

Plants for North Central Texas

Cacti/Yucca



Common Name Scientific Name	Evergreen/Perennial ¹	Height (ft)	Width (ft)	Seasonal Interest	Native - Denton County	Color & Features	Garden Lists ²	Maintenance
Century Plant <i>Agave Americana</i>	E	3-6'	6-10'	June - Jul		Yellow bloom spike	4	
Horse Crippler <i>Echinocactus texensis</i>	E	1-6"	.5-1'	Spring - Summer	Y	Pink or violet flowers from 2-2.5" inches long and across. Flowers are fragrant	6	
False Aloe <i>Manfreda virginica ssp lata</i>	E	16"	3-4'	May - Aug		4-5' upright flowering stalk with unusual spike like cluster at top	4,6	
1. Nolina, Lindheimer's (Ribbon-grass) (Devil's Shoestring) <i>1. Nolina lindheimeriana</i> 2. Nolina, Texas (Beargrass) (Sacahuista) <i>2. Nolina texana</i>	E	1.1-3' 2. 2'	1. 1-3' 2. 3'	Blooms spring into early summer; showy, papery seed capsules.		Ribbon-like, evergreen foliage. Good accent plant. Bloom stalk to 5'	4,5,6	Selectively prune leaves away from traffic for safety. Prune dead leaves when needed. To propagate, separate individual offshoots from large clumps of mature plants in the winter
Plains Nipple Cactus <i>Escobaria missouriensis var. similis</i>	E	3"	4-6"	Apr - Jul	Y	Pink , Yellow , Green , Brown flowers	6	
Prickly Pear <i>Opuntia engelmannii var. lindheimeri</i>	E	3-5'	5-8'	Spring - Summer		Yellow flowers purple fruit	6	Limit spread by removing fallen pads
Tasajillo (Desert Christmas cactus) <i>Cylindropuntia leptocaulis</i>	E	2-5'	6-10'	Spring, Winter	Y	Greenish, yellow, or bronze flowers on very slender stems. Bright red fruit in the winter.	6	Can be a pest if not controlled. The narrow, spiny branches twist together with branches of adjacent plants to form dense thickets
Yucca, Arkansas <i>Yucca arkansana</i>	E	1-4'	2-5'	Spring, Summer, Fall	Y	6-7' column of white bell flowers in spring	4,5,6	Don't plant near paths or driveway – sharp tips
Yucca, Pale Leaf <i>Yucca pallida</i>	E	1-2'	1.5-2.5'	Summer	Y	White flowers	4,5,6	Remove spent flower stems
Yucca, Red <i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	E	2-4'	4-6'	Spring, Summer		Coral flower	4,5,6	Remove old bloom stalk at the base
Yucca, Spanish Dagger <i>Yucca treculeana</i>	E	13-15'	4-5'	Spring, Winter		White, red flowers	4,5	Remove only dead leaves
Yucca Twist Leaf <i>Yucca rupicola</i>	E	1-2'	1'	Spring		White flowers	4,5,6	Remove spent flower stems before spring. Little to no maintenance required

KEY:

Evergreen/Perennial¹: E: Evergreen, SE: Semi-Evergreen, D: Deciduous, P: Perennial, A: Annual
Garden Lists²: 1: Butterfly, 2: Shade, 3: Water Garden, 4: Water-Wise, 5: Wildlife Habitat, 6: Winter

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