatal if consumed
Honey Mesquite <i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>	1	25'-30'	25-30'	Sun	D	March-Sept.	Creamy white	L	Prune for shape or to raise canopy	✓ +	✓	✓	2-3" long blooms; bright green foliage and weeping shape; very slow growing; thorns; excellent nectar source
Italian Cypress <i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	2	25-30'	10-15'	Sun	E		Dark green foliage	M					Low maintenance specimen plant; requires well drained, alkaline soil and good air circulation; indicative of Italian gardens.
Oak, Blackjack <i>Quercus marilandica</i>	2	50'	45'	Sun/part shade	D			L	Avoid pruning or injuring the bark from February 1 to June 1 to help	✓			Needs well drained soil
Oak, Bur <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	2	50'+	50'+	Sun/part shade	D			M	Prune for shape or to raise canopy	✓ +	✓		Large, majestic, very adaptable, needs lots of space; moderate growth rate; susceptible to powdery mildew
Oak, Chinquapin <i>Quercus muhlenbergii</i>	1	50'+	25-50'	Sun/part shade	D			M	Prune for shape or to raise canopy	✓ +	✓		Stately form; good for deeper soils; requires additional water until established; moderate growth rate
Oak, Durand <i>Quercus sinuata</i>		to 90'	to 60'	sun	N			L	Prune for shape or to raise canopy.	;			Likes hard limestone; solitary
Oak, Escarpment Live <i>Quercus fusiformis</i>	1	30-40'	40'+	Sun/part shade	E			L	Avoid pruning or injuring the bark from February 1 to June 1 to help prevent oak	✓ +			Preferred Live Oak for shallow, limestone soils; oak wilt susceptible
Oak, Lacey <i>Quercus glaucoides</i>	1	20-30'	25'	Sun/part shade	D		Bluish-green	L	Prune for shape or to raise canopy	✓ +			Ideal for small urban yards; slow growth; tolerates shallow,
Oak, Southem Live <i>Quercus virginiana</i>	2	30'-50'	50'+	Sun/part shade	E			L	Avoid pruning or injuring the bark from February 1 to June 1 to help prevent oak	✓	✓		Oak wilt susceptible; likes large open spaces; if you live west on shallow soil, use Escarpment Live Oak
Oak, Monterey (Mexican White)	1	30'-40'			E			L	Prune for shape only and/or to raise				Medium size leaves, handsome tree; prefers deep

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Oak, Shumard <i>Quercus shumardii</i>	2	50'+	50'+	Sun	D		Red foliage in fall	L	Avoid pruning or injuring the bark from February 1 to June 1 to help prevent oak	✓	✓		Deep, well drained soil; if you live west on shallow soil, use Texas Red Oak instead
Oak, Texas Red <i>Quercus texana</i> (<i>Quercus buckleyi</i>)	1	25-50'	to 25'	Sun/part shade	D		Bright red/ orange fall foliage	L	Avoid pruning or injuring the bark from February 1 to June 1 to help	✓+	✓		Well adapted to rocky soils; susceptible to oak wilt; outstanding tree
Pecan <i>Carya illinoensis</i>	2	50'+	50'+	Sun	D			M	Prune for shape or to raise canopy	✓+	✓		Tall impressive tree; nut producing; for good, deep soils only; susceptible to disease and insects
Sassafras <i>Sassafras Albidum</i>	2	35-50'	35-40'	Sun/part shade/ Shade	D		Orange, red and salmon	L	Thin as needed to control as a single tree.	✓	✓		Can sucker into a grove but easily controlled as a single tree. Relatively free of problems. Toxic bark. Drought tolerant once established
Texas Ash <i>Fraxinus texensis</i>	1	40'-50'	40'	Sun/part shade	D			L	Prune for shape or to raise canopy	✓+	✓		Fast-growing; only Ash appropriate for Austin area; foliage turns

SMALL TREES/LARGE SHRUBS

American Smoke Tree <i>Cotinus obovatus</i>	1	15'	10-15'	Sun/ part shade	D	Mid- spring	Pink to purple cloud-like floral	M	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	✓+		✓	Prefers well drained, rocky limestone soils; plant facing north or east; does best with a break from the hot afternoon
Anacacho Orchid Tree <i>Bauhinia congesta</i>	1	8-12'	8-10'	Sun/ part shade	D	March- May	White or pale pink	L	Prune for shape only or to raise				Prefers well drained soil; small, light green leaves look
Carolina Buckthorn <i>Rhamnus caroliniana</i>	1	12-15'	15'	Sun/ part shade	D		Yellow foliage in	ML	Prune for shape only or to raise	✓	✓	✓	Understory tree with glossy leaves, red berries for wildlife;
Chitalpa <i>Chitalpa tashkentensis</i>		15-25'		full sun	N		Lavender, pink and	M	Prune for shape only or to raise				Susceptible to Altemeria leaf spot, leaf blight, wilt and
Desert Willow <i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	1	15-25'	15-20'	Sun/ part shade	D	Spring to fall	White, pink or burgundy	L	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	✓+	✓	✓	Trumpet-shaped, 3" long flower; need well-drained site; airy foliage casts a light shade
Eve's Necklace <i>Sophora affinis</i>	1	10-15'	10'	Sun/part shade	D	Spring	Pink	L	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	✓+	✓		4 - 6" drooping clusters; will tolerate poorly drained, clay soils;

