

**EXHIBIT “A”**  
**APPROVED LOW WATER PLANT LIST FOR LAREDO**

This composite list consists of plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, perennials, ornamental grasses, trees, and turf grasses that were evaluated by local experts for suitability to Laredo’s climate, type of soil, and salinity. This list was approved by the City of Laredo Utilities Department for adoption as part of the Water Conservation Ordinance.

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**ANNUALS**

Common Names	Scientific Name	Comments
Common Sunflower	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Fast grow; edible seeds; oil
Cowpen Daisy*	<i>Verbesina enceliodes</i>	Flowerbeds; bird food
Globe Amaranth, Bachelor’s Button	<i>Gomphrena globosa</i>	Flowers good for cutting
<b>Indian Blanket</b>	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	Attractive to bees, butterflies, and birds
<b>Indian Paintbrush</b>	<i>Castilleja indivisa</i>	Showy annual
Mexican Zinnia	<i>Zinnia mexicana</i>	Attractive to bees, butterflies, and birds
Pennsylvania Smartweed	<i>Persicaria pensylvanica laevigata</i>	High ecological value to birds, moths, butterflies, and other insects
<b>Plains Coreopsis, Goldenwave</b>	<i>Coreopsis Tinctoria</i>	Bright, showy flowers
Prairie Sunflower	<i>Helianthus petiolaris</i>	Drought, disease tolerant; edible, true seeds
Rose Moss	Moss Rose, <i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>	Colorful flowers
<b>Texas Bluebonnet*</b>	<i>Lupinus texensis</i>	Spring flowers
Red Gomphrena	<i>Gomphrena haageana</i>	Rock gardens; showy flowers; attracts butterflies

**CACTI**

Common Names	Scientific Name	Comments
Barrel Cactus*	<i>Ferocactus wislizeni</i>	Food source; scaly yellow fruit; barrel shaped, solitary, rot prone
Cholla Tree	<i>Opuntia imbricata</i>	Long-lasting yellowish fruits; edible pads; numerous barbed glochids
<b>Dumpling Cactus*</b>	<i>Mammillaria runyonii</i>	Rock gardens
Engelman’s Prickly Pear	<i>Opuntia engelmannii</i>	Major wildlife food/shelter source

Common Names	Scientific Name	Comments
<b>Fishhook Cactus*</b>	Echinocactus scheeri	Accent plant; rock gardens
<b>Nipple Cactus, Biznaga de Chilitos*</b>	Mammillaria heyderi	Bird food; rock gardens
<b>Rat-Tail Cactus*</b>	Wilcoxia poselgeri	Background plant; rock gardens
<b>Strawberry Cactus*</b>	Echinocereus enneacanthus	Accent plant; rock gardens; purple flowers; edible fruit
<b>Texas Prickly Pear, Nopal Prickly Pear, Lindheimer Prickly Pear</b>	Opuntia engelmannii var. lindheimeri	Used extensively for food

## GRASS

### *Ornamental*

Common Name	Scientific Name	Type	Comments
Annual Fountain Grass	Pennisetum setaceum	Annual	Accent plant; annual border
<b>Big Bluestem</b>	Andropogon gerardii	Perennial	Finger-like flowering branches
<b>Big Sacaton</b>	Sporobolus wrightii	Evergreen	Accent; rocky slopes
<b>Common Curly Mesquite</b>	Hilaria belangeri		Grayish-green; potential turf grass; erosion control
Dwarf Pampas Grass	Cortaderia selloana (Pumila)	Evergreen	Showy white/yellow; drought tolerant; razor sharp leaves
Fountain Grass	Pennisetum ruppelii	Perennial	
<b>Little Bluestem*</b>	Schizachyrium scoparium	Perennial	Wildlife food
Muhly Grass	Muehlenbergia lindheimeri	Perennial	Fall color, showy foliage; bunchgrass
Pampas Grass	Cortaderia selloana	Evergreen	Deep green, razor sharp leaves
Perennial Fountain Grass	Pennisetum alopecuroides	Evergreen	Rock gardens or to plant in front of a border or bed
Purple Autumn Grass	Miscanthus sinensis	Evergreen	Summer flowering season
<b>Sideoats Grama*</b>	Bouteloua curtipendula	Semi-deciduous	Extremely drought tolerant; distinctive inflorescence

