



Water-Wise Garden Plants for North Central Texas

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Shade/Canopy Trees

Ash, Texas	<i>Fraxinus texensis</i>
Bois d'arc	<i>Maclura pomifera</i>
Elm, Cedar	<i>Ulmus crassifolia</i>
Blackcherry, Escarpment	<i>Prunus serotina</i> ssp <i>eximia</i>
Hackberry, Sugar	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>
Maple, Big Toothed	Maple, Big Toothed
Mesquite, Honey	<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i> var. <i>glandulosa</i>
Oak, Blackjack	<i>Quercus marilandica</i>
Oak, Bur	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>
Oak, Chinquapin	<i>Quercus muhlenbergii</i>
Oak, Lacey	<i>Quercus laceyi</i>
Oak, Live	<i>Quercus fusiformis</i>
Oak, Post	<i>Quercus stellata</i>
Oak, Shumard Red	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>
Smoketree, American	<i>Cotinus obovatus</i>
Soapberry, Western	<i>Sapindus saponaria</i> var. <i>drummondii</i>

Understory Trees

Carolina Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus caroliniana</i>
Cherry Laurel	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>
Eve's Necklace	<i>Sophora affinis</i>
Buckeye, Mexican	<i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>
Buckeye, Red/Scarlet	<i>Aesculus pavia</i> var. <i>pavia</i>
Dogwood, Rough-leaf	<i>Cornus drummondii</i>
Holly, Possumhaw	<i>Ilex decidua</i>
Holly, Yaupon	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>
Persimmon, Common	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>
Persimmon, Texas	<i>Diospyros texana</i>
Plum, Mexican	<i>Prunus mexicana</i>
Plum, Chickasaw & Oklahoma	<i>Prunus angustifolia</i> & <i>gracilis</i>
Redbud, Eastern	<i>Cercis canadensis</i> var. <i>canadensis</i> (Blackland Prairie)

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Redbud, Texas	<i>Cercis canadensis</i> var. <i>texensis</i> (Cross Timbers)
Redbud, Mexican	<i>Cercis canadensis</i> var. <i>mexicana</i>
Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum	<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>
Sumac, Evergreen	<i>Rhus virens</i>
Sumac, Flameleaf	<i>Rhus copallina</i>
Sumac, Prairie Flameleaf	<i>Rhus lanceolata</i>
Sumac, Smooth	<i>Rhus glabra</i>
Willow, Desert	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>

Shrubs

** Agarita	<i>Berberis trifoliolata</i>
American Beautyberry	<i>Callicarpa americana</i> var. <i>Americana</i>
Autumn Sage	<i>Salvia greggii</i>
Beebrush	<i>Aloysia gratissima</i>
Cenizo/Texas Sage	<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>
Century Plant	<i>Agave Americana</i>
Coralberry	<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>
False Indigo Bush	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i> (wetlands but also takes dry)
Flame Acanthus	<i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus</i> var. <i>wrightii</i>
Fragrant White Mistflower	<i>Ageratina havanensis</i>
Nolina, Lindheimer's/Devil's Shoestring	<i>Nolina lindheimeriana</i>
Nolina, Texas/Sacahuista	<i>Nolina texana</i>
Pavonia/Rock Rose	<i>Pavonia lasiopetala</i>
Rose, Sunshine Prairie	<i>Rosa arkansana</i> var. <i>suffulta</i>
Sumac, Aromatic	<i>Rhus aromatica</i> var. <i>serotina</i> (eastern species)
Sumac, Skunkbush	<i>Rhus trilobata</i> (our area/western species)
Texas Lantana	<i>Lantana horrida</i>
Turk's Cap	<i>Malvaviscus arboreus</i> var. <i>drummondii</i>
White Honeysuckle Bush	<i>Lonicera albiflora</i>
Yucca, Arkansas	<i>Yucca arkansana</i>
Yucca, Pale-leaf	<i>Yucca pallida</i>
Yucca, Twist-leaf	<i>Yucca rupicola</i>
Yucca, Spanish Dagger	<i>Yucca treculeana</i>
Yucca, Red	<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>