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Flameleaf Sumac <i>Rhus copallina</i>	1	10'-20'	10-15'	Sun/part shade	D		Orange/ red fall foliage	L	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	✓	✓	✓	Food for bees, mammals, and birds; thicket-forming; good for
Goldenball Leadtree <i>Leucaena retusa</i>	1	12'-15'	12-15'	Sun/part shade	D	April to October	Gold	L	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	✓+	✓		1" round globes; fragrant; blooms fairly fast growing; airy foliage casts light shade for underplantings; deer browse
Mexican Buckeye <i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>	1	15-25'	15-25'	Sun/part shade	D	Early spring	Pink	L	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy right after bloom	✓+	✓	✓	1" bloom; fragrant; multi-trunk; shrubby; does well as understory plant
Mexican Plum <i>Prunus mexicana</i>	1	15-25'	8-10'	Sun/part shade	D	Spring	White	L	Prune for shape only or to raise	✓+	✓		Edible fruit; needs good drainage and fair amount of
Mountain Laurel, Texas <i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	1	12-20'	8-10'	Sun/part shade	E	Spring	Purple	VL	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	✓+	✓		Showy flowers with strong grape bubble gum fragrance; poisonous seeds; needs good drainage; occasional
Pomegranate <i>Punica granatum</i>	2	10'	8'	Sun/ part shade	D		Orange flowers; yellow fall	L	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy		✓		Bears edible fruit
Possumhaw Holly <i>Ilex decidua</i>	1	12-15'	12'	Sun/part shade	D			M	Prune for shape only or to raise	✓+	✓	✓	Striking red berries on bare branches in winter
Red Buckeye <i>Aesculus pavia</i>	1	10-20'	10-20'	Sun/ part shade	D	Early to late spring	Bright red flowers	L	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy right after bloom	✓+	✓	✓+	Flashy bloomer; appropriate for wildscapes; provides wildlife food but is toxic to humans; loses leaves in late summer; best as understory
Redbud, Mexican <i>Cercis canadensis 'mexicana'</i>	1	20'	8'	Sun	D	Early spring	Pinkish purple	VL	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	✓+	✓		Twigs and petioles covered with dense fuzz; leaves have wavy edges; likes well drained sites; more drought tolerant and smaller than Texas Redbud
Redbud, Texas <i>Cercis canadensis var. texensis</i>	1	10-25'	15'	Sun/part shade	D	Early spring	Pinkish purple	L	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	✓+	✓	✓	Can be short lived; Mexican Redbud is smaller; has shiny leaves; look for true Texas Redbud because eastern variety is less well adapted

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Retama Jerusalem Thorn <i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	2	12'-15'	12-15'	Part shade/ sun	D	Spring to fall	Yellow	VL	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	✓			Tolerant of dry soils; fragrant blooms; green trunk and branches; seeds out; root suckers; thorns; fast growing.
Roughleaf Dogwood <i>Comus drummondii</i>	1	12'-15'	12'	Sun/ part shade	D	Spring	White; fall color	L	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	✓+	✓		Easier to grow than Eastern Dogwood; susceptible to leaf spot fungus; recommended for wildscape; thicket-forming; good nectar and seed source
Rusty Blackhaw <i>Vibumum Vibumum rufidulum</i>	1	12'-15'	10'	Sun/part shade	D	Late Spring	White	L	Prune for shape or to raise canopy right after bloom	✓+	✓	✓	Good understory tree; for deeper, well-drained soils; slow-growing; yellow, orange, and red fall color
Senna, Flowering <i>Cassia corymbosa</i>	2	8'	8-10'	Sun	D	Summer to fall	Yellow	L	Prune for shape or to raise canopy		✓	✓+	Dark green leaves; showy bloomer; susceptible to extremely
Senna, Lindheimer <i>Cassia lindheimeriana</i>	1	4'	4'	Part shade/	D	Late summer	Yellow	L	Prune for shape right after bloom	✓	✓	✓	Needs good drainage; gray foliage; very tolerant of poor,
Spartan Juniper <i>Juniperus chinensis 'Spartan'</i>	2	12-15'	4-5'	Sun/part shade	E		Rich green foliage	M					Specimen plant; very hardy; fast growing; conical/pyramidal shape; dense branches
Texas Pistachio <i>Pistacia texana</i>	1	12-20'	15-20'	Sun/ part shade	D	Spring	White	L	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	✓+	✓		Excellent hedge; blooms followed by red 4-6" fruit clusters on female plants only;
Yaupon Holly <i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	1	15'	10-15'	Sun/part shade	E	Winter	Red berries	L	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	✓+	✓	✓	Small shade tolerant tree; females produce red berries in winter that attract birds; free of insects and diseases;

SHRUBS

Agarita <i>Berberis trifoliata</i>	1	3-7'	6'	Sun/part shade	E	Feb-April	Yellow	L	Prune for a natural look; shaping not necessary	✓+	✓	✓+	Prickly leaves (not pedestrian friendly), fragrant flowers, edible, red berries in spring; bluish-green, holly-like foliage; excellent nesting shrub for
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Agave Century Plant <i>Agave sp.</i>	1	1-6'	1-6'	Sun	E			L	Prune old bloom stalks at base	✓+		✓+	Many types and sizes; lives long but dies after blooming; choose location with caution because leaves have long, sharp spines; some types are native to Texas
Althea <i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>		to 12'	to 6'	full sun/ part shade	N	Summer		M	Prune for shape only (shrubs & trees) &/or to raise				Insects and sooty mold problems in shady areas
American Beautyberry <i>Callicarpa americana</i>	2	4-6'	6'	Part shade/ shade	D		Purple fruit	M	Shaping not usually necessary	✓+	✓		Attractive berries in fall and winter; needs deeper soil; wildlife food; prefers
Arrowwood <i>Viburnum dentatum</i>		10'	5'	sun	N	Fall	Magenta	L	Pick prune the 'wild hairs' for a natural look, shaping not necessary. (shrubs, trees)	;		;	1/2 inch spikes
Artemisia <i>Artemisia 'Powis Castle'</i>	1	1'	3-6'	Sun	E			L	Prune removing top 1/2 at end of May. Prune to a 3" height in mid-winter			✓+	Aromatic, lace-like gray foliage; berries are beautiful
Barbados Cherry <i>Malpighia glabra</i>	1	3'	2'	Sun/part shade	E	March to Dec.	White to pale pink	M	Prune to shape only; responds well	✓+	✓		1/2"delicate, crepe-paper flowers followed by red berries
Barberry, Japanese <i>Berberis thunbergii</i>		3-6'	4-7'	sun/part shade	Y	Fall	Red fruit and varied leaf color	M					thorny; <i>B. thunbergii</i> and <i>B. veruculosa</i> are fairly disease-free
Barberry, Japanese <i>Berberis thunbergii 'Atropurpurea'</i>	2	4-6'	4-6'	Sun/part shade	D			M	Minimal pruning only to maintain natural arching shape				Colorful burgundy foliage; dense form with thorns; best color in full sun; needs good drainage; dwarf form (to 2') also available
Basket Grass (Sacahuista) <i>Nolina texana</i>	1	2'	3'	Sun/part shade	E	Fall	Cream-colored plume	L	Remove old bloom stalks at base	✓+		✓+	Grass-like mounding form effective on slopes; keep away from walkways as leaves have sharp
Black Dalea <i>Dalea frutescens</i>	1	1-3'	3'	Sun	D	Fall	Purple	L	Prune removing top 1/2 at end of May. Prune to a 3" height after first frost browns leaves; mulch for	✓+	✓		Requires little water, long roots will find water some distance away; excellent nectar source