### *Turf*

Common Name	Scientific Name	Comments
Bermuda Grass	Cynodon dactylon	Drought tolerant; poor shade tolerance
<b>Buffalo Grass</b>	Buchloe dactyloides	Drought tolerant; poor shade tolerance
Zoysia Grass	Zoysia species	Drought tolerant; dense; slow grower

## GROUND COVER

Common Name	Scientific Name	Type	Comments
Ajuga	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Evergreen	Compact, dense mat; attracts bumblebees
Asiatic Jasmine	<i>Trachelospermum asiaticum</i>	Evergreen	Green or variegated foliage
Bouncing Bet	<i>Sapinara officinalis</i>	Perennial	Soap properties; poisonous; white or pink flowers
Creeping Juniper	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	Evergreen	Dense shrub
<b>Feather Dalea</b>	<i>Dalea formosa</i>	Semi-evergreen	Spectacular when in bloom; low border
Liriope	<i>Liriope muscari</i>	Evergreen	As a border, controls erosion
Mexican Sage	<i>Salvia leucantha</i>	Evergreen	Attracts hummingbirds; deer resistant
Santolina	<i>Santolina sp.</i>	Evergreen	Silver gray foliage; button-like yellow flowers; aromatic
Showy Stonecrop Sedum	<i>Sedum spectabile</i>	Deciduous	Rock garden; large pink flowers in summer
Trailing Indigo Blue	<i>Dalea greggi</i>	Evergreen	Hardy; purple flowers in summer; attracts bees
Vinca	<i>Vinca major</i>	Evergreen	Shiny green foliage; profuse periwinkle flowers
Wintercreeper Euonymus	<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	Evergreen	Variable use as groundcover, clinging vine or small shrub

## PERENNIALS

Common Names	Scientific Name	Type	Comments
Awnless Bush Sunflower	<i>Simsia calva</i>	Deciduous	Flowering year round. Can grow in heavy clay soils
Baby Sun/ Sunray Coreopsis*	<i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i>	Evergreen	Daisy-like golden blooms
Bearded Iris	<i>Iris xiphioides</i>	Bulb	Bulbous flower; variety of colors
Blue Plumbago	<i>Plumbago auriculata</i>	Evergreen	Mounded shrub; resilient
Daylily	<i>Hemerocallis sp.</i>	Semi-evergreen	Adaptable; easy grow; edible
<b>Devil Weed, Spiny Aster*</b>	<i>Leucosyris spinosa</i>	Deciduous	Rock gardens; accent plant
<b>Eastern Coral Bean, Corolillo*</b>	<i>Erythrina herbacea</i>	Deciduous	Showy flowers; attracts hummingbirds
<b>Engelmann Daisy</b>	<i>Engelmannia peristenia</i>	Evergreen	Yellow flowers

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Foxglove	<i>Cobaea penstemon</i>	Deciduous	Food for Wildlife/Livestock
<b>Frog Fruit, Turre Hembre*</b>	<i>Phyla strigillosa</i>	Evergreen	Also used as groundcover
Garden Canna (Canna x generalis)	<i>Canna x generalis</i>	Evergreen	Yellow, red, pink, salmon
Goldsturm Rudbeckia	<i>Rudbeckia x goldsturm</i>	Semi-evergreen	Golden-yellow flowers
<b>Heart Leaf Hibiscus, Tulipan del Monte</b>	<i>Hibiscus cardiophyllus</i>	Evergreen	Attracts bees, butterflies, and birds
<b>Heath Aster</b>	<i>Aster ericoides</i>	Deciduous	White with yellow centers
Hinckley's Columbine	<i>Aquilegia hinckleyana</i>	Evergreen	Yellow flowers
<b>Leather Stem, Sangre de Drago, Rubber Plant*</b>	<i>Jatropha dioica</i>	Deciduous	Accent plant
Louisiana Iris	<i>Iris fulva</i> x, <i>Iris giganticaerulea</i> x, <i>Iris foliosa</i>	Evergreen	Year-round; drought tolerant; can be used as pond plant
<b>Mealy Blue Sage, Mealy Cup Sage</b>	<i>Salvia farinacea</i>	Deciduous	Borders, meadows, mixtures; attractive to bees, butterflies, and birds; deer resistant
Mexican Mint Marigold	<i>Tagetes lucida</i>	Deciduous	Attracts birds; fall bloom
Mexican Primrose	<i>Oenothera speciosa</i>	Evergreen	Delicately fragrant white primroses; invasive
Monkey Grass	<i>Ophiopogon japonica</i>	Evergreen	
Moonbeam/Zagreb Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis certicillata</i>	Deciduous	Long blooming
Pavonia	<i>Pavonia lasiopetala</i>	Semi-evergreen	Hibiscus-like pink/rose colored flowers
Perennial Verbena	<i>Verbena</i> sp.	Semi-Evergreen	Attracts butterflies, insects, and birds
Pink Rain Lily	<i>Zephyranthes grandiflora</i>	Semi-deciduous bulbs	Blooms large rose pink flowers after a heavy rainfall
<b>Red Yucca</b>	<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	Evergreen	Accent plant; attracts hummingbirds
Sago Palm	<i>Cycas revoluta</i>	Evergreen	
<b>Saladillo*</b>	<i>Varilla texana</i>	Evergreen	Yellow flower; cactus gardens
Society Garlic	<i>Tulbaghia violacea</i>	Evergreen	Violet flowers; narrow leaves; onion fragrance.
Sweet Violet	<i>Viola odorata</i>	Semi-Evergreen	Violet flowers; heart-shaped leaves

