

Recommended Plant List for North Central Texas



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Shrubs

Common Name	Key					Scientific Name	
	E	D	P	S	B		F
Agarita	E	D			B	F	Mahonia trifoliolata
American Beautyberry			P	S	B	F	Callicarpa americana
Apache Plum	E	D			B	F	Fallugia paradoxa
Autumn Sage		D			B	F	Salvia greggii
Canyon Senna		D				F	Cassia wislizenii
Coralbean		D			B	F	Erythrina herbacea
Coralberry				S	B	F	Symphoricarpos orbiculatus
Dwarf Wax Myrtle	E		P	S	B		Myrica pusilla
Flame Acanthus		D		S	B	F	Anisacanthus quadrifidus wrightii
Fragrant Sumac		D			B	F	Rhus aromatica
Indigo Bush			P		B	F	Amorpha fruticosa
Mountain Sage				S	B	F	Salvia regla
Pale Leaf Yucca	E	D		S	B	F	Yucca pallida
Red Yucca	E	D	P		B	F	Hesperaloe parviflora
Smooth Sumac		D			B	FF	Rhus glabra
Texas Barberry	E	D			B	F	Mahonia swaseyi
Texas Mock Orange						F	Philadelphus texensis
Texas Sage/Cenzio	E	D		S		F	Leucophyllum frutescens
Turk's Cap		D	P	S	B	F	Malvaviscus arboreus drummondii
Virginia Sweetspire			P	S	B	F	Itea virginica
Wax Myrtle	E		P	S	B		Morella cerifera
White Honeysuckle Bush				S	B	F	Lonicera albiflora

Small Trees

Common Name	Key					Scientific Name	
	E	D	P	S	B		F
American Smoke Tree		D			B	FF	Cotinus obovatus
Bigelow Oak		D					Quercus sinuata breviloba
Carolina Buckthorn		D	P	S	B	F	Rhamnus caroliniana
Cherry Laurel	E			S	B		Prunus caroliniana
Desert Willow		D			B	F	Chilopsis linearis
Eastern Red Cedar	E	D			B	F	Juniperus virginiana
Eve's Necklace		D		S		FF	Styphnolobium affine
Goldenball Leadtree		D		S	B	F	Leucaena retusa
Lacey Oak		D				F	Quercus glaucooides
Mexican Buckeye		D		S	B	FF	Ungnadia speciosa
Mexican Plum		D		S	B	FF	Prunus mexicana
Possumhaw			P	S	B	F	* Ilex decidua
Prairie Flame Sumac		D			B	FF	Rhus lanceolata
Roughleaf Dogwood			P	S	B	FF	Cornus drummondii
Rusty Blackhaw				S	B	FF	Viburnum rufidulum
Texas Persimmon		D		S	B		Diospyros texana
Texas Redbud		D		S	B	F	Cercis canadensis texensis
Wright acacia		D			B	F	Acacia wrightii
Yaupon Holly	E		P	S	B	F	Ilex vomitoria

Grasses

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	E	D	P	S	B		F	
Big Bluestem			D	P	B	F	Andropogon gerardii	
Buffalograss			D				Bouteloua dactyloides	
Bushy Bluestem				P	B	F	Andropogon glomeratus	
Eastern Gammagrass				P	S		Tripsacum dactyloides	
Gulf Muhly				P	B	F	Muhlenbergia capillaris	
Indian Grass			D	P	B	F	Sorghastrum nutans	
Inland Sea oats				P	S	B	F	Chasmanthium latifolium
Lindheimer Muhly			D	P	B	F	Muhlenbergia lindheimeri	
Little Bluestem			D		B	FF	Schizachyrium scoparium	
Seep Muhly			D	P	B		Muhlenbergia reverchonii	
Sideoats Grama			D		B	F	Bouteloua curtipendula	
Splitbeard Bluestem			D	P		F	Andropogon ternarius	
Switch Grass				P	B	F	Panicum virgatum	

Groundcovers

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	E	D	P	S	B		F	
Cedar Sage				S	B	F	Salvia roemeriana	
Frogfruit			D	P	S	B	Phyla nodiflora	
Golden Groundsel			D		S	F	Packera obovata	
Horseherb				S			Calyptocarpus vialis	
Lyreleaf Sage	E			P	S	F	Salvia lyrata	
Missouri Violet				S		F	Viola missouriensis	
Pigeon Berry				P	S	B	F	Rivina humilis
White avens			D	P	S	B	Geum canadense	
Wood Fern				S			Thelypteris kunthii	

Shade Trees

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	E	D	P	S	B		F
American Elm			D		B	F	Ulmus americana
Bald Cypress				P		F	Taxodium distichum
Bigtooth Maple						F	Acer grandidentatum
Bur Oak			D				Quercus macrocarpa
Caddo Maple						F	Acer barbatum
Cedar Elm			D	P	B	F	Ulmus crassifolia
Chinquapin Oak			D				Quercus muehlenbergii
Live Oak			E	D			Quercus fusiformis
Loblolly Pine			E				Pinus taeda
Mesquite			D		B	F	Prosopis glandulosa
Pecan					B		Carya illinoensis
Post Oak			D				Quercus stellata
* Shumard Red Oak			D			F	Quercus shumardii
Southern Magnolia			E		S	F	Magnolia grandiflora
Texas Ash			D	P	B	F	Fraxinus albicans
* Texas Red Oak			D			F	Quercus texana

