

BEST PERENNIALS FOR CENTRAL TEXAS



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Why Choose Natives?



Co-Evolution - Texas pollinators + Texas plants = symbiosis

Drought Resilience - Survive the summer

Caterpillar Cuisine - Feed the butterflies

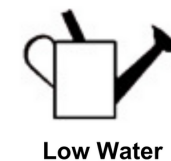
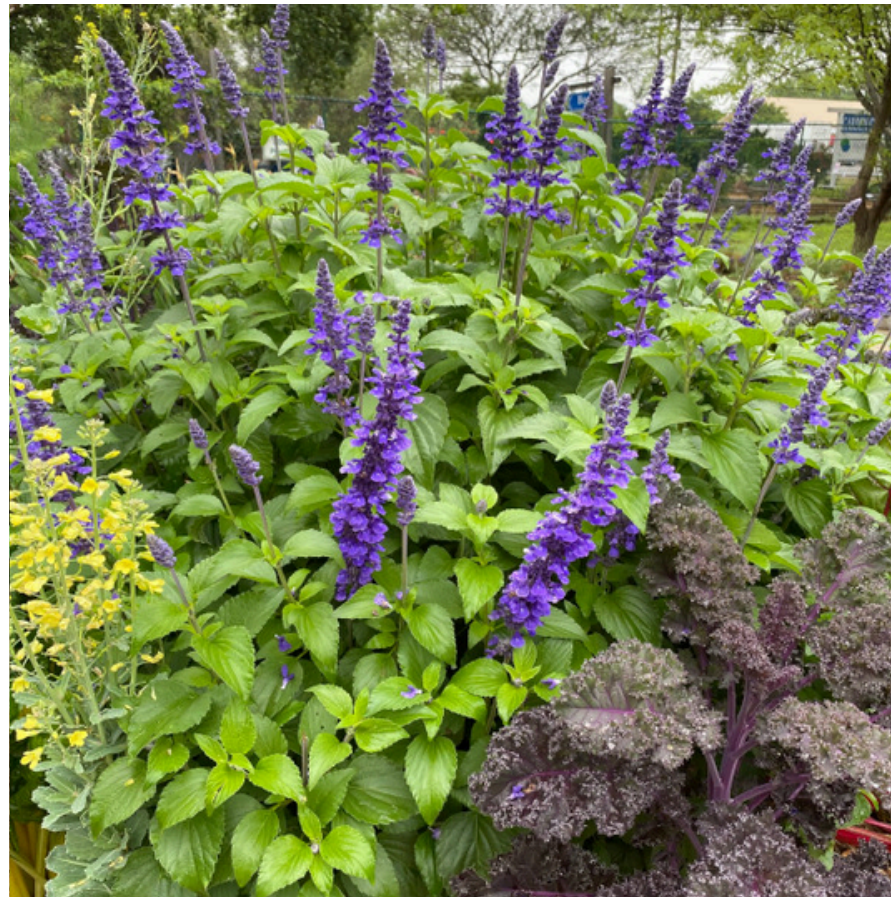
Year-Round Blooms - Consistent colors

The Staples

- SALVIA
 - PRIDE OF BARBADOS
 - BLACKFOOT DAISY
 - PINK MUHLY GRASS
 - ROCK ROSE
 - SKULLCAP
 - FIRECRACKER FERN
- TURK'S CAP
 - GREGG MISTFLOWER
 - ESPERANZA
 - CONEFLOWER
 - BUTTERFLY WEED
 - LANTANA
 - SILVER PONYFOOT

MYSTIC SPIRES SALVIA

Salvia longispicata x farinacea 'Balsamisp'



- Deciduous perennial from Mexico
- Tall spires of indigo flowers spring to fall
- Tolerates heat and humidity



2' - 3'



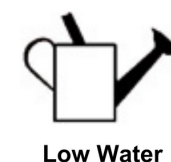
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Hardy to 10°F

AUGUSTA DUELBERG SALVIA

Salvia farinacea 'Augusta Delberg'



- **Deciduous perennial from central TX**
- **Tall spires of white flowers spring to fall**
- **Tolerates heat and humidity**



2' - 3'



2' - 3'



Hardy to 10°F

MIRAGE ROSE BICOLOR SAGE

Salvia greggii 'Balmirrobi'