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Fern, Bracken	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> var. <i>pseudocaudatum</i>
Fern, Wood/River	<i>Thelypteris kunthii</i>
Frog Fruit	<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>
Golden Groundsel	<i>Packera obovata</i>
Horseherb	<i>Calyptocarpus vialis</i>
Pigeonberry	<i>Rivina humilis</i>
Snakeherb	<i>Dyschoriste linearis</i>
Wood Violet	<i>Viola missouriensis</i>

Vines

Carolina Jessamine	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>
Clematis, Purple/Leatherflower	<i>Clematis pitcheri</i> var. <i>pitcheri</i>
Clematis, Scarlet/Texas	<i>Clematis texensis</i>
Climbing Prairie Rose	<i>Rosa setigera</i>
Coral Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>
Crossvine	<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>
Dewberry	<i>Rubus</i> spp
Passionflower Vine	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i> (3 lobed)
Rose, Climbing Prairie	<i>Rosa setigera</i> var. <i>tomentosa</i>
Snapdragon Vine	<i>Maurandya antirrhiniflora</i>
Texas Wisteria	<i>Wisteria macorstachya</i>
Trumpet Vine	<i>Campsis radicans</i>
Virginia Creeper	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>
White Honeysuckle Bush	<i>Lonicera albiflora</i>

Grasses

Big Bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>
Buffalo Grass	<i>Buchloe dactyloides</i>
Canada Wildrye	<i>Elymus canadensis</i> var. <i>Canadensis</i>
Eastern Gamagrass	<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>
Gulf Muhly	<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>
Hairy Grama	<i>Bouteloua hirsuta</i>
Indiangrass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
Inland Seoats	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>
Lindheimer's Muhly	<i>Muhlenbergia lindheimeri</i>
Little Bluestem -	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> var. <i>frequens</i>
** Mexican Feathergrass	<i>Nassella (Stipa) tenuissima</i>

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Purple-top Grass	Tridens flavus
Sideoats Grama	Bouteloua curtipendula
Splitbeard Bluestem	Andropogon ternaries
Switchgrass	Panicum virgatum
Texas Bluegrass	Poa arachnifera

Perennial Wildflowers

American Germander	Teucrium canadense
Anemone	Anemone berlandieri
Aster, Purple/Fall/Oblong-leaf/Willow-leaf/Heath	Symphyotrichum/Aster oblongifolius, patens, ericoides, praealtus & other species
Barbara's Buttons	Marshallia caespitosa
Bergamot, Wild	Monarda fistulosa
Blue Eyed Grass	Sisyrinchium ensigerum
Bluets, Prairie	Hedyotis nigricans
Chile Pequin	Capsicum annuum var. aviculare
Columbine, Red	Aquilegia canadensis
Columbine, Texas Gold	Aquilegia chrysantha var. hinckleyana
Coneflower, Purple	Echinacea purpurea
Coreopsis, Lanceleaf	Coreopsis lanceolata
** Daisy, Blackfoot	Melampodium leucanthum
Daisy, Cutleaf	Engelmannia peristenia
Daisy, Four-nerve	Tetaneuris scaposa
Dalea, Black	Dalea frutescens
Fleabane, Philadelphia	Erigeron philadelphicus
Frostweed	Verbesina virginica
Gaura	Gaura lindheimeri
Gayfeather	Liatris mucronata
Goldenrod	Solidago canadensis
Ironweed, Western	Vernonia baldwinii
Jimsonweed	Datura wrightii
Lanceleaf Coreopsis	Coreopsis lanceolata
Manfreda	Manfreda virginica ssp lata
Mexican Hat	Ratibida columnaris
Milkweed, Antelopes Horns	Asclepias asperula
Milkweed, Butterfly	Asclepias tuberosa
Milkweed, Green	Asclepias viridis
Mistflower, Blue	Conoclinium (Eupatorium) coelestinum
Mistflower, Gregg's	Conoclinium (Eupatorium) greggii

