



Recommended Plant List for North Central Texas

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| Key:
E= Evergreen
D= Drought tolerant | 1 Sun - 6 or more hours of direct sun
2 Part Shade - 3-6 hours of sun, preferably morning sun
3 Shade - 3 hours or less of morning sun | F= Very showy in flower or fruit
L= Showy in fall foliage |
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All flowering plants attract birds, butterflies, or native bees

Shrubs		
Common Name	Key	Scientific Name
Agarita	E D 1,2 F	<i>Alloerberis trifoliolata (Mahonia trifoliolata)</i>
American Beautyberry	2 F	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>
Autumn Sage	D 1 F	<i>Salvia greggii</i>
Beebrush	D 1,2 F	<i>Aloysia gratissima</i>
Black dalea	D 1 F	<i>Dalea frutescens</i>
Buttonbush	P 2,3 F	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>
Climbing Prairie Rose	D 1,2,3 F	<i>Rosa setigera</i>
Coralberry	D 2,3 F	<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>
Dwarf Wax Myrtle	E D P 1,2	<i>Myrica pusilla</i>
False Indigo Bush	P 1,2 F	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>
Flame Acanthus	D 1,2 F	<i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus var. wrightii</i>
Fragrant Sumac	D 1,2 L	<i>Rhus aromatica</i>
Halberd Leaf Hibiscus	P 1,2 F	<i>Hibiscus laevis</i>
Illinois bundleflower	D P 1 F	<i>Desmanthus illinoensis</i>
Pale Leaf Yucca	E D 1,2 F	<i>Yucca pallida</i>
Red Yucca	E D P 1 F	<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>
Rockrose	D 1,2 F	<i>Pavonia lasiopetala</i>
Skeleton Leaf Goldeneye	D 1,2 F	<i>Viguiera stenoloba</i>
Smooth Sumac	D 1,2 L	<i>Rhus glabra</i>
Texas Kidneywood	D 1,2 F	<i>Eysenhardtia texana</i>
Texas Lantana	D 1 F	<i>Lantana urticoides</i>
Texas Sage/Cenizio	E D 1 F	<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>
Turk's Cap	D P 2,3 F	<i>Malvaviscus arboreus var. drummondii</i>
Wax Myrtle	E P 1,2 F	<i>Morella cerifera</i>
White Bush Honeysuckle	1,2 F	<i>Lonicera albiflora</i>
White Mistflower	D P 1,2 F	<i>Ageratina havanensis</i>

Small Trees		
Common Name	Key	Scientific Name
American Smoke Tree	D 1,2 L	<i>Cotinus obovatus</i>
Ashe Juniper	E D 1,2	<i>Juniperus ashei</i>
Carolina Buckthorn	D 2 L	<i>Rhamnus (Frangula) caroliniana</i>
Carolina Cherry Laurel	E 1,2	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>
Desert Willow	D 1 F	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>
Eve's Necklace	D 2 L	<i>Styphnolobium affine</i>
Mexican Buckeye	D 1,2 L	<i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>
Mexican Plum	D 1,2 L	<i>Prunus mexicana</i>
Possumhaw	P 1,2 L	<i>Ilex decidua</i>
Prairie Flame Sumac	D 1 L	<i>Rhus lanceolata</i>
Redbuds	D 1,2 F	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>
Roughleaf Dogwood	P 2,3 L	<i>Swida drummondii (Cornus drummondii)</i>
Rusty Blackhaw	D 2,3 L	<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>
Texas Persimmon	D 1	<i>Diospyros texana</i>
Yaupon Holly	E D P 1,2,3 L	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>

