

Plant List

Table 1: Grass and Groundcover (26)

Plant Name	Plant Type	Water Requirement	Pollinator Friendly	Texas Native	Soil Type Required	Bonuses	Typical Use
Asian Jasmine	Evergreen Vine	Medium	Yes	No		Suppresses weeds without choking out smaller shrubs but can grow aggressively	Groundcover / turf replacement. Plant in full sun or semi shaded areas
Aztec Grass	Perennial Grass	Medium	No	No	Clay, Well-Drained Soils	Easy to grow, tolerant of a variety of locations but prefers moist soils	Groundcover / accent clump foliage. Plant in partial sun or shaded areas
Bamboo Muhly	Perennial Grass	Low	Yes	No	Clay, Thin, Well-Drained Soils	Nearly evergreen, feathery foliage that can grow quite large	Ornamental bunchgrass / groundcover. Plant in partial shade.
Blue Grama	Perennial Grass	Low	Yes	Yes		Very drought tolerant but tends to grow as a bunch grass rather than turf, deer resistant	Groundcover / turf mix. Tolerant to most light levels
Buffalo Grass	Perennial Grass	Very Low	No	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	Requires little mowing and has variety of species to choose from	Turf. Plant in full sun
Cedar Sedge	Perennial Grass	Low	No	Yes	Clay, Well-Drained Soils	Can be paired with other low growing plants to make a natural looking herb layer.	Ornamental bunchgrass / turf substitute if paired with other groundcover plants.

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Clover Fern	Perennial Fern	Low	No	Yes	Clay, Sandy	No maintenance / good for low drainage soils	Groundcover. Tolerant to most light levels
Curly Mesquite Grass	Perennial Grass	Low	No	Yes	Sandy, Thin, Well- Drained Soils	Deer resistant, often blended with other grasses to make drought resistant turf	Turf / turf mix. Plant in full sun
Deergrass	Perennial Grass	Low	Yes	Yes		Becomes more deer resistant as it ages	Ornamental bunchgrass. Plant in full sun.
Eastern Gamagrass	Perennial Grass	Medium	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	Low maintenance and can be grazed on by livestock. Best planted near riverbanks or flood plains	Accent bunchgrass. Plant in full sun
Habiturf	Perennial Grass	Low	No	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Mix of buffalo, blue grama, and curly mesquite grass. Establishes quickly, requires little mowing, technically native, deer resistant	Turf. Plant in full sun
Horseherb	Perennial Herb	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Tolerant to mowing and moderate foot traffic, often out performs turf in shady conditions, deer resistant	Groundcover. Plant in full or semi shaded areas
Inland Sea Oats	Perennial Grass	Medium	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Attracts seed eating birds, deer resistant	Ornamental bunchgrass. Plant in full or semi shaded areas
Lemon Grass	Annual Grass	Medium	No	No	Clay, Sandy	Edible, used often in Asian dishes. Can be processed to make citronella oil which acts as a mild mosquito repellent, deer resistant	Ornamental / edible bunchgrass. Plant in full or partial sun



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Lindheimer Muhly	Perennial Grass	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	Little to no maintenance required, deer resistant	Large ornamental bunchgrass. Plant in full sun
Liriope	Perennial lilyturf	Low	No	No	Clay, Sandy		Ornamental bunchgrass / groundcover. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Little Bluestem	Perennial Grass	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	No maintenance, provides habitat for Bobwhite quail, deer resistant	Ornamental bunchgrass. Plant in full sun
Maidenhair Grass	Herbaceous Grass	Medium	No	No	Sandy	Deer resistant	Ornamental bunchgrass. Plant in full sun
Mexican Feathergrass	Perennial Grass	Low	No	Yes	Sandy, Thin Soils	Deer resistant	Ornamental bunchgrass. Plant in full sun
Monkey Grass	Perennial Lilyturf	Medium	No	No	Clay, Well-Drained Soils		Groundcover. Plant in partial sun or shade.
Purple Fountain Grass	Perennial Grass	Medium	No	No	Clay, Sandy, Well- Drained Soils	Vibrant purple foliage, deer resistant	Ornamental bunchgrass. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Ruby Grass	Annual-Perennial Grass	Low	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy	Compact but showy grass, well suited for warmer environments	Ornamental bunchgrass. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Ryegrass	Perennial Grass	Medium	No	No		Provides green lawns in the winter, dies back naturally during the warmer seasons	Winter turf. Pair with summer grass. Plant in full sun or partial shade.



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Switchgrass	Perennial Grass	Low	No	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Great carbon sink	Ornamental bunchgrass / groundcover.
Yellow Indiangras	s Perennial Grass	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin, Well- Drained Soils	Low maintenance ornamental grass, deer resistant	Ornamental bunchgrass. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Zoysia	Perennial Grass	Medium	No	No	Clay, Sandy, Thin, Well- Drained Soils	Variety of species to choose from, drought and winter dormant, deer resistant	Turf. Plant in full sun or partial shade.