Full Sun



Low Water



Deer Resistant

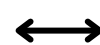


Butterfly
Attractor

- Native semi-evergreen perennial
- Very compact variety
- Pink & cream blooms from spring through fall
- Heat & drought tolerant



12" - 14"



14" - 16"



Hardy to 0°F

NOBLE KNIGHT MEADOW SAGE

Salvia nemarosa 'Noble Knight'



- Adorable perennial with dramatic bloom spikes
- Blooms early spring-fall
- Deadhead as needed
- Excellent addition to cottage style gardens



8" - 10"



12" - 18"



Hardy to -40°F

JERUSALEM SAGE

Phlomis fruticosa



Full Sun



Part Shade



Low Water



Deer Resistant

- Shrubby evergreen perennial
- Bright yellow flowers in spring; cool seedheads
- Fuzzy, aromatic foliage
- Drought tolerant



3' - 4'



3' - 4'



Hardy to 15°F

PRIDE OF BARBADOS

Caesalpinia pulcherrima



Full Sun



Low Water



Deer Resistant

- Large deciduous shrub from the Caribbean
- Blooms ALL summer
- Loves Texas sun & heat
- Dies back in winter & re-grows every April



8' - 10'



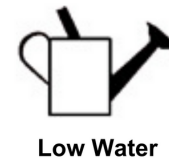
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Hardy to 15°F

BLACKFOOT DAISY

Melampodium leucanthum



Deer Resistant



Texas Native

- Native evergreen perennial
- Covered with white flowers for 9 months
- All-time customer favorite



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1'



2' - 3'



Hardy to -10°F

PINK MUHLY GRASS

Muhlenbergia capillaris



Full Sun



Low Water



Deer Resistant



Texas Native

- Native deciduous grass
- Airy clouds of pink flowers bloom late summer to fall
- Beautiful backlit by the sun



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3' - 4'



3' - 4'



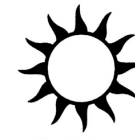
Hardy to 0°F

TEXAS ROCK ROSE

Pavonia lasiopetala



Part Shade



Full Sun



Low Water



Texas Native

- Local native deciduous subshrub
- Pink flowers attract pollinators spring - fall
- Bright color for partial shade!



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2' - 4'



2' - 3'



Hardy to 10°F

PINK SKULLCAP

Scutellaria suffrutescens



Full Sun



Low Water



Deer Resistant



Texas Native

- Native evergreen subshrub
- Tidy mounding habit
- Hot pink flowers spring to fall
- Loves hot, sunny spots



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10"



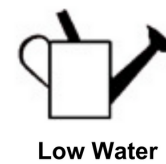
18"



Hardy to 10°F

SHRUBBY PURPLE SKULLCAP

Scutellaria wrightii



- Stellar Central TX native
- Mounding habit
- Covered in purple flowers spring - summer
- Evergreen
- Great border plant



6" - 12"



12" - 24"



Hardy to 15°F

FIRECRACKER FERN

Russelia equisetiformis



Full Sun



Low Water



Deer Resistant



Hummingbird
Attractor

- Graceful arching branches
- Deep red flowers from late spring through summer
- Attracts hummingbirds



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2' - 3'



2' - 3'



Hardy to 25°F

TURK'S CAP

Malvaviscus arboreus var. drummondii



Part Shade



Low Water



Deer Resistant



Texas Native

- Native perennial
- Red flowers from May - November attract butterflies & hummers
- Great for poor soil & shady areas



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2' - 4'



2' - 4'



Hardy to 10°F

GREGG'S BLUE MISTFLOWER

Conoclinium greggii



Full Sun



Moderate Water



Butterfly
Attractor

- Native deciduous perennial
- Periwinkle flowers from May - October
- Butterfly magnet!!!
Queens love this plant!



12" - 18"



12" - 24"



Hardy to 0°F

YELLOW BELLS ESPERANZA

Tecoma stans



Full Sun



Moderate Water



Deer Resistant



Texas Native

- Fast-growing, heat-loving native perennial
- Comes back mid-spring
- Yellow blooms all summer until first frost
- Pollinator favorite!