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Bush Germander <i>Teucrium fruticans</i>	2	4-6'	4-6'	Sun or shade	D	Summer	Lavendar/ blue flowers	L	Prune the 'wild hairs' for a natural look, shaping not			✓	Don't overwater; perennial; attractive, silvery gray-green foliage; smaller, compact varieties
Butterfly Bush <i>Buddleja davidii</i>	2	5'	5'	Sun/part shade	D	Summer and Fall	White, pink, violet, purple	M	Pick prune the 'wild hairs' for a natural look, shaping not necessary	✓			Long bloom spikes are aromatic; prone to mite problems; attracts butterflies
Butterfly Bush, Wooly <i>Buddleja marubiiifolia</i>	1	5'	5'	Sun	D	Summer	Orange	L	Pick prune the 'wild hairs' for a natural look, shaping not necessary	✓+	✓		Interesting 1/2" flower; peach- fuzz type foliage; needs good drainage; attracts butterflies; native to south Texas
Coralberry <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	2	2-3'	3'	Part shade	D	Winter	Magenta berries	M	Prune removing top 1/2 at end of May. Prune to a 3" height after first frost browns leaves; then	✓+	✓		Attractive fleshy berries in late fall and winter; spreads by runners; susceptible to powdery mildew; needs moist soil with compost added
Dwarf Prairie Clover <i>Dalea Nana</i>	1	1'	1'	Sun	D	Spring and summer	Pink, yellow, purple	L	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary	✓	✓	✓	Prefers dry soil. Blooms are yellow and fade to blueish purple or rose when they dry.
Dwarf Palmetto <i>Sabal minor</i>	1	5'-10'	4'	Sun/part shade/ Shade	E	Spring to fall	White	M	Remove dead leaves	✓	✓	✓	Fan-shaped foliage lends interest to a damp, shaded place. Tolerates poor drainage. Needs plenty of water to get established, but after is fairly drought tolerant
Esperanza/ Yellow Bells <i>Tecoma stans</i>	1	4'-5'	5'	Sun/part shade	D	Summer through Fall	Yellow or orange	M	Remove spent blooms; prune to 3" after first frost, then mulch	✓+		✓	Showy blooms ; native type has narrow leaves; 'Gold Star' is an improved variety with larger leaves; blooms even
Evergreen Sumac <i>Rhus virens</i>	1	8'	8'	Sun or shade	E	Late summer	White	L	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary	✓+	✓	✓	Glossy leaves turn burgundy in cool season; fuzzy, orange/red berries provide food for birds and other wildlife
Flame Acanthus <i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus var. wrightii</i>	1	4'	4'	Sun/part shade	D	Summer to fall	Orange	M	Prune removing top 1/2 at end of May. Prune to a 3" height after first frost browns leaves	✓+	✓	✓+	Attract hummingbirds and butterflies; readily re-seeds; can be used as a perennial hedge

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Fragrant Sumac (Aromatic) <i>Rhus aromatica</i>	1	3-6'	4-6'	Sun/part shade	D		Vibrant fall leaves	L	Prune the 'wild hairs' for a natural look, shaping not	✓ +	✓	✓	Wildlife food; leaves confused with poison ivy
Glossy Abelia <i>Abelia grandiflora</i>	2	6'	6'	Sun	E	Summer to fall	White/ pink	M	Prune the 'wild hairs' for a natural look, shaping not				Fast growth; tolerates city conditions well
Holly, Burford <i>Ilex comuta 'Burfordii'</i>	2	15-20'	10-15'	Sun/ part shade	E	Spring	White blooms; red berries	M	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary			✓	Susceptible to scale insects
Holly, Dwarf Burford <i>Ilex comuta 'Burfordii Nana'</i>	2	8'	8'	Sun/part shade	E	Spring	White blooms; red	M	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy			✓	Dwarf-type grows slower but still gets large; dense leaf coverage; susceptible to scale
Holly, Dwarf Chinese <i>Ilex comuta 'Rotunda</i>	2	3-4'	3-6'	Sun/ shade	E			M	Prune for a natural look, shaping not			✓	Rigid leaves with sharp needle points; not pedestrian friendly
Holly, Dwarf Yaupon <i>Ilex vomitoria 'Nana'</i>	1	2-4'	2-4'	Sun/part shade	E	Summer	White	L	Prune for a natural look, shaping not	✓			Low, mounding shrub
Indian Hawthorne <i>Paphirolepis indica</i>		3-4'	3-4'	sun	Y		White or pink	M	Prune for a natural look, shaping not			;	Susceptible to fungal leaf spot
Kidneywood <i>Eysenhardtia texana</i>	1	8-10'	7'	Sun/part shade	D	Spring to fall	White	L	Prune immediately after bloom for shape only or to trim up into mini-	✓ +	✓		Fragrant flowers attract butterflies; blooms off and on through the season; loose, airy foliage smells like citrus when
Lantana, Texas <i>Lantana horrida</i>	1	3-5'	4-5'	Sun	D	Summer to fall	Orange and yellow	L	Cut top 1/2 at end of May. Prune to 3" height after first frost browns leaves;	✓ +	✓	✓	Prickly; give lots of room; attracts butterflies
Mistflower, White (Shrubby White Boneset) <i>Ageratina havanense</i>	1	5'	5'	Sun/part shade	D	Fall	White	M	Cut top 1/2 at end of May. Prune to 3" height after first frost browns leaves;	✓ +	✓		Fragrant, white puffy flowers attract butterflies; good for poor, rocky conditions; large and arching branches
Mistflower, Blue Blue Boneset <i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>	1	1.5-3'	2-3'	Sun/part shade	D	July- October	Lavender	M	Cut top 1/2 at end of May. Prune to 3" height after first frost browns leaves;	✓	✓		Attracts butterflies; prefers moist conditions; best in morning sun or part shade
Mountain Sage <i>Salvia regia</i>	1	3-5'	3-4'	Part shade	D	Late summer/ fall	Red to orange	M	Cut top 1/2 at end of May. Prune to 3" height after first frost browns leaves;	✓ +	✓		1" long blossoms; attracts hummingbirds; does best beneath taller shrub or tree that provides afternoon shade