Table 2: Flowers and Vines (29)

Plant Name	Plant Type	Water Requirement	Pollinator Friendly	Native	Soil Type Required	Bonuses	Typical Use
Alamo Vine	Perennial Vine	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Attracts butterflies and is freeze resistant	Ornamental vine, usually for fence lines. Plant in sun of partial shade.
Autumn Sage	Perennial Shrub	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Thin, Well- Drained Soils	Blooms sweet edible flowers, deer resistant	Ornamental shrub. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Bicolor Iris	Perennial Evergreen	Low	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy	Low maintenance, deer resistant	Ornamental. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Blackfoot Daisy	Perennial Herb	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin, Well-Drained Soils	Deer Resistant	Ornamental. Plant in full sun or partial shade.

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Black Dalea	Perennial Shrub	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Sandy, Thin Soils	No maintenance required and fast growing	Ornamental. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Bluebonnet	Annual Flower	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	A favorite among Texans, deer resistant	Ornamental. Plant in full sun.
Chard	Annual Herb	Medium	No	No	Clay, Well-Drained Soils	Edible, highly nutritious leaves	Ornamental / edible winter herb. Plant in partial shade.
Chives	Perennial Herb	Medium	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy	Acts as a natural repellant for many insects, attracts certain pollinators such as bees, edible	Ornamental / edible bunchgrass or flower. Plant in partial shade.
Columbine 'Texas Gold'	Perennial Herb	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	One of the best blooming native Texas flowers	Ornamental flower. Plant in partial or full shade.
Copper Canyon Daisy	Perennial Herb/Shrub	Low	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy	Produces a smell that repels deer	Ornamental flower. Plant in partial shade.
Coreopsis	Annual-Perennial Wildflower	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	No maintenance needed	Ornamental flower. Plant in full sun.
Cowpen Daisy	Annual Shrub	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	Very little maintenance, has some medicinal use	Ornamental shrub. Plant in full sun or partial shade.





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Daylily	Perennial Flower	Medium	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy, Well- Drained Soils	Several varieties of shape and color for the flowers	Ornamental flower. Plant in partial shade.
Fall Aster	Perennial Flower	Low	Yes	Yes	Sandy, Thin soils	Provides vibrant autumn blooms	Ornamental flower. Plant in full sun.
Goldenrod	Perennial Herb	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Commonly used in herbal teas	Ornamental / edible flower. Plant in partial shade.
Hardy Chrysanthemum	Perennial Flower	Medium	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy, Well- Drained Soils	Drought-tolerant and spreads fairly freely.	Ornamental. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Lindheimer Daisy	Annual Wildflower	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Well- Drained Soils	Easily grown in mulch	Ornamental flower. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Mustang Grape	Perennial Vine	Medium	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin	Produces edible grapes that are popular among homemade wine or jelly makers	Ornamental / edible vine. Plant in partial shade.
Old Man's Beard	Perennial Vine	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Grows easily and very drought resistant. Can be used in herbal teas to treat migraines and headaches	Ornamental vine. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Parsley	Biennial Herb	Medium	Yes	No	Well-Drained Soils	Edible, popular border plant, host plant for swallowtail butterfly larvae	Ornamental / edible herb. Will flower in second year of lifecycle. Plant in partial shade.

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Purple Prairie Clover	Perennial Shrub	Low	Yes	Yes	Sandy, Well-Drained Soils	Nitrogen fixing	Ornamental flower. Plant in full sun.
Rose 'Old Blush'	Perennial Shrub	Medium	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy	Several different flower colors, often used as a hedge	Ornamental flower/shrub. Plant in full sun or partial shade
Skeletonleaf Goldeneye	Perennial Shrub	Low	Yes	Yes	Sandy, Thin Soils	Nearly evergreen and good for large scale groundcover, deer resistant	Ornamental shrub / tall groundcover. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Snake Herb	Perennial Herb	Low	Yes	Yes	Sandy		Ornamental flower. Plant in full sun
Standing Cypress	Biennial Herb	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	A favorite for hummingbirds	Ornamental flower. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Texas Betony	Perennial Herb	Low	Yes	Yes	Sandy, Thin soils	Little to no maintenance required, deer resistant	Ornamental flower. Plant in partial shade.
Texas Gayfeather	Perennial Wildflower	Low	Yes	Yes	Thin Soils	Attracts butterflies, Good autumn flower, deer resistant	Ornamental flower. Plant in full sun.
Texas Milkweed	Perennial Herb	Low	Yes	Yes	Sandy	Only source of food for monarch butterflies, deer resistant	Ornamental flower. Plant in full sun