Grasses		
Common Name	Key	Scientific Name
Big Bluestem	D P 1,2 F,L	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>
Buffalograss	D 1	<i>Bouteloua dactyloides</i>
Bushy Bluestem	P 1 L	<i>Anatherum tenuispatheum (Andropogon glomeratus)</i>
Cedar Sedge	E 2 F	<i>Carex planostachys</i>
Cherokee Sedge	E 2 F	<i>Carex cherokeensis</i>
Eastern Gamagrass	E P 1,2 F	<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>
Gulf Muhly	P 1 L	<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>
Indian Grass	D P 1,2 L	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
Inland Seoats	P 3 L	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>
Lindheimer Muhly	D 1 L	<i>Muhlenbergia lindheimeri</i>
Little Bluestem	D 1,2 L	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
Meadow Sedge	E D 1 F	<i>Carex perdentata</i>
Seep Muhly	D P 1 L	<i>Muhlenbergia reverchonii</i>
Sideoats Grama	D 1,2 L	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>
Texas Sedge	E P 1,2 F	<i>Carex texensis</i>

Groundcovers		
Common Name	Key	Scientific Name
Cedar Sage	2 F	<i>Salvia roemeriana</i>
Frogfruit	D P 1,2	<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>
Golden Groundsel	D 2,3 F	<i>Packera obovata</i>
Heart-leaf skullcap	2,3 F	<i>Scutellaria ovata</i>
Horseherb	D 1,2,3	<i>Calyptocarpus vialis</i>
Lyreleaf Sage	P 1,2,3 F	<i>Salvia Lyrata</i>
Missouri Violet	P 2,3 F	<i>Viola missouriensis</i>
Snake Herb	D 1,2 F	<i>Dyschoriste linearis</i>
White avens	D P 2,3	<i>Geum canadense</i>
White yarrow	D 2 F	<i>Achillea millefolium var. occidentalis</i>
Wood Fern	P 2,3	<i>Pelazoneuron kunthii (Thelypteris kunthii)</i>

Shade Trees		
Common Name	Key	Scientific Name
American Elm	D P 1,2 L	<i>Ulmus americana</i>
Bald Cypress	P 1,2 L	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>
Box Elder	D P 1	<i>Acer negundo</i>
Bur Oak	D 1,2,3	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>
Cedar Elm	D P 1 L	<i>Ulmus crassifolia</i>
Chinquapin Oak	D 1,2 L	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>
Eastern Red Cedar	E D 1,2 F	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>
Lacey Oak	D 1,2 L	<i>Quercus glaucoides</i>
Live Oak	E D 1	<i>Quercus fusiformis (Suseptible to Oak wilt)</i>
Loblolly Pine	E P 1,2	<i>Pinus taeda</i>
Pecan	1 F	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>
Shumard Red Oak	D 1,2 L	<i>Quercus shumardii (Suseptible to Oak wilt)</i>
Texas Red Oak	D 1,2 L	<i>Quercus buckleyi (Suseptible to Oak wilt)</i>