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Garden/Meadow Flowers

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	E	D	P	S	B		F
Barbara's Buttons					B	F	Marshallia caespitosa
Bergamot/Beebalm			P		B	F	Monarda fistulosa
Big Red Sage					B	F	Salvia penstemonoides
Bitterweed			P		B	F	Helenium Amarum
Black Eyed Susan						F	Rudbeckia hirta
Blue Eyed Grass				S		F	Sisyrinchium sp
Blue Flax		D				F	Linum lewisii
Blue Mist Flower				S	B	F	Conoclinium coelestinum
Bluebonnet		D				F	Lupinus texensis
Cardinal Flower			P	S	B	F	Lobelia cardinalis
Cowpen Daisy		D			B	F	Verbesina encelioides
Datura		D			B	F	Datura wrightii
Diamond Petal Primrose		D				F	Oenothera rhombipetala
Engelman Daisy		D			B	F	Engelmannia peristenia
Engelman Sage		D			B	F	Salvia engelmannii
Eryngo		D				F	Eryngium leavenworthii
Fall Obedient Plant			P			F	Physostegia virginiana
Fragrant Ageratina			P	S	B	F	Ageratina havanensis
Fragrant Phlox				S	B	F	Phlox pilosa
Greenthread		D			B	F	Thelesperma filifolium
Gulf Coast Penstemon			P			F	Penstemon tenuis
Halberd Leaf Hibiscus			P			F	Hibiscus laevis
Horsemint		D			B	F	Monarda citriodora
Indian Blanket		D			B	F	Gaillardia pulchella
Indian Paintbrush		D				F	Castilleja indivisa
Maximillian Sunflower			P		B	F	Helianthus maximiliana
Mexican Hat		D			B	F	Ratibida columnifera
Partridge Pea		D	P		B	F	Chamaecrista fasciculata
Pink Evening Primrose					B	F	Oenothera speciosa
Prairie Onion					B	F	Allium stellatum
Prairie Verbena		D			B	F	Glandularia bipinnatifida
Ruellia				S	B	F	Ruellia sp
Scarlet Sage			P	S	B	F	Salvia coccinea
Shrubby Skullcap		D			B	F	Scutellaria drummondii
Skeleton Leaf Goldeneye		D	S		B	F	Viguiera stenoloba
Snow-on-the-prairie		D	P		B	F	Euphorbia bicolor
Spiderwort				S		F	Tradescantia sp
Spring Rain Lily						F	Cooperia pedunculata
Standing Cypress	E	D			B	F	Ipomopsis rubra
Texas Bluebell					B	F	Eustoma exaltatum russellianum
Two-leaved Senna		D			B	F	Senna roemeriana
White Milkwort		D			B	F	Polygala alba
Wild Foxglove						F	Penstemon cobaea

Vines

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	E	D	P	S	B		F	
Carolina Jasmine	E		P	S	B	F	Gelsemium sempervirens	
Climbing Prairie Rose			P		B	F	Rosa setigera	
Coral Honeysuckle				P	S	B	F	Lonicera sempervirens
Crossvine	E		P	S	B	F	Bignonia capreolata	
Passion Flower				P	S	B	F	Passiflora incarnata
Virginia Creeper				P	S	B	F	Parthenocissus quinquefolia

Perennials

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	E	D	P	S	B		F	
Blackfoot Daisy		D			B	F	Melampodium leucanthum	
Butterfly Weed					B	F	Asclepias tuberosa	
Calylophus		D		S		F	Calylophus spp.	
Chile Pequin				P	S	B	Capsicum annuum	
Coreopsis		D			S	B	F	Coreopsis lanceolata
Four-nerve Daisy	E	D			B	F	Tetranneuris scaposa	
Gayfeather		D			B	F	Liatris punctata mucronata	
Gregg's mistflower					S	B	F	Conoclinium greggii
Mealy Blue Sage		D			B	F	Salvia farinacea	
Purple Coneflower					S	B	F	Echinacea spp.
Rockrose		D		S	B	F	Pavonia lasiopetala	
Texas Lantana		D			B	F	Lantana urticoides	
Wild Red Columbine		D			S	B	F	Aquilegia canadensis
Winecup					S	B	F	Callirhoe involucrata
Yellow Columbine	E				S	B	F	Aquilegia spp.
Zexmenia		D		S		F	Wedelia acapulcensis hispida	

North Central Texas Top Ten Invasives

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Japanese honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>
Glossy privet	<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>
Chinese Privet	<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>
Giant reed	<i>Arundo donax</i>
Chinese wisteria	<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>
Vitex chastetree	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>
Nandina	<i>Nandina domestica</i>
Chinaberry tree	<i>Melia azedarach</i>
Chinese tallow tree	<i>Triadica sebifera</i>
Johnson grass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>



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