Common Names	Scientific Name	Type	Comments
<b>Upright Prairie Coneflower, Mexican Hat</b>	Ratibida columnifera	Deciduous	Deer-resistant; long leafless stalks bearing red-yellow/brown flowers
White Rain Lily	Zephyranthes candida	Evergreen	Rock gardens
White Sage	Artemisia ludoviciana	Evergreen	Hairy leaves; small gray-yellow flowers in summer
<b>Wild Petunia*</b>	Ruellia, Ruellia nudiflora	Deciduous	Aggressive; good background

## TREES

*Deciduous (S - 15-25 ft; M - 25-40 ft; L - over 40 ft)*

Common Names	Scientific Name	Size	Comments
<b>Bald Cypress</b>	Taxodium distichum	L	Conifer with fall color
<b>Berlandier Ash</b>	Fraxinus berlandierana	M	Gray-green to bright-green foliage
<b>Berlandier Fiddlewood, Negrito*</b>	Citharexylum berlandieri	S	Gnarled trunk
<b>Bur Oak</b>	Quercus macrocarpa	L	Bold foliage; huge acorns
<b>Cedar Elm, Olmo</b>	Ulmus crassifolia	M-L	Fall color
Chinese Parasol Tree	Firmiana simplex	L	Shade tree; specimen
Chinese Pistache	Pistacia chinensis	L	Spreading canopy; fall color
<b>Chinkapin Oak</b>	Quercus muehlenbergii	L	Compact shade tree
Common Crape Myrtle	Lagerstroemia indica	S	Showy flowers
Common Fig	Ficus carica	S	Edible fruit
<b>Desert Willow, Mimbre</b>	Chilopsis lineraris	S	Attracts Hummingbirds
Fan d'Arc Osage Orange	Maclura pomifera 'Fan d'Arc'	S	Improved fruitless selection
Goldenrain Tree	Koelreuteria paniculata, K. bipinnata	M	Showy flowers and seed pods
<b>Gum Bumelia, Coma, Woolybucket Bumelia</b>	Sideroxylon lanuginosum	S-M	Showy flowers
Honey Locust	Gleditsia triacanthos	L	Thornless varieties available
<b>Honey Mesquite*</b>	Prosopis glandulosa	M	Wildlife food
Jacaranda	Jacaranda mimosifolia	L	Poisonous if ingested
Japanese Persimmon	Diospyros kaki	S	Large red or orange edible astringent fruit
<b>Jerusalem-Thorn, Retama, Lluvia de Oro, Crown of Thorns*</b>	Parkinsonia aculeata	S	Wildlife food
Kentucky Coffee Tree	Gymnocladus dioicus	L	Upright tree; fine textured foliage