Perennials				
Common Name	Key			Scientific Name
Barbara's Buttons	D	1,2	F	Marshallia caespitosa
Bergamot/Beebalm	P	1,2	F	Monarda fistulosa
Big Blue Sage	D	1,2	F	Salvia azurea
Big Red Sage		1,2	F	Salvia penstemonoides
Blackfoot Daisy	D	1	F	Melampodium leucanthum
Blue Eyed Grass	D	1,2	F	Sisyrinchium angustifolium
Blue Flax	D	1	F	Linum lewisii
Blue Mist Flower	P	1,2	F	Conoclinium coelestinum
Cardinal Flower (High Water)	P	2,3	F	Lobelia cardinalis
Chile Pequin	P	1,2,3	F	Capsicum annuum
Datura	D	1,2	F	Datura wrightii
Engelman Daisy	D	1	F	Engelmannia peristenia
Engelman Sage	D	1,2	F	Salvia engelmannii
Fall Aster		1,2	L	Symphotrichum oblongifolium
Fall Obedient Plant	D P	1,2,3	F	Physostegia virginiana
Four-nerve Daisy	D	1,2	F	Tetranneuris scaposa
Frostweed		1,2	F	Verbesina virginica
Gayfeather	D	1	F	Liatris mucronata (Liatris punctata var. mucronata)
Golden Alexander	P	1,2	F	Zizia aurea
Greenthread	D	1	F	Thelesperma filifolium
Gregg's mistflower	D	1,2	F	Conoclinium greggii
Gulf Coast Penstemon	P	1,2	F	Penstemon tenuis
Maximilian Sunflower	D	1	F	Helianthus maximiliani
Mealy Blue Sage	D	1	F	Salvia farinacea
Mexican Hat	D	1	F	Ratibida columnifera
Missouri Evening Primrose	D	1	F	Oenothera macrocarpa
Narrowleaf Conflower	D	1,2	F	Echinacea angustifolia
Pale Purple Coneflower	D	1	F	Echinacea pallida
Pigeonberry	P	2,3	F	Rivina humilis
Pink Evening Primrose	D	1	F	Oenothera speciosa
Prairie Onion	D	2	F	Allium stellatum
Prairie Penstemon	D	1,2	F	Penstemon cobaea
Prairie Phlox	D	1,2	F	Phlox pilosa
Prairie Verbena	D	1,2	F	Glandularia bipinnatifida
Prickly Pear	D	1	F	Opuntia engelmannii var
Purple Coneflower		1,2	F	Echinacea spp.
Purple skullcap	D	1,2	F	Scutellaria wrightii
Rattlesnake Master	D	1	F	Eryngium yuccifolium
Red Columbine	D	1,2	F	Aquilegia canadensis
Scarlet Sage		1,2,3	F	Salvia coccinea
Spiderwort		1,2	F	Tradescantia sp
Sundrops	D	1	F	Oenothera sp (Calylophus berlandieri)
Two-leaved Senna	D	1,2	F	Senna roemeriana
Velvet leaf senna	D	1,2	F	Senna lindheimeriana
Winecup	D	1,2	F	Callirhoe involucrata
Yellow Columbine		2,3	F	Aquilegia chrysantha
Zexmenia	D	1,2	F	Wedelia acapulcensis hispida

Vines				
Common Name	Key			Scientific Name
Carolina Jessamine	E D P	1,2	F	Gelsemium sempervirens
Climbing milkweed vine	D	2	F	Funastrum cynanchoides
Coral Honeysuckle	E D P	2	F	Lonicera sempervirens
Crossvine	E D P	1,2	F	Bignonia capreolata
Maypop Passionflower		P	1,2	Passiflora incarnata
Purple leatherflower	D	1,2		Clematic pitcheri
Virginia Creeper		P	1,2,3	L Parthenocissus quinquefolia
Wooly pipevine			2	Aristolochia tomentosa
Yellow Passionflower			2	L Passiflora lutea

Annuals/Seeds				
American Basketflower	D	1,2	F	Plectocephalus americanus
Bluebonnet	D	1	F	Lupinus texensis
Drummond's Skullcap	D	1	F	Scutellaria drummondii
Eryngo	D	1	F	Eryngium leavenworthii
Firewheel	D	1,2	F	Gaillardia pulchella
Horsemint	D	1,2	F	Monarda citriodora
Partridge Pea	D	1,2	F	Chamaecrista fasciculata
Snow-on-the-prairie	D P	1,2	F	Euphorbia bicolor
Yellow Sneezeweed	D	2	F	Helenium Amarum

Biennials				
Black Eyed Susan	D	1	F	Rudbeckia hirta
Standing Cypress	D	1,2	F	Ipomopsis rubra
Texas Bluebell	P	1	F	Eustoma exaltatum ssp. russellianum

Milkweeds				
Antelope horns	D	1	F	Asclepias asperula
Butterfly weed	D	1	F	Asclepias tuberosa
Green milkweed	D	1	F	Asclepias viridis

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Common Name	Scientific Name
Chinaberry tree	Melia azedarach
Chinese Pistache	Pistacia chinensis
Chinese Privet	Ligustrum sinense
Chinese tallow tree	Triadica sebifera
Chinese wisteria	Wisteria sinensis
Glossy privet	Ligustrum lucidum
Japanese honeysuckle	Lonicera japonica
Nandina (Heavenly bamboo)	Nandina domestica
Red Tip Photinia	Photinia x fraseri
Vitex chastetree (Texas lilac tree)	Vitex agnus-castus

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