

Plants for North Central Texas Groundcovers



Common Name Scientific Name	Evergreen/Perennial ¹	Height (ft)	Width (ft)	Seasonal Interest	Native - Denton County	Color & Features	Garden Lists ²	Maintenance
Artemisia, Louisiana (Silver Wormwood) <i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>	SE	1-3'	2-3'	Year round		Silver foliage		Spreads by rhizomes. Mow in fall to have rosettes in winter. Leggy in fertile, moist soils
Avens, White <i>Geum canadense</i>	E	1.5'	1'	Apr -June	Y	White flowers	2,4,5,6	Mow in flowering to prevent bur like seeds from forming
Bracken Fern <i>Pteridium aquilinum var. pseudo caudatum</i>	P	5'	3-5'			Fronds up to 5'. No bloom	4	Only fern for most dry shade situations
Frogfruit <i>Phyla nodiflora (Lippia nodiflora)</i>	SE	3-6"	2'+	Spring, Fall	Y	White flowers	1,4,5	Cut back to 3" in February
Golden Groundsel <i>Packera obovata (Senecio obovatus)</i>	E	3-14"	1'+	Spring		Yellow flowers	1,2,4,5,6	Cut back stalks after flowering
Horseherb <i>Calyptocarpus vialis</i>	SE	6-12"	2'+	Spring, Fall	Y	Tiny yellow flowers	2,4,5	Mow occasionally if desired
Pigeon Berry <i>Rivina humilis</i>	P	to 18"	18"	Spring, Fall	Y	White flowers/red berries	2,4,5	Remove browned top after first frost
Sage, Lyreleaf <i>Salvia lyrata</i>	E	1-2'	1-2'	April		Pale blue	2,4,5,6	Remove spent flowers to prevent seeding
Sedge, Cedar <i>Carex planostachys</i>	E	to 6"	to 6"			Thin grassy leaves	2	Tolerates mowing and some foot traffic
Sedge, Cherokee <i>Carex cherokeensis</i>	E	2-2.5'	1'	Spring		Green bloom	2	Trim to contain; remove seedheads at end of season
Snakeherb <i>Dyschoriste linearis</i>	P	1-2'	1-2'	Spring, Summer		Purple flowers	1,4,5	
Wood Fern <i>Thelypteris kunthii (Dryopteris normalis)</i> (<i>Thelypteris normalis</i>)	P	2 - 3'	2 - 3'	Year round	Y	Attractive soft brown frond winter color; cool green in summer	2,4	Cut off dead fronds around Valentine's Day - before spring growth begins. May be cut after 1st frost instead
Wood Violet <i>Viola missouriensis</i>	SE	0-6"	12-15"	Spring		White, purple, lavender flowers	1,2,4,5,6	No maintenance required
Yarrow <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	P	1 - 3'	2', colonizes via rhizomes & seeds	Spring		White flowers fade to tan, may remain standing for months.	6	If desired, dead-head to reduce seeding or for appearance. May cut back in late spring before flowering to reduce height

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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