3' - 8'



3' - 5'



Hardy to 10°F

PURPLE CONEFLOWER

Echinacea purpurea



Full Sun



Low Water



Butterfly
Attractor



Texas Native

- Native Texas deciduous perennial
- Long-lasting, lavender flowers
- Great nectar source for butterflies



2' - 4'



2' - 4'



Hardy to -30°F

BUTTERFLY WEED (NATIVE MILKWEED)

Asclepias tuberosa



Full Sun



Moderate Water



Deer Resistant



Texas Native

- Local native perennial milkweed found in prairies
- Blooms May - Sept.
- Larval host for Monarch & Queen butterflies



12" - 30"



12" - 30"



Hardy to -40°F

ZIZOTES MILKWEED

Asclepias oenotheroides



- Local native milkweed
- Host plant for Monarchs & Queen butterflies
- Unique blooms emerge when rain follows a drought



12" - 18"



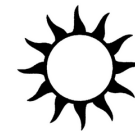
12" - 18"



Hardy to 0°F

TEXAS LANTANA

Lantana urticoides



Full Sun



Low Water



Deer Resistant



Texas Native

- Deciduous shrub with orange & yellow flowers
- Blooms spring - fall
- Low maintenance color
- Butterflies love it!!!
- Birds enjoy berries



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2' - 4'



3' - 6'



Hardy to 20°F

PURPLE TRAILING LANTANA

Lantana montevidensis



Full Sun



Low Water



Deer Resistant



Butterfly
Attractor

- Semi-evergreen shrub from South America
- Masses of purple flowers spring - fall
- A colorful, informal groundcover



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12" - 18"



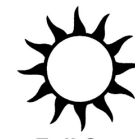
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Hardy to 10°F

SILVER PONYFOOT

Dichondra argentea



Full Sun



Low Water



Texas Native



Deer Resistant

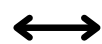
- Stellar semi-evergreen native perennial
- Striking silver foliage
- Use as a groundcover or a spiller in container arrangements



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1" - 5"



2' - 3'



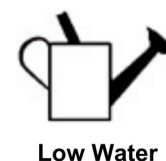
Hardy to 10°F

Unique Finds

- WINECUP
- FOUR NERVE DAISY
- DURANTA
- CEDAR SAGE
- DICLIPTERA
- FROG FRUIT
- SEDGES

WINECUP

Callirhoe involucrata



- Local native perennial
- Semi-evergreen
- Stunning deep pink flowers in spring
- Tolerates poor soil, heat, and drought



8" - 12"



2' - 3'



Hardy to -30°F

FOUR-NERVE DAISY

Tetrameuris scaposa



Full Sun



Low Water



Deer Resistant



Texas Native

- Local native daisy
- Yellow flowers in spring
- Will bloom in summer if irrigated
- Attracts pollinators
- Heat & drought tolerant



6" - 16"



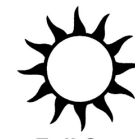
6" - 10"



Hardy to -30°F

SAPPHIRE SHOWERS SKYFLOWER

Duranta erecta 'Sapphire Showers'



Full Sun



Moderate Water



Butterfly
Attractor



Deer Resistant

- **Stunning perennial**
- **Deciduous in hard winters**
- **Tons of purple flowers from spring - fall**
- **Tough in the heat**



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4' - 6'



4' - 6'



Hardy to 20°F

CEDAR SAGE

Salvia roemeriana



Part Shade



Low Water



Deer Resistant



Texas Native

- Local native perennial; grows under junipers
- Reseeds freely
- Striking red flowers in spring & summer
- **AMAZING** for dry shade!



1' - 2'



1' - 2'



Hardy to 0°F

HUMMINGBIRD PLANT

Discliptera suberecta



Full Sun



Low Water



Deer Resistant



Hummingbird
Attractor

- Low maintenance perennial
- Red-Orange flowers late spring into fall
- Great for smaller gardens



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2' - 3'



2' - 3'



Hardy to 10°F

FROGFRUIT

Phyla nodiflora



Full Sun



Low Water



Deer Resistant



Texas Native

- Incredible, fast-growing native groundcover
- Drought & heat tolerant
- Pollinators love it!
- Beautiful in containers or over rock walls



2" - 6"



Spreading



Hardy to 0°F

FEATHER FALLS SEDGE

Carex oshimensis 'Feather Falls'



Part Shade



Shade



Moderate Water



Deer Resistant

- Variegated evergreen foliage
- Graceful arching leaves and feathery plumes
- Beautiful planted en masse or in containers



12" - 18"



18" - 24"



Hardy to -10°F

Planting Techniques



Sight Selection - How much light does the area receive?

Amend your soil! - Compost, mulch, and fertilizer

Plant high - drainage is key

Consistent watering



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