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Ocotillo <i>Fouquieria splendens</i>	2	Up to 20'	5-15'	Part shade	E	Mar - Jul	Red to orange	L	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary.	✓	✓	✓ +	Drought tolerant. Tall, spreading stems with thorns. Prefers sandy or rocky soils. Flowers attract hummingbirds, finches and many other birds as well as insects
Primrose Jasmine <i>Jasminum mesnyi</i>	2	6'	15'	Sun/part shade	E	Early spring to summer	Yellow	M	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary; can be			✓	Very large, for hanging over walls or cliffs; good for erosion control
Prostrate/Common Juniper	2	2-5'	7-13'	Sun	E		Blue- green	L	Prune to control spread				Low growing; drought tolerant; can be invasive;
Rock Rose <i>Pavonia lasiopetala</i>	1	2'	3'	Sun or shade	D	Summer	Pink	L	Prune removing top 1/2 at end of May. Prune to a 3" height after first frost browns leaves;	✓ +	✓	✓	Small shrub with 1.5" hibiscus- like blooms; more prone to powdery mildew in shade; very few blooms after spring; biennial; reseeds freely;
Rose, Belinda's Dream <i>Rosa '</i>	2	4'	4'	Sun	E	Spring to frost	Pink	M	Prefers drip or soaker hose				Repeat bloomer; fragrant; disease tolerant; good shrub
Rose, Knock Out <i>Rosa 'Knock Out'</i>	2	3'	3'	Sun	E	Spring to frost	Red	M	Prefers drip or soaker hose irrigation				Purplish new growth; repeat bloomer; new variety showing good disease resistance
Rose, Livin' Easy <i>Rosa 'Livin' Easy'</i>	2	4'	3'	Sun	E	Spring to frost	Coral to orange	M	Prefers drip or soaker hose irrigation				Repeat bloomer; new variety recommended showing good disease resistance; upright growth habit
Rose, Marie Pavie <i>Rosa 'Marie Pavie'</i>	2	3'	3'	Sun/ part shade	E	Spring to frost	White to pale pink	M	Prefers drip or soaker hose irrigation				Antique rose; repeat bloomer; fragrant, double bloom; few thorns; disease tolerant
Rose, Mutabilis <i>Rosa 'Mutabilis'</i>	2	6'	8'	Sun	E	Spring to frost	Copper yellow to pink	M	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary; prefers drip or soaker hose				Antique rose; very drought tolerant rose; copper yellow flowers turn to a pretty pink, repeat bloomer; disease resistant
Rose, Nearly Wild <i>Rosa 'Nearly Wild'</i>	2	3'	4'	Sun	E	Spring to frost	Deep pink	M	Prefers drip or soaker hose irrigation				Single pink bloom; repeat bloomer; disease resistant; needs soil with compost added
Rose, Old Blush <i>Rosa 'Old Blush'</i>	2	5'	5'	Sun	E	Spring to frost	Deep pink	M	Prefers drip or soaker hose irrigation				Antique rose; repeat bloomer; disease resistant

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Rosemary <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	1	4'	4-6'	Sun	E	On and off all year	Pale Blue	M	Prune for a natural look or shape as desired; cut back by 1/2 in winter to			✓ +	Culinary herb, upright shrub, trailing types also available; good drainage required; prone to disease problems in wet soil
Sage, Texas <i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>	1	4-5'	4-5'	Sun	E	Spring to summer	Lavender, purple, pink or white	L	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary; don't shear!	✓ +		✓	Gray leaves provide color contrast to lavender flowers; green-leaved varieties also available; blooms off and on through the growing
Sotol, Texas <i>Dasyliirion texanum</i>	1	2-3'	4'	Sun	E	Early summer	Char- treuse to	L	Remove old bloom stalks at the base	✓ +		✓	Long blade-like leaves with sharp edges (not pedestrian)
Southern Wax Myrtle <i>Myrica cerifera</i>	2	10'-12'	15'	Full sun/ part shade	E			M	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	✓	✓	✓	Fast-growing screen; grows best in deeper soils; wildlife food; root suckers; foliage aromatic when
Spirea <i>Spiraea sp.</i>		3-10'		sun/part shade	N	Spring to Fall	White in spring; pink, red or white summer to fall	M					easy to grow; bridal wreath type- clusters ; shrubby, <i>much lower- growing type-pink, red or white flowers summer to fall</i>
St. John's Wort <i>Hypericum frondosum (species?)</i>	2				Y		Yellow	M	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary.				; showy flowers
Turk's Cap <i>Malvaviscus arboreus</i>	1	4-6"	5'	Sun or shade	D	Summer	Red	L	Prune to keep confined	✓ +	✓	✓	Fruit for wildlife, colonizing; susceptible to freeze
Wax Myrtle, Dwarf <i>Myrica pusilla</i>	2	5'	5'	Sun/part shade	E			M	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary.	✓		✓	Tough, adaptable shrub makes a good 4'-6' screen; foliage aromatic when crushed
Yucca, Beaked <i>Yucca pallida</i>	2	10'-15'		Sun/part shade	E	Late spring and	White	L	Remove old bloom stalk at the base			✓	The beaked yucca grows quicker with supplemental irrigation and prefers rocky well-draining soils.
Yucca, Paleleaf <i>Yucca rostrata</i>	2	1-2'	2'	Sun/part shade	E	Summer	White	L	Remove old bloom stalk at the base	✓	✓	✓	Leaves pale blue-green; deer will eat blooms but not foliage
Yucca, Red <i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	1	2-4'	4'	Sun	E	Spring to Summer	Coral spike	L	Remove old bloom stalks at the base	✓ +	✓	✓	May colonize; deer will eat blooms but not foliage; attracts hummingbirds
Yucca, Softleaf <i>Yucca recurvifolia</i>	1	4-6'	3'	Sun/part shade	E	Summer	White to pale green	L	Remove old bloom stalks at the base	✓		✓	Soft, pliable foliage; deer eat blooms but not foliage

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Yucca, Twistleaf <i>Yucca rupicola</i>	1	1-2'	2'	Sun/part shade	E	Summer	White	L	Remove old bloom stalks at the base;	✓ +		✓ +	Old leaves are twisted; deer eat blooms but not foliage
Yucca, Arkansas <i>Yucca arkansana</i>	1	1-2'	2'	Sun/part shade	E	Summer	White	L	Remove old bloom stalks at the base;	✓ +		✓ +	Old leaves are twisted; deer eat blooms but not foliage

