Native Plants for Texas Landscapes

Grow Green
Landscape Professional Training

Andrea DeLong-Amaya
Director of Horticulture

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
The University of Texas at Austin
The mission of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is to conserve, restore, and create healthy landscapes.
• Public Gardens
• Nature Trails
• Landscape Restoration and Consulting
• Environmental Education
• Plant Conservation
• National Outreach Programs
• Sustainable Sites Initiative
“Wherever I go in America, I like it when the land speaks its own language in its own regional accent.”

Lady Bird Johnson, 1993
What is a Native Plant?
A plant that occurs naturally where it evolved.
Vegetational Areas of Texas

Modified from Checklist of the Vascular Plants of Texas (Hatch et al., 1960). Nearly identical maps have been used in numerous works on Texas including Gould (1962) and Correll and Johnston (1970).

1. Pineywoods
2. Gulf Prairies and Marshes
3. Post Oak Savannah
4. Blackland Prairies
5. Cross Timbers and Prairies
6. South Texas Plains
7. Edwards Plateau
8. Rolling Plains
9. High Plains
10. Trans-Pecos, Mountains and Basins
What Isn’t Native?

Exotic invasive plants

Chinese tallow

Chinaberry

Japanese honeysuckle
What Isn’t Native?

Exotic adapted plants

Mexican bush sage

‘New Gold’ Lantana

Pink skullcap
What Isn’t Native?

Exotic Wildflowers

Larkspur

Cosmos

Cornflower
Naturalistic Gardens
Formal and Stylized Gardens
Plants for Special Situations
Habiturf

- Buffalograss
- Blue grama
- Curly mesquite
Native grasses are better at keeping out weeds than bermudagrass.

A mixture of native grasses can have over twice the leaf density than bermudagrass.
Trees
Hedges
Vines
Herbaceous Borders
Seed Silo Garden
Shady Gardens
Shady Xeric Gardens
Rain Gardens
Native Edibles
Container Gardens
Native Bonsai
Spring Plant Sale 2015

Saturday April 11, 9:00-5:00
Sunday April 12, 12:00-5:00

Members Only Preview Sale
Friday April 10, 9:00-5:00

See our plant list on our website: www.wildflower.org
“This is how we make our gardens here, these are the plants that tell us we are home.”

David Fross