Turk's Cap	Perennial Flower	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin-Soil	Attracts hummingbirds, deer resistant	Ornamental shrub / tall groundcover. Plant in full sun
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Table 3: Shrubs and Trees (29)

Plant Name	Plant Type	Water Requirement	Pollinator Friendly	Native	Soil Type Required	Bonuses	Typical Use
Anacacho Orchid Tree	Deciduous Tree	Low	Yes	Yes	Sandy, thin	Needs no supplemental water once established, deer resistant	Ornamental tree/shrub. Plant in partial shade.
Anaqua	Evergreen / Partial Deciduous Tree	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, sandy	Produces sweet pumpkin flavored fruits, deer resistant	Ornamental / edible / shade tree. Plant in full sun or partial shade
Arizona Cypress	Evergreen Tree	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy		Ornamental tree. Plant in full sun.
Arroyo Sweetwood	Deciduous Tree	Very Low	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	Fairly freeze resistant, fragrant vanilla-scented flowers bloom in spring	Ornamental tree. Plant in full sun or partial shade
Barbados Cherry	Perennial Shrub	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Well- Drained soils	Produces edible fruits and attracts wildlife	Ornamental / edible shrub. Plant in partial shade.
Bur Oak	Deciduous Tree	Low / Medium	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Large, attractive, and widespread tree. Fairly resistant to Oak Wilt	Ornamental / shade tree. Plant in full sun or partial shade.

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Cecile Brunner Rose	Perennial Shrub	Medium	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy	Can grow quite large but require little maintenance other than biannual pruning	Ornamental flower/shrub. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Cedar Elm	Deciduous Tree	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	Popular street tree	Ornamental / shade tree. Plant in partial shade.
Chili Pequin	Annual-Perennial Shrub	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Grows spicy edible peppers	Ornamental / edible shrub. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Chinese Pistash	Deciduous Tree	Low	Yes	No	Well-Drained Soils	A good alternative to Oak, hardy and drought resistant.	Ornamental / shade tree. Plant in full sun or partial shade
Common Persimmon	Deciduous Tree	Medium	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin, Well-Drained Soils	Produces sweet edible fruits that are enjoyed by people and animals, deer resistant	Ornamental / edible tree. Plant in partial shade.
Crape Myrtle 'Basham's Pink Party'	Deciduous Tree	Low	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy	Has a longer bloom season, is resistant to disease, and grows faster than the typical crape myrtle	Ornamental / shade tree. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Ebony	Evergreen Tree	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Can be shaped to either act as a shrub or a tree	Ornamental / shade tree. Plant in full sun





Escarpment Live Oak	Semi-Evergreen Tree	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	Very hardy and attractive tree, however, extra care must be taken to lessen the risk of live oak wilt	Ornamental / shade tree. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Fig	Deciduous Tree	Low	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy	Adaptive to several local conditions, produces edible fruits	Ornamental / edible tree. Plant in full sun or partial shade
Flameleaf Sumac	Deciduous Shrub	Low / Medium	Yes	Yes	Clay, sandy, thin soils	Vibrant autumn colors. Can use fruit to make a lemony drink often called Sumac-ade.	Ornamental / edible shrub. Plant in full sun.
Hackberry Tree	Deciduous Tree	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, sandy, thin, well drained soils	Excellent for wildlife, especially winter foragers, although spreads fairly aggressively. Very common shade or street tree	Ornamental / shade tree. Tolerant to most light levels.
Lacebark Elm	Deciduous Tree	Low	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy	Unique and colorful bark	Ornamental tree. Tolerant to most light levels
Laurel Viburnum	Evergreen Shrub	Low	Yes	No	Clay	Naturally shapes into a large shrub but can sometimes be seen as a hedge	Ornamental shrub / hedge. Plant full sun or partial shade.
Marie Pavie Rose	Perennial Shrub	Medium	Yes	No	Clay, sandy	Blooms throughout the year although requires heavy pruning in February	Ornamental flower / shrub. Plant in full sun.

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Mexican Buckeye	Deciduous Tree	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, sandy, thin soil	Red seed pods provide aesthetic appeal in winter, deer resistant	Ornamental Tree. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Meyer Lemon	Evergreen Tree	Medium	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy, Well- Drained Soils	Produces abundant edible fruit despite its compact size	Ornamental / edible tree. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Olive	Evergreen Tree	Very Low	No	No	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	Unique and hardy aesthetic, can grow olives under the right circumstances	Ornamental / edible tree. Plant in full sun.
Pecan Tree	Deciduous Tree	Medium	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Produces edible nuts but requires extra space and fairly heavy maintenance	Ornamental / edible / shade tree. Tolerant to most light levels.
Possumhaw Holly	Deciduous Tree	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	Fruits produced by the females attract attracts frugivorous birds	Ornamental tree. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Tangerine	Evergreen Tree	Medium	Yes	No	Sandy, Well-Drained Soils	Produces edible fruits, drought and freeze resistant	Ornamental / edible tree. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Texas Red Oak	Deciduous Tree	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Thin Soils	Vibrant fall colors, however, does require careful monitoring due to vulnerability to Oak Wilt	Ornamental / shade tree. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Texas Sycamore	Deciduous Tree	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Tall and fast growing	Ornamental / shade tree. Plant in full sun.