VINES, GROUNDCOVER

Aztec Grass <i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i>	2	1'	1-1.5'	Part shade/	E			M	Cut back to 3" in February				Groundcover; similar to Liriope with white variegated
Carolina Jessamine <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	1	to 20'	10'	Sun/part shade	E	Early Spring	Yellow	M	Prune annually to limit spread; prune only to direct and	✓ +	✓	✓	Vine; very aggressive; fragrant bright yellow flower in late winter- early spring; attracts
Coral Honeysuckle <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	1		12'	Sun/part shade	E	Spring to summer	Coral	M	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary.	✓ +	✓	✓	Vine; coral tubular blooms on evergreen vines attract hummingbirds; can be used as a shrub
Coral Vine <i>Antigonon leptopus</i>	2		30-40'	Sun/part shade	D	Late summer and fall	White or rose-pink	M	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary		✓		Vine; small flowers ; rapidly growing climber that holds on by tendrils, quickly covers adjacent plants and structures; attracts butterflies; dies back each winter
Crossvine <i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	1		to 50'	part shade/ shade	E	Summer	Brick-red with yellow throat or coral	L	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary.	✓ +	✓	✓	Vine; very aggressive; prune annually; high climber; 'Tangerine Beauty' variety has bright coral blooms; attracts hummingbirds
Fig Vine <i>Ficus pumila</i>	2		to 60'+	Full sun/ part shade	E	Summer		M	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary.				Vine; may become pest if growth not controlled; free of insects and disease pests; susceptible to very hard freezes
Horseherb <i>Calyptocarpus vialis</i>	2	8-10"		Part shade/ shade	E	Spring to fall	Yellow	L	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary.	✓ +		✓	Groundcover; recommended for revegetation; abundant in shady areas and lawns
Lady Banksia Rose <i>Rosa banksiae</i>	2		20+'	Full sun	E	Spring	White to yellow	M	Prune after spring bloom to control and direct growth				Vine; fast growing; climbing; requires sturdy support; relatively free of pests associated with most roses

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Leadwort Plumbago <i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>	2	6-12"	3-5'	Sun/ part shade	E	Summer	Blue	L	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary.			✓	Groundcover; deep blue flowers and green foliage with burgundy tinge
Liriope <i>Liriope muscari</i>	2	12-18"	12"	Part shade to	E		Purple Spikes	M	Prune yellow or unattractive foliage				Groundcover; clump-like evergreen foliage
Monkey Grass (Mondo Grass) <i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i>	2	4-8"	12+"	Sun to part shade	E			M	Prune yellow or unattractive foliage			✓	Groundcover; fertile, well- drained soil; clusters of flowers close to the leaves; dwarf form
Oregano <i>Origanum vulgare</i>	2	4"	4'	Sun	E	Summer	White to rosy pink	M	Prune removing top 1/2 at end of May. Prune to a 3" height after first frost browns leaves			✓	Groundcover; sprawling plant; pungently aromatic; flavorful leaves used in cooking
Passion Vine <i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	2	7'	3-4'	Full sun/ part shade	D	Mid- summer to fall	Lavender or red	M	Prune only to direct and control growth	✓	✓		Vine; perennial; zebra long wing and Julia butterfly caterpillars may defoliate; exotic flower; fast growth
Pigeonberry <i>Rivina humilis</i>	2	1-1.5'	2'	Part shade/ shade	D	Spring to fall	White/ Pink	M	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary.	✓+	✓	✓	Groundcover; spreads rapidly; tolerates moist or dry soil; attractive red berries are prized by
Purple Heart <i>Secreasea pallida</i>	2	1'	8+'	Sun to part shade	E	Summer	Purple leaves and	L	Keep confined by pruning				Groundcover; invasive
Santolina (Lavender Cotton) <i>Santolina chamaecyparissus</i>	2	1-2'	1-2'	Sun	E	Spring	Yellow	VL	Prune unattractive foliage			✓+	Shrubby groundcover; fine textured, aromatic evergreen foliage; requires excellent drainage; not long-lived; gray or
Sedge, Berkeley <i>Carex tumulicola</i>	2	1'	1'	Sun to shade	E	Summer	Yellow	L	Prune unattractive foliage			✓	Groundcover; excellent evergreen grass-like; needs
Sedge, Meadow <i>Carex perdentata</i>	1	1-1.5'	1.5'	Sun to part	E	Summer		L	Prune unattractive foliage	✓+		✓	Groundcover; excellent evergreen grass-like foliage; drought tolerant
Sedge, Texas <i>Carex texensis</i>	1	6-8"	8"	Shade	E	Summer		L	Prune unattractive foliage	✓+		✓	Groundcover; small enough to plant in between stone walkways and tough enough for turf; will take traffic
Sedum (Stonecrop) <i>Sedum nuttallianum</i>	2	6"	1'	Shade to sun	E	Summer	White	L	Prune unattractive foliage	✓+		✓	Groundcover; rock garden plant

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Sweet Autumn Clematis <i>Clematis paniculata</i>	2	20-30'		Full sun	D	Fall	White	L	Prune for a natural look, shaping not				Vine; evergreen; vigorous; silvery fruiting plumes; fragrance;
Trumpet Vine <i>Campsis radicans</i>	2		20-30'	Sun or shade	D	Summer	Orange/ coral	L	Prune to control growth	✓+	✓		Vine; attracts hummingbirds; trumpet shape flower; invasive; pick up seed pods; 'Madame Galen' or 'Georgia' are among the available varieties
Virginia Creeper <i>Parthenocissus</i>	1		to 25+	Sun or shade	D		Scarlet fall foliage	L	Prune for a natural look, shaping not	✓+	✓	✓	Vine; adaptable deciduous vine; vigorous cover; pest free

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Bamboo Muhly <i>Muhlenbergia dumosa</i>	1	5-6'	3-4'	Sun/part shade	E	Winter	Purple	L	Cut back to 8" height prior to new		✓	✓+	Tall, bushy growth
Big Bluestem <i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	2	3-6'	3'	Sun	E	Fall	Bluish leaves to	L	Cut back to 8" height prior to new	✓+	✓	✓+	Reseeds; more appropriate in meadow, prairie or wetland
Big Muhly <i>Muhlenbergia</i>	1	2-5'	3'	Sun/part shade	D	Fall	White 6' stalk	L	Cut back to 8" height prior to new	✓+	✓	✓+	Good substitute for pampas grass, feather-like blooms in
Deer Muhly <i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	2	1'	1'	Sun	D	Fall	Tiny, wispy	L	Cut back to 8" height prior to new	✓+	✓	✓+	Dense clump grass
Dwarf Fountain Grass <i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i>	2	3'	2'	Sun	D	Fall	White seed heads	M	Cut back to 8" height prior to new spring growth				Ornamental with tufts of seed heads; needs moisture in dry periods
Gulf Muhly <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	1	2-1/2'	2'	Sun/part shade	D	Fall	Pink feathery seed	L	Cut back to 8" height prior to new spring growth	✓+	✓	✓+	Reseeds; more appropriate in meadow, prairie or wetland
Indian Grass <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	2	3-5'	5'	Sun	D	Fall	Bright gold	L-H	Cut back to 8" height prior to new	✓+	✓	✓+	Tall seed heads in fall; reseeds; more appropriate in
Inland Sea oats <i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	1	2-4'	6-8'	Part shade/ shade	D	Summer and fall	Ivory seeds	L-H	Cut back to 8" height prior to new spring growth	✓+	✓	✓+	Graceful, drooping wheat-like seed heads, spreads freely; appropriate for woodland; good understory plant; prefers moist soil
Little Bluestem <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	2	3-4'	1-1/2'	Sun	D	Fall	White seed tufts in fall	L	Cut back to 8" height prior to new spring growth	✓+	✓	✓+	Prairie plant appropriate in mass plantings; reseeds; more appropriate in meadow, prairie or wetland