Common Names	Scientific Name	Size	Comments
<b>La Coma, Caimito</b>	<i>Sideroxylon celastrina</i>	S	Wildlife food; nesting for birds
Lace Bark Elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	L	Showy exfoliating bark
<b>Lacey Oak</b>	<i>Quercus glaucoides</i>	S-M	Peachy leaves in spring turning Blue-green and back to peach in fall
<b>Mexican Buckeye</b>	<i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>	M	Mottled gray/brown bark, poisonous seeds
<b>Mexican Plum</b>	<i>Prunus mexicana</i>	S	Fall color
Mexican Sycamore	<i>Platanus mexicana</i>	L	Adapted to dry, rocky, alkaline soils
<b>Montezuma Bald Cypress, Sabino, Ahuehuete</b>	<i>Taxodium mucronatum</i>	L	Specimen tree; frequently cultivated in parks and gardens
Pecan	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	L	Produces edible pecan nuts
Pomegranate	<i>Punica granatum</i>	M	Edible: Fruit, leaves, seeds
<b>Redbud</b>	<i>Cercis</i> sp.	S-M	Heart-shaped leaves; reddish-purple buds
<b>Rough Leaf Dogwood</b>	<i>Cornus drummondii</i>	M	Attracts butterflies
Royal Paulownia, Empress Tree	Royal Paulownia, Empress Tree ( <i>Paulownia tomentosa</i> )	M-L	Heart-shaped leaves; showy violet flowers
<b>Soapberry, Western Soapberry, Jaboncillo *</b>	<i>Sapindus drummondii</i>	M-L	Shade tree; large yellow cluster flowers
Staghorn Sumac	<i>Rhus typhina</i>	S	Brilliant fall color; clusters of small red fruit
<b>Sugar Hackberry, Palo Blanco, Southern Hackberry*</b>	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	L	Shade; wildlife food
<b>Texas Paloverde, Paloverde</b>	<i>Parkinsonia texana</i>	S	Attractive clusters of yellow flowers
<b>Texas Persimmon, Chapote, Mexican Persimmon*</b>	<i>Diospyrus texana</i>	S	Wildlife food
<b>Texas Pistache</b>	<i>Pistacia texana</i>	S	Wildlife food
<b>Texas Red Oak</b>	<i>Quercus buckleyi</i> , <i>Quercus texana</i>	S-M	Fall color; reddish-brown acorns
<b>Texas Redbud</b>	<i>Cercis canadensis</i> var. <i>texensis</i>	S	Showy magenta flowers
Vitex, Chaste Tree	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	S	Aromatic; showy summertime flowers
<b>Wright Acacia, Uña de Gato</b>	<i>Acacia wrightii</i>	M	Wildlife food

Evergreen (S – 15-25 ft; M – 26-40 ft; L – over 40 ft)

Common Names	Scientific Name	Size	Comments
Afghan Pine	<i>Pinus eldarica</i>	L	Windbreak
Aleppo Pine	<i>Pinus halapensis</i>	L	Short needles, massive lateral branches
<b>Anacahuite, Anacahuita, Mexican Olive Tree*</b>	<i>Cordia boissieri</i>	S	Flowers most of the year
Arizona Cypress	<i>Cupressus arizonica</i>	M-L	Conifer; pyramidal
Bay Laurel	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	S-M	Aromatic evergreen tree
Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	L	Fragrant white flowers
Canaert Redcedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	M	Compact; pyramidal
Chinese Juniper	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	S-L	Popular evergreen; gardens/parks
Chinese Photinia	<i>Photinia serratifolia</i> , <i>Photinia serrulata</i>	M	Hedge/privacy screen
Cork Oak	<i>Quercus suber</i>	L	Leathery/ovate to elliptical
Deodar Cedar	<i>Cedros deodora</i>	L	Silver-green color
<b>Escarpment Live Oak</b>	<i>Quercus fusiformis</i> , <i>Quercus virginiana</i> var. <i>fusiformis</i>	M	Shade tree
<b>Huisache</b>	<i>Acacia minuata</i> , <i>A. farnesiana</i> , <i>A. smallii</i>	M	Intensely fragrant
Italian Cypress	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	L	Tall, dark green columns
Italian Stone Pine	<i>Pinus pinea</i>	L	
Japanese Black Pine	<i>Pinus thunbergii</i>	S	Rounded small tree; adapted to alkaline soils
Japanese Ligustrum	<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	M-L	Fast growing
Japanese Loquat	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	M	Fragrant flowers. Seed is poisonous if ingested
<b>Live Oak</b>	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	L	Shade tree
<b>Mexican Ponciana, Tabachin del Monte, Mexican Caesalpinia</b>	<i>Caesalpinia mexicana</i>	S	Attracts hummingbirds
Mexican White Oak, Monterrey Oak	<i>Quercus polymorpha</i>	L	Hardy; resistant to oak wilt
Nellie R. Stevens Holly	<i>Ilex</i>	S	Broadleaf, specimen, red berry
<b>Pinyon Pine, Mexican Pinyon</b>	<i>Pinus cembroides</i>	L	Rounded cones with thick scales
<b>Sandpaper Tree, Anaqua *</b>	<i>Ehretia anacua</i>	M-L	White flower clusters
<b>Southern Waxmyrtle</b>	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	S	Olive green leaves; specimen tree
<b>Texas Ebony, Ebano*</b>	<i>Pithecellobium ebano</i> , <i>P. flexicaule</i>	M	Bird nesting

