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Greetings September Native Plant Lovers!

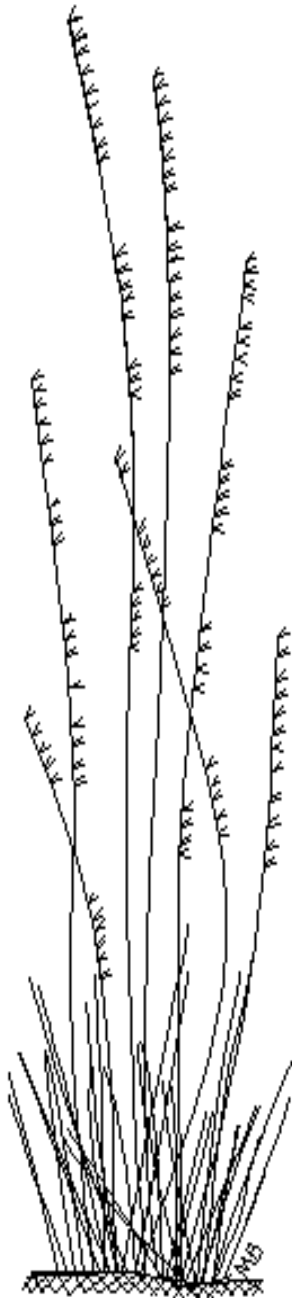
Hello fall rains! Folks, this is your chance to plant any seeds that like to be fall germinated. The rain that is in our forecast is a good chance for getting seeds to root well. Remember, several wildflowers take root now, and grow during our winter. Please see the list on the following page.

I mentioned how to get Gayfeather, *Liatris* growing in our last newsletter, but what I neglected to mention is that there is a gayfeather for just about any situation you would have in Texas. Make sure that you are planting the correct one for your particular garden. In Dallas County we have three that are associated with this area: *Liatris aestivalis*, *L. glandulosa*, and *L. mucronata*. *Liatris mucronata*, known as Narrow Leaf Blazing Star or Cusp Blazing Star is the one you can easily get seed for as it has been identified for a longer period of time. It grows in dry to medium soil with superior drainage and full sun. It sinks deep roots, so you won't be able to move it around if you don't like its location. If you are growing it from seed, you should be able to safely move it to a more desirable location if need be, once it has several leaves, but before it becomes an established clump. As it blooms in the fall it is a great plant for monarch butterflies heading south.

Now that we are in September, I need to remind you that there is no meeting this month and we also will not be at the Garland Healthy Living Expo. Unfortunately, we were not able to get a booth in time.

The good news is that we will be meeting on October 16th and it will be so good to see you all!

Susan Anderson, Chapter President



Sideoats Grama

(*Bouteloua curtipendula*)

Enjoys full sun;

grows two to three feet tall with attractive seed heads on one side of the stem;

attracts birds and butterflies;

Is the state grass of Texas

Wildflowers that Prefer Fall Planting

These perennials (they can have long life-spans and reappear every year) grow well in our soil: Cutleaf Daisy, *Engelmannia pinnatifida*, Greenthread, *Thelesperma filifolium*, Mexican Milkweed, *Asclepias curassavica*, PartridgePea, *Cassia fasciculata*, Purple Prairie Clover, *Dalea purpurea var. purpurea*, Scarlet Sage, *Salvia coccinea*, Showy Butterfly Weed, *Asclepia tuberosa*, Standing Cypress, *Ipomopsis rubra*, Swamp Milkweed, *Asclepias incarnata*, and Wild Foxglove, *Penstemon cobaea*.

Annual wildflowers (they only live one year) that prefer to be sown at this time of year in our neck of the woods: American Basketflower, *Centaurea americana*, Bluebonnet, *Lupinus texensis*, Claspig Leaf Coneflower, *Dracopis amplexicaulis*, Lemon Mint, *Monarda citriodora*, Tahoka Daisy, *Machaeranthera tanacetifolia*, Texas Paintbrush, *casilleja indivisa*, and Texas Yellowstar, *Lindheimera texana*.

Once you have these wildflowers bloom for you, you should be able to continue to have them in the following years as they all tend to reseed. If you don't want volunteers coming up the year following a bloom, then just snip off the dead bloom(s) to prevent seed from forming and sowing itself!

City of Garland Healthy Living Expo 2011

Saturday September 24th, 2011

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

GISD Special Events Center
4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.

Free admission and parking
Entertainment and demonstrations
Health screenings and immunizations
Environmental and conservation exhibits

Hosted by the City of Garland, Baylor Medical Center at Garland,
Garland Independent School District and the Garland Chamber of Commerce



Healthy You!
Healthy Earth!

Saturday, September 24, 2011
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

No Meeting in September!

Our Next Meeting will be in October!

There is no meeting in
September, see everyone
in October.

*Please join us for our meetings
of the NPSOT, Garland Chapter,
this year being held in*

March, April, May, October and November

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Native Plant Society of Texas
P.O. Box 3017
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830/997-9272

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