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Mexican Feathergrass (Wiregrass) <i>Stipa tenuissima</i>	1	2'	2'	Sun	D			M	Cut back to 8" height prior to new spring growth	✓	✓	✓	Elegant weeping form; very drought tolerant; reseeds; more appropriate in meadow, prairie or wetland
Pampas Grass <i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	1	6-10'	6-10'	Sun	E	Late summer and fall	Large 30" white plumes	L	Cut back foliage in late winter in areas where foliage is winter killed			✓	Large, dense, mounding fountainlike clumps of fine-textured, graceful, arching leaves; sharp leaves; size and spread is hard to control once established
Seep Muhly <i>Muhlenbergia reverchonii</i>	2	1-3'	2'	Sun	D	Fall	Tiny blooms	L-M	Cut back to 8" height prior to new spring growth	✓+	✓	✓	Mostly found in limestone prairies growing in low-lying wet areas; reseeds; more appropriate in meadow, prairie
Sideoats Grama <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	2	2-3'	1'	Sun/part shade	D	Fall		L	Cut back to 8" height prior to new spring growth	✓+	✓	✓+	State grass of Texas, side hanging seed pods; easy to grow from seed; drought tolerant; reseeds; more appropriate in meadow or
Switch Grass <i>Punica virgatum</i>	2	6'	4'	Sun/part shade	D	Fall	Reddish tint	L-H	Cut back to 8" height prior to new spring growth	✓	✓	✓+	Upright, tall habit; usually has a reddish tint; prefers moist areas; reseeds; more appropriate in meadow, prairie
Wild Rye <i>Elymus canadensis</i>	2	3'	2'	Sun/part shade	D	Winter	Blue-green seedhead	L	Cut back in summer	✓+	✓	✓	Dormant in summer; green in winter; reseeds; more appropriate in meadow or prairie
Turf Grasses	Jammur' Zoysia Hybrid Bermuda Buffalo Grass, Thunder Turf												

FLOWERING PERENNIALS

Antelope Horn Milkweed <i>Asclepias asperula</i>	1	1-2'	1-2'	Sun	D	Spring and summer	Green and white flowers	M	Treat for aphids if plant looks sick with soapy water not pesticides	✓+	✓	✓+	Nectar for bees, butterflies. Larval host and critical food source for Monarchs and other butterfly caterpillars.
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Black-eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	1	1-2'	1-2'	Sun or shade	D	Summer	Yellow with dark centers	M	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves; MULCH FOR WINTER	✓+	✓	✓+	3" daisy-like blooms in summer; seed sown in fall or spring; butterfly nectar
Blackfoot Daisy <i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>	1	6-12"	1-1.5'	Sun	D	Spring and summer	White with yellow	VL	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves; hates overhead	✓+	✓	✓	Short daisy-like blooms all spring and summer; will rot if kept moist; nectar
Bulbine <i>B. frutescens or caulescens</i>	1	2'	2.5'	Sun	E	Summer	Orange and yellow or yellow	L	Trim off old bloom stalks as they decline				Aloe-like leaves; can freeze
Bush Morning Glory <i>Ipomoea leptophylla</i>	2	7'	7'	Sun	D	Summer	Lavender/violet	M	Prune only to trim long shoots and	✓			Tall, tender shrub; 6-8" Morning Glory-like blooms
Butterfly Weed <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	1	2-5'	1'	Sun or shade	D	Summer	Orange/yellow	L	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves	✓+	✓	✓	Flowers attract Monarch butterflies; reseeds freely; short-lived; perennial only in mild winter
Canna Lily <i>Canna indica</i>	2	3-6'	3'	Sun	D	Summer and fall	Orange/red	M	Deadhead to extend flowering season. Remove dead stalks late winter.		✓		Forms dense clumps with showy flowers. Separate rhizomes every 3-4 years to prevent overcrowding.
Cast Iron Plant <i>Aspidistra elatior</i>	2	3'	2-3'	Shade	E			L	Remove damaged foliage to 3" height in			✓	Long green leaves; requires shade; good, slow-growing understory
Chile Pequin <i>Capsicum annuum</i>	1	2-4'	2-4'	Sun/part shade	D		White	L	Prune top 1/2 at end of May and to a 3" height after first frost brown leaves	✓+	✓	✓	Peppers are very hot!; perennial only in mild winter; reseeds
Cigar Plant <i>Cuphea micropetala</i>	2	2-4'	3'	Full sun	D	Summer to frost	Orange and yellow	L	Prune top 1/2 at end of May and to a 3" height after first frost brown leaves		✓		Great hummingbird plant
Columbine, Red <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	1	2'	2'	Part shade/shade	D	Spring	Red	M	Prune off spent foliage and seedheads in late May	✓+	✓	✓	Likes dry shade; reseeds to return in cool season; susceptible to leaf miners; highly attractive to hummingbirds