Common Names	Scientific Name	Size	Comments
<b>Texas Mountain Laurel, Mescalbean*</b>	<i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	S	Showy fragrant purple leaves
Variegated Pittosporum	<i>Pittosporum tobira variegata</i>	S	Glossy gray-green leaves; small white flowers

*Palm Trees (S- up to 10 ft; L - over 10 ft)*

Common Names	Scientific Name	Size	Comments
California Washingtonia, California Fan Palm, Petticoat Palm	<i>Washingtonia filifera</i>	L	Fan-leafed, full-sun elliptical black fruit "berries"
Dwarf Palmetto	<i>Sabal minor</i>	S	Trunkless or short trunk; fan-like leaves
Mexican Fan Palm (Washingtonia robusta)	Mexican Fan Palm (Washingtonia robusta)	L	100 ft. tall
Palmetto Palm	Sabal Palmetto	L	Salt and frost tolerant
<b>Texas Palmetto, Texas Sabal, Palma de Macharos, Texas Palmetto, Sabal Palm*</b>	<i>Sabal texana</i> , <i>Sabal mexicana</i>	L	Only native Texas palm; tall columnar palm; shiny green to yellowish leaves

## SHRUBS

*Dwarf (under 3 ft)*

Common Names	Scientific Name	Leaf Type	Comments
<b>Calderona, Ratany*</b>	<i>Krameria ramosissima</i>	Deciduous	Densely branched shrub
<b>Dwarf Yaupon Holly</b>	<i>Ilex vomitoria nana</i>	Deciduous to Evergreen	Asymmetrical, dense, rounded
<b>False Broomweed, Monte de Conejo*</b>	<i>Ericameria austrotexana</i>	Deciduous	Aromatic, invasive
<b>Fern Acacia</b>	<i>Acacia angustissima</i>	Deciduous	Thornless shrub or small tree
Japanese Garden Juniper	<i>Juniperus procumbens</i>	Evergreen	Tough; many varieties
<b>Purple Coneflower, Black Sampson</b>	<i>Echinacea angustifolia</i>	Deciduous	Borders, meadows, butterfly gardens; used medicinally

*Small (3-5 ft)*

Common Names	Scientific Name	Type	Comments
<b>Apache Plume</b>	<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Semi-evergreen	White rose flowers
<b>Autumn Sage*</b>	<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Semi-evergreen	Mounds; many flower colors
Catclaw Sensitive Briar	<i>Schrankia nuttallii</i>	Perennial	Vine-like; curved briars; wildlife food



