

Plants for North Central Texas

Shrubs



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Agarita <i>Mahonia trifoliolata</i> (<i>Berberis trifoliolata</i>)	E	3-6'	3-6'	Spring, Summer		Fragrant yellow flowers; bright red berries.	4,5	Prune to shape if desired.
American Beautyberry <i>Callicarpa americana</i>	D	3-6'	6'	Fall	Y	Purple fruit/ yellow leaves	2,4,5	Do not prune
Autumn Sage (Cherry Sage) <i>Salvia greggii</i>	E	2-3'	2-3'	Spring, Fall		White, red, pink or coral flowers		If leggy, cut back by 1/3 to 1/2
Beebrush <i>Aloysia gratissima</i>	D	6-12'	6-8'	Spring, Fall		White flowers	4,5	Can be pruned into a hedge or small tree. In early spring, can cut back to promote flowering and bushier growth.
Black Dalea <i>Dalea frutescens</i>	D,P	1-3'	2-6'	Late summer, Fall	Y	Magenta flowers in 1/2" spikes.	4,6	Can be severely cut back in winter or early spring to maintain dense shape
Buttonbush <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	D	6-12'	6-12'	June - Aug	Y	White to pink flowers	1,3	Prune to shape
Cenizo (Texas Sage) <i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>	SE	4-9'	3-8'	Spring, Summer		Pinkish purple, white, lavender	4,5	Prune to shape
Coralberry <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	D	2-4'	1-3'	Fall, Winter	Y	Magenta berries	1,2,4,5,6	Cut back in winter if gets leggy; control runners
Crinum Lily <i>Crinum americanum</i>	E	2-3'	1-2'	Summer, Fall		White flowers	3	
Dewberry <i>Rubus trivialis</i>	D	1-3'	1-3'	Spring	Y	White flower, small berries	4,5,6	
Dwarf Palmetto <i>Sabal minor</i>	P	5-10'	3-4'	Spring	Y	White flowers followed by black fruit		Needs plenty of water to get established, but then fairly drought tolerant. Remove dead leaves as needed
Dwarf Yaupon Holly <i>Ilex vomitoria</i> 'Nana'	E	2-4'	2-4'	Fall		Red berries		Pruning not necessary
Eastern Wahoo <i>Euonymus atropurpureus</i>	D	15-25'	10-15'	Fall, Spring, Summer	Y	Red leaves in fall, purple flowers spring to summer	2	Root suckers may be pulled off if desire a single-stemmed tree
Elbow Bush <i>Forestiera pubescens</i>	D	4-9'	4-9'	Spring	Y	White-yellow flowers	1,5	Prune to shape
Elderberry <i>Sambucus nigra</i> ssp. <i>canadensis</i>	E	6-12'	5-12'	Spring, Summer	Y	White flowers, dark purple fruit	1,4	Prune heavily in winter to maintain thick form
False Indigo Bush <i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	D	6-12'	6-12'	Spring	Y	Blue, purple flowers	1,3,4,5	

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Flame Acanthus <i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus</i> var. <i>wrightii</i>	D	3-5'	3-4'	Summer - Fall			Red or orange flower	1,4,5	Cut back in half after first frost or before spring growth
Fragrant White Mistflower <i>Ageratina havanensis</i> (<i>Eupatorium havanense</i>)	D	1-5'	1-5'	Fall			White to Pink flowers	1,4,5,6	Prune to shape
Hoptree (Wafer Ash) <i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	P	6-12', up to 20'+	4-10', or more depends on height	Summer - Winter			Seeds clusters.	1	Prune for shape, if desired
Oklahoma Plum (Sour Plum) <i>Prunus gracilis</i>	D	1.5-6'	3-6'	Spring, Summer	Y		White flowers in spring followed by red fruit in summer	4,5	
Pavonia (Rock Rose) <i>Pavonia lasiopetala</i>	D	2-4'	2-3'	Summer			Pink flowers	1,4,5,6	Cut back each year for bushy growth; prune to promote flowers
Rose, Sunshine Prairie <i>Rosa arkansana</i> var. <i>suffulta</i>	D	1-3'	1-3'	Fall, Spring, Summer			Foliage turns orange in fall. Pink flowers spring to summer	4,5,6	
Skeletonleaf Goldeneye <i>Viguiera stenoloba</i>	SE	2-4'	2'	Summer, Fall			Orange, yellow flowers	1,4,5	Remove spent flowers to keep tidy and promote more blooming. Cut back before spring growth if space is a problem.
Sotol (Desert Spoon) <i>Dasylirion wheeleri</i>	E	4-6'; bloom stalk to 15'	3-4'	Year round			Blue-green leaves; dramatic tall bloom every few years		Wear leather gloves to trim or pull away older leaves.
Strawberry Bush <i>Euonymus americanus</i>	D	5-6'	3-4'	Spring, Fall			Whitish flower in spring, red fruit in summer, red leaves in fall	2	Pruning not necessary
1. Sumac, Fragrant 2. Sumac, Skunkbush 1. <i>Rhus aromatica</i> var. <i>serotina</i> 2. <i>Rhus trilobata</i>	D	To 3'	To 8'	Spring, Fall	Y		1. Yellow fall foliage 2. Red berries (females only). Reddish/ orange fall foliage	1,4,5	Prune for shape if desired, or leave au naturel.
Sumac, Flameleaf <i>Rhus copallinum</i> var. <i>latifolia</i>	D	7-15'	10-20'	Fall	Y		Bright red leaves	1,4,5,6	
Sumac, Smooth <i>Rhus glabra</i>	D	3-10'	3-6'	Fall	Y		Bright red leaves	1,5	Suckers more after mowing or burning
Texas Lantana <i>Lantana urticoides</i>	D	3-5'	4-5'	Summer, Fall	Y		Orange and yellow flower	1,4,5	Prune in winter to keep from sprawling

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Turk's Cap <i>Malvaviscus arboreus var. drummondii</i>	P	2-3'	3-5'	Late spring, Fall		Red flowers	1,2,4,5	Prune back to ground in winter
White Prairie Rose <i>Rosa foliolosa</i>	P	.5-1'	2'	Mar - June	Y	White, red, pink flowers	4,5,6	
Yellow Bells (Esperanza) <i>Tecoma stans var. angustata</i>	D	4-8'	3-5'	Spring, Summer, Fall		Orange, yellow flowers	4,5	Remove spent blooms as needed. Cut back to 6-8" after cold damage but before new spring growth

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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