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Columbine, Yellow <i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i> <i>var. hinkleyana</i>	1	2'	2'	Part shade/ shade	D	Spring	Yellow	M	Prune off spent foliage and seedheads in late May	✓ +	✓	✓	Pretty flowers; likes dry shade; reseeds to return in cool season; native to Big Bend; susceptible to leaf miners; attractive to some hummingbirds
Compact Prairie Clover, <i>Dalea compacta</i>	1	2'	2'	Sun	D	Spring and some summer	White, Purple	L	Prune off spent foliage and seedheads if desired	✓	✓	✓	Soil: Sand, loam, clay; limestone, well drained
Copper Canyon Daisy <i>Tagetes lemmonii</i>	1	3'	4'	Sun	D	Fall	Yellow	L	Prune to the size mound you want			✓ +	Daisy-like flower; strongly scented leaves; native to Mexico;
Coreopsis <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	2	1-1.5'	1-1/2-2'	Sun/ part shade	D	Spring to Summer	Yellow	M	Prune off old blooms for	✓ +	✓	✓	Cheerful flowers; native to east and southeast Texas; butterfly
Damianita <i>Chrysactina mexicana</i>	1	1-2'	2-3'	Sun	E	Spring and some summer	Golden yellow	L	Prune early spring and late summer to shape	✓ +	✓	✓	Drought hardy and aromatic foliage; mainly blooms in spring, on and off through summer; needs good drainage; native to west Texas
Daylilly <i>Hemerocallis fulva</i>		to 4' in bloom		sun		Summer to early fall	Orange, yellow, pink, red, brown,	M	Remove old bloom stalks, prune to a 3" height after first frost browns leaves.				strap-like leaves, large, erect, funnel to bell-shaped blooms; susceptible to aphids and thrips
Fall Aster <i>Aster oblongifolius</i>	1	2-4'	3-4'	Sun/part shades a de	D	Fall	Purple/ Lavender	M	Prune to 1/2 at end of May and to a 3 height after hard	✓ +	✓		Delicate fall flowers; nectar source
Fan Flower <i>Scaevola aemula</i>				sun/part shade				M					spreading tender perennial
Fem, Holly <i>Cyrtomium falcatum</i>	2	2-3'	3'	Shade	E			M	Prune to 3" height after frost or in late winter				Likes shady, moist areas
Fem, River <i>Thelypteris kunthii</i>	2	2-3'	3'	Shade	D			M	Prune to 6" above ground after first hard freeze; mulch well	✓			Likes shady, moist areas
Firebush <i>Hamelia patens</i>	1	2-2.5'		Sun	D	Summer to Fall	Orange- red flower; burgundy leaves in fall	M	Prune to 6" above ground after first hard freeze; mulch well		✓		Fiery leaves and flowers; turn bluish red in autumn; attracts hummingbirds; native to Mexico; needs regular moisture to establish

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Gaura <i>Gaura lindheimeri</i>	1	2'	3'	Sun	D	Spring to Summer	Pink or white/pink	L	Prune to 6" above ground after first hard freeze; mulch	✓ +		✓	Tall flower spikes adomed with 1 flowers that appear as fluttering butterflies in the wind
Gayfeather <i>Liatris mucronata</i>	1	1-3'	1-1-1/2'	Sun	D	Aug. to Dec.	Purple to rose pink	L	Prune top 1/2 at end of May and to a 3" height after first frost brown leaves	✓ +	✓	✓	Purple, 4-9" spikes; likes well- drained limestone soil; great source of nectar for hummingbirds and insects
Gregg Dalea <i>Dalea greggii</i>	1	4-9"	6-12"	Full sun	E	Late spring to fall	Purple	L	Prune to a 3" height after first frost browns leaves (perennial).	✓ +	✓	✓	Silvery blue-green leaves; dry soil; winter-hardy; may also be used as a groundcover; primary bloom period in fall; nectar source
Hibiscus, Heartleaf <i>Hibiscus martianus</i>	1	3'-5'	3-5'	Sun to part shade	D	Summer	Red	L	Prune to a 3" height after first frost browns leaves (perennial).	✓	✓	✓	Drought-tolerant hibiscus from South Texas. For it to successfully winter in our area, mulch or protect it adequately. Grows well in a container or in the ground.
Hibiscus, Lord Baltimore <i>Hibiscus 'Lord Baltimore'</i>	1	5'	5'	full sun	D	Summer to frost	Red	L	Cut back stems to approximately 3 to 4 inches in late autumn				Showy bloom; lobed leaves
Hibiscus, Moy Grande <i>Hibiscus 'Moy Grande'</i>	2	5'	5'	full sun	D	Summer to early fall	Pink	L	Remove old blooms and developing seed pods to encourage reblooming				Largest hibiscus blooms; Hybrid developed in San Antonio.
Hibiscus, Texas Star <i>Hibiscus coccineus Walter</i>	1	10'	6'	Sun	D	Summer to early fall	Red	M	Remove spent blooms if seed pods are not desired.	✓	✓	✓	When each flower is spent, a seedpod forms that contains seeds. If the pods are not removed, they eventually will open and the seeds will scatter and new plants will be propagated
Hymenoxys Four Nerve Daisy <i>Tetraneuris scaposa</i>	1	1'	18"	Sun/part shade	E	March to June and Sept. to Oct.	Yellow	L	Prune to a 3" height after first frost browns leaves	✓ +	✓	✓	Daisy-like blooms grow from small gray-green tuft; needs good drainage; highly drought tolerant; nectar; small birds eat seeds
Indigo Spires <i>Salvia 'Indigo Spires'</i>	1	3'	5'	Sun/part shade	D	All summer	Blue/ purple	M	Prune to a 3" height after first frost browns leaves	✓	✓	✓	Allow room to mound and spread

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Iris, Bearded <i>Iris albicans</i>	2	1-1-1/2'	3+	Sun	E	Spring	Many	M	Clean out in January; divide in fall			✓	Flowers with stunning blooms in many colors; spreads slowly; needs well drained soil; old cemetery iris is tougher and tolerates shade
Iris, Butterfly/Bicolor (African) <i>Dietes sp</i>	2	4'	2-3'	Sun/ part shade	E	Spring to early summer	White with yellow or purple-blue markings	L	Prune ragged foliage; divide clumps every 3-5 years			✓	Individual flowers last one day; forms clumps of long, narrow iris-like foliage
Jerusalem Sage <i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	2	2-3'	3'	Sun	E	Summer	Yellow	L	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves			✓	Unusual flowers; multi-tiered; attractive gray green foliage
Lantana <i>Lantana x hybrida (many varieties)</i>	2	2'	4'	Full sun	D	Spring to frost	Yellow	M	Prune for a natural look, shaping not necessary.		✓	✓	May be used as a groundcover; hummingbird delight; low maintenance; prolific blooming
Mexican Honeysuckle <i>Justicia spicigera</i>	2	2'	4'	Sun/part shade	E	Spring to frost	Orange	L	Prune back as needed to		✓	✓	Hummingbird plant; very tidy, mounding plant
Mexican Mint Marigold <i>Tagetes lucida</i>	2	2-1/2'	2'	Sun/part shade	D	Fall	Yellow/orange	L	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves			✓+	Anise-flavored culinary herb; spreads over time
Mexican Oregano <i>Poliomintha longiflora</i>	2	8"	3'	Sun	E	Summer	Lavender/pink	L	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves			✓+	Aromatic foliage; brown, withering flower stays on plant
Pink Skullcap <i>Scutellaria suffrutescens</i>	1	8"-1'	2'	Sun/part shade	D	Summer	Dark pink	L	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves	✓	✓	✓	Low growing; very tidy mounding plant; attracts small, nectaring insects
Plumbago <i>Plumbago auriculata</i>	2	4'	6'	Sun/ part shade	D	Summer	Sky blue or white	M	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves		✓	✓	Light green foliage; does best with morning sun and afternoon shade; attracts hummingbirds