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Butterflybush in partial shade.

Table 4: Succulents & Cactus (24)

Plant Name	Plant Type	Water Requirement	Pollinator Friendly	Native	Soil Type Required	Bonuses	Typical Use
Artichoke Agave	Succulent	Very Low	Yes	No	Thin, Well-Drained Soils	Very easy to grow and popular succulent	Ornamental succulent. Plant in full sun or partial shade
Beaked Yucca	Succulent	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Thin, well drained, sandy soil	Low maintenance / good for rocky slopes and parking medians, deer resistant	Ornamental succulent. Plant in full sun.
Big Bend Yucca	Succulent	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Thin, Well-Drained Soils	Produces flowers that attract hummingbirds	Ornamental Succulent. Plant in full sun
Claret Cup Cactus	Cactus	Low	Yes	Yes	Sandy	Vibrant flower blooms, produces edible fruits that taste like strawberries	Ornamental / edible cactus. Plant in full sun.
Coral Yucca	Succulent	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Vibrant red flowers that attract hummingbirds	Ornamental succulent. Plant in full sun.

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Dyckia	Succulent	Medium	Yes	No	Sandy, Thin, Well- Drained Soils	Very hardy and undemanding	Ornamental succulent. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Ghost Plant	Succulent	Very Low	No	No	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	Very low maintenance, easily re- rooted	Ornamental succulent. Plant in full or partial shade.
Heartleaf Iceplant	Succulent	Very Low	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy	Acts as a mild wildfire preventative	Groundcover. Plant in partial sun.
Golden Barrel Cactus	Cactus	Very Low	Yes	No	Sandy	Low maintenance and deer resistant but may rot if in consistently wet conditions	Ornamental cactus. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Lace Hedgehog Cactus	Cactus	Low	No	Yes	Clay, Well-Drained Soils	Large vibrant flowers	Ornamental cactus. Plant in full sun.
Ladyfinger Cactus	Cactus	Low	No	Yes	Sandy	Short-bloomed but visually striking flowers	Ornamental cactus. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Leatherstem	Succulent	Very Low	No	Yes	Sandy, Thin Soils	Popular winter look	Ornamental Succulent. Plant in full sun or partial shade
Lechuguilla	Succulent	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Sandy, Thin Soils	Deer resistant and deterrent	Ornamental succulent. Plant in full sun or partial shade.

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Manfreda	Succulent	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	Maturing seed capsules provide acoustic atmosphere by rattling in the wind.	Ornamental succulent / groundcover. Plant in full sun
Mescal Agave	Succulent	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Thin Soils	Considered one of the most attractive agaves, little maintenance but needs well drained soils if planted in clay	Ornamental succulent. Plant in full sun or partial shade
Pale-leaf Yucca	Succulent	Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, sandy, thin soils	Low maintenance, habitat for the rare Yucca Giant Skipper Butterfly's larva, deer resistant	Ornamental succulent. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Pencil Cactus	Cactus	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Clay, Sandy	Vibrant winter display	Ornamental cactus. Plant in full sun or partial shade
Pineapple Cactus	Cactus	Low	No	Yes	Clay, Sandy, Well- Drained Soils	Small with a very conspicuous flower	Ornamental cactus. Plant in full sun
Sedum	Succulent	Low	No	No	Well-Drained Soils		Ornamental succulent / groundcover. Plant in partial shade
Soap Aloe	Succulent	Low	Yes	No	Sandy, Well-Drained Soils	Year round flowering stalks, multiple medicinal uses, rebounds from extreme freezes well.	Ornamental succulent. Plant in full sun or partial shade.
Spineless Prickly Pear	Cactus	Very Low	Yes	No	Clay, Sandy, Thin Soils	Both cactus and fruits are edible, low maintenance	Ornamental / edible cactus. Plant in full sun

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Strawberry Hedgehog Cactus	Cactus	Low	Yes?	No	Sandy	Vibrant flower blooms, low maintenance	Ornamental cactus. Plant in full sun
Texas Prickly Pear	Cactus	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Sandy	Easy to grow, produces edible fruits	Ornamental / edible cactus. Plant in full sun
White-Striped Agave	Succulent	Very Low	Yes	No	Sandy, Thin, Well- Drained Soils	Especially unique and attractive appearance	Ornamental succulent. Plant in full sun or partial shade