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	Mistflower, White Boneset	Conoclinium (Eupatorium) serotinum
	Paintbrush, Prairie	Castilleja purpurea
**	Penstemon, Foxglove	Penstemon cobaea
	Penstemon, Gulf Coast	Penstemon tenuis
	Penstemon, Hill Country	Penstemon triflorus
	Penstemon, Rock	Penstemon baccarifolius
	Phlox, Fragrant	Phlox pilosa
**	Primrose, Missouri	Oenothera macrocarpa
	Primrose, Pink-evening/Showy	Oenothera speciosa
	Rain Lily	Cooperia sp
	Ratany	Krameria lanceolata
	Rattlesnake Master	Manfreda virginica ssp virginica
	Rose, White Prairie	Rosa foliolosa
	Sage, Big Red	Salvia penstemonoides
**	Sage, Cedar	Salvia roemeriana
	Sage, Lyre-leaf	Salvia lyrata
	Sage, Mealy Blue	Salvia farinacea
	Sage, Sky Blue/Azure	Salvia azurea
	Sage, Slenderleaf/Blue Willow	Salvia reptans
	Sage, Tropical	Salvia coccinea
	Skeletonleaf Goldeneye	Viguiera stenoloba
	Skullcap, Drummond's	Scutellaria drummondii
	Skullcap, Wright's	Scutellaria wrightii
	Spiderwort	Tradescantia sp.
	Sunflower, Bush	Simpsia calva
	Sunflower, Maximilian	Helianthus maximiliani
	Sunflower, Rough	Helianthus hirsutus
	Texas Green-eyes	Berlandiera texana
	Texas Bluebell	Eustoma grandiflorum
	Texas sundrop/Shrubby primrose	Calylophus berlandieri ssp. Pinifolius
	Verbena, Prairie	Verbena bipinnatifida var. bipinnatifida
	Vervain, Texas	Verbena halei
	Windflower	Anemone berlandieri
	Winecup, Standing	Callirhoe pedata (digitata var. stipulata)
	Winecup, Trailing	Callirhoe involucrata

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White Avens	<i>Geum canadense</i>
Wild Hyacinth	<i>Camassia scilloides</i>
Yellow Bells	<i>Tecoma stans</i> var. <i>angustata</i>
Zexmenia	<i>Wedelia</i> (<i>Zexmenia</i>) <i>hispida</i>

Annual Wildflowers

American Basketflower	<i>Centaurea americana</i>
Black Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
Blue Curls	<i>Phacelia congesta</i>
Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus</i> sp
Cowpen Daisy	<i>Verbesina encelioides</i>
Clasping-leaf Coneflower	<i>Dracopsis</i> (<i>Rudbeckia</i>) <i>amplexicaulis</i>
Drummonds Skullcap	<i>Scutellaria drummondii</i>
Greenthread	<i>Thelesperma filifolium</i>
Indian Blanket	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> var. <i>pulchella</i>
Indian Paintbrush	<i>Castilleja indivisa</i>
Partridge Pea	<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>
Philadelphia Fleabane	<i>Erigeron philadelphicus</i>
Drummond Phlox	<i>Phlox drummondii</i>
Plains Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i>
Prairie Agalinis	<i>Agalinis heterophylla</i>
Prairie Parsley	<i>Polytaenia nuttallii</i>
Purple Eryngo	<i>Eryngium leavenworthii</i>
Purple Horsemint	<i>Monarda citriodora</i>
Scrambled Eggs	<i>Corydalis curvisiliqua</i>
Spotted Beebalm	<i>Monarda punctata</i>
Standing Cypress	<i>Ipomopsis rubra</i>
Stemless Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera triloba</i>
Texas Bluebonnet	<i>Lupinus texensis</i>
Texas Thistle	<i>Cirsium texanum</i>

More information on the plants above, as well as additional Garden Lists are available at <https://www.npsot.org/chapters/trinity-forks/trinity-forks-resources/> under "What to Plant".

Please also refer to the Resource List there for lists of local nurseries, books and other information of use.

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