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Pride of Barbados <i>Caesalpinia pulcherrima</i>	2	5'-12'	6'	Sun	D	Summer to early fall	Orange/red	L	Cut it down to the ground in late winter to achieve a fuller, bushier growth the following spring		✓	✓	Plants tolerate very high temperatures and drought, but do not tolerate poorly drained soils; Pride-of-Barbados is best grown in raised beds in humid climates
Primrose, Silverleaf <i>Oenothera macrocarpa</i>	1	1-1.5'	3'	sun/part shade	D	Spring to summer	Yellow	L	Prune to 3" after first frost browns	✓+	✓	✓	Large yellow buttercup-like flower that close and fade to pink
Purple Coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	1	2'	a.5'	Sun/part shade	D	Spring to summer	Violet or white	M	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves	✓+	✓	✓	Daisy-like flowers; native and hybrid varieties available; good butterfly plant
Ruellia, Dwarf <i>Ruellia brittoniana</i>	2	10"	3'	Sun/part shade	D	Spring to summer	Blue/purpl e to pink	M	Prune to 3" after first frost browns	✓		✓	Dwarf variety include 'Katie' or 'Bonita'; reseeds profusely
Sage, Cedar <i>Salvia roemeriana</i>	2	1-2'	3'	Shade/pa rt shade	D	Spring to summer	Red	L	Prune to 3" after first frost browns leaves	✓+	✓	✓+	Reseeds freely; red bloom spikes bring color to shady spots; great for hummingbirds
Sage, Germander <i>Salvia chamaedyoides</i>	?	2'						L					
Sage, Majestic <i>Salvia guaranitica</i>	2	4'	5'	Sun to shade	D	Spring to Summer	Blue/ purple	L	Prune to 3" after first frost browns		✓	✓+	Reseeds freely; attractive green foliage and spike
Sage, Mealy Blue <i>Salvia farinacea</i>	1	2'	1-1'	Sun to part shade	D	Spring to Summer	Light blue or white	L	Prune to a 3" height after first frost browns leaves (perennial).	✓+	✓	✓+	Reseeds freely; wet conditions promote lanky growth; best kept on the dry side; attracts hummingbirds and some butterflies
Sage, Mexican Bush <i>Salvia leucantha</i>	1	4'	4'	Sun	D	Late summer to fall	Purple and white or solid	L	Prune by 1/2 in May, then to a 3" height after first frost			✓+	Silver-green lance-like foliage; attractive mounding plant form if pruned in May; brittle stems
Sage, Penstemon Big Red Sage <i>Salvia penstemonoides</i>	2	3-4'	1-2'	Sun to part shade	D	Summer to Fall	Reddish Coral	M	Prune by 1/2 in May, then to a 3" height after first	✓+	✓	✓+	Hummingbirds love the tall, spiked blooms; attractive, glossy leaves
Sage, Russian <i>Perovaskia atricplifolia</i>	2	3"	3'	Sun	D	Late Summer to Fall	Blue	L	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves; remove old bloom			✓+	Lacey leaves and blue flowers; spiky stalks

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Sage, Scarlet or 'Tropical' <i>Salvia coccinea</i>	2	1.5-2'	2'	Shade	D	Late spring to fall	Red	M	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves	✓ +	✓	✓ +	Short-lived perennial; reseeds profusely; 'Lady in Red' a good dwarf variety; outstanding hummingbird plant; attracts butterflies; small birds eat seeds
Salvia, Gregg <i>Salvia greggii</i>	1	2-3'	2-3'	Sun/part shade	E	Spring to frost	Red, pink, white or coral	M	Cut back by 1/3 after first frost browns leaves; shear back in spring to encourage bushiness	✓ +	✓	✓ +	1 " long blooms; hummingbirds love them; can get leggy
Shrimp Plant <i>Justicia brandegeana</i>	2	3'	4'	Morning sun, afternoon shade	D	Spring to fall	Copper/ bronze with white	L	Sheer back in spring to encourage bushiness, then leave along		✓	✓	Prefers damp, well-drained soil; 3- 6" long flowers provide season- long color; great hummingbird plant
Texas Betony <i>Stachys coccinea</i>	1	1-1.5'	2-3'	Sun to shade	D	Summer to fall	Coral/red	L	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves	✓ +		✓ +	Constantly blooming groundcover; nice gray green foliage
Verbena, Prairie <i>Verbena bipinnatifida</i>	2	6-12"	2'	Sun	E	Spring to frost	Lavender	L	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves	✓	✓	✓	Spreading habit; low growing groundcover with finely cut leaves; butterflies enjoy
Yarrow <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	1	1-2'	3'	Shade to sun	E	Late spring and summer	White, yellow, red, pink	M	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves; cut off old bloom stalks		✓	✓ +	Forms solid mat groundcover with finely-cut, fern-like leaves; butterflies enjoy nectar
Yarrow, Milfoil <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	1	2-3'		shade	Y	Late spring and	Varied						old fashioned favorite, colors available
Zexmenia <i>Wedelia texana</i>	1	1-1/2-2'	3'	Sun/part shade	E	Spring to Frost	Orange/ yellow	L	Prune top 1/2 at end of May, and to a 3" ht. after first frost browns leaves	✓ +	✓	✓	Reseeds freely; blooms continuously though not profusely; use in combination with other blooming plants

Anything on the Williamson County Native Plant Society of Texas List is allowed:

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LEGEND

Rating:

- 1 - Highly Recommended: Plants are chosen for their pest resistant, hardiness in our climate, and utility in the landscape. Most are natives that foster a “Hill Country-style” as opposed to the “anywhere USA” look.
- 2 - Recommended: Plants are also Hill Country-hardy and highly useful. They may be included in the second tier due to being adapted vs native, minor disease problems, limited availability, or limited opportunity to use in the landscape due to their location

Water:

- Refers to the plant’s water needs
- VL - Very Low: Water occasionally during very dry conditions
 - L - Low: Water thoroughly every 3-4 weeks if no rainfall
 - M-Medium: Water thoroughly every 2-3 weeks if no rainfall
 - H - High: Water thoroughly every 5-7 days if no rainfall Texas

Native Plant: Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center and/or Texas Native Plant Society Approved Native Plant

Wildlife: Flowers, leaves or berries attract butterflies, insects and/or birds

Deer Resistant: When very hungry, there is very little guarantee that deer will not eat almost any plant; the following are guidelines:

- ✓ Somewhat deer resistant
- ✓+Usually deer resistant