Common Names	Scientific Name	Type	Comments
Cottoneasters	Cotoneaster, Rosaceae	Evergreen	Bird food
<b>Desert Lantana*</b>	Lantana macropoda	Deciduous	Aromatic
<b>Dwarf Burford Holly</b>	Ilex cornuta rotunda burfordii	Evergreen	Glossy green foliage
Dwarf Chinese Holly	Ilex cornuta rotunda	Evergreen	Glossy green foliage
Dwarf Pittosporum	Pittosporum tobira wheeleri	Evergreen	Glossy dark green leaves
<b>False Mesquite</b>	Calliandra conferta	Semi-evergreen	Showy blooms; airy foliage
<b>Flame Acanthus</b>	Anisacanthus quadrifidus var. wrightii	Deciduous	Red or orange blooms; attracts hummingbirds
Flowering Quince	Chaenomeles japonica	Deciduous	Spring blooming (red, pink, white or orange)
<b>Germander Wood Sage*</b>	Teucrium canadense	Evergreen	Pink and white flowers; dry shady gardens
Indian Hawthorne	Raphiolepis indica	Evergreen	Spring flowering; blue berries in fall
Inland Ceanothus	Ceanothus ovatus	Deciduous	Rounded and dense with upright stems
Japanese Boxwood	Buxus japonica	Evergreen	
<b>Knife-Leaf Condalia, Costilla*</b>	Condalia spathulata	Evergreen	Wildlife food
<b>Lantana, Hierba de Cristo</b>	Lantana urticoides	Deciduous	Wildlife food; aromatic; showy flowers
<b>Mexican Fiddlewood, Boxthorn Fiddlewood*</b>	Citharexylum brachyanthum	Deciduous	Bird cover and food
Mexican Oregano	Poliomintha longiflora	Semi-Evergreen	Semi-woody; used for culinary purposes
Nandina Compact	Nandina Domestica Compacta	Evergreen	Reddish foliage and red fall berries
Prostrate Rosemary	Rosmarinus officinalis	Evergreen	Groundcover; attractive to bees, butterflies, and birds
Rosemary	Rosmarinus officinalis	Evergreen	Fragrant blue flowers
<b>Rouge-Plant, Coralito, Pigeonberry*</b>	Rivina humilis	Evergreen	Ground cover; showy red berries; bird food
Tea Rose	Rosa adorata	Deciduous	Long blooming; pest resistant; variety
<b>Thrysus Dalea*</b>	Dalea scandens	Evergreen	Compact and upright with showy yellow flowers
<b>Tropical Sage, Mirto, Scarlet Sage*</b>	Salvia coccinea	Evergreen	Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies; red/pink blooms
<b>Vine Ephedrine, Popote, Mormon Tea*</b>	Ephedra antisypilitica	Evergreen	Green, yellow-green or gray stems appear leafless

*Medium (6-10 ft)*

Common Names	Scientific Name	Type	Comments
<b>Agarito, Palo Amarillo*</b>	Mahonia trifoliata	Evergreen	Bird food
<b>Anacacho Orchid Tree</b>	Bauhinia congesta	Semi-Evergreen	White flower clusters
<b>Apes-Earring, Tenaza*</b>	Pithecellobium pallens	Evergreen	Fragrant white flowers
<b>Barbados Cherry, Manzanita*</b>	Malpighia glabra	Evergreen	Pink flowers; red fruit
<b>Berlandier Mimosa, Espina de Vaca*</b>	Mimosa berlandieri	Deciduous	Accent plant; wildlife food
<b>Blackbrush, Chaparro Prieto*</b>	Acacia rigidula	Deciduous	Fragrant
<b>Blue Sage, Mejorana*</b>	Salvia ballotaeflora	Deciduous	Accent plant; herb gardens
Bridal Wreath Spirea	Spirea cantoniensis, S. reevesiana	Deciduous	White, showy flowers
<b>Brushy Lippia*</b>	Lippia alba	Deciduous	Aromatic; medicinal
<b>Bush Holly, Coronilla*</b>	Xylosma flexuosa	Evergreen	Whitish, nectar-filled flowers
<b>Catclaw Acacia, Uña de Gato*</b>	Acacia greggii	Deciduous	Wildlife food; rock garden
<b>Cenizo, Purple Sage*</b>	Leucophyllum frutescens	Semi-evergreen	Showy flowers; butterfly food
<b>Chilipiquin*</b>	Capsicum annuum	Deciduous	Wildlife food
China Rose	Rosa chinensis	Deciduous	Various flower colors
<b>Common Beebush, Vara Dulce, Whitebrush*</b>	Aloysia gratissima	Deciduous	Delicate; fragrant white flower
<b>Coyotillo*</b>	Karwinskia humboldtiana	Evergreen	Spineless, woody; toxic
<b>Creosote Bush, Gobernadora*</b>	Larrea tridentata	Evergreen	Attracts hummingbirds
<b>Desert Olive, Chaparral Blanco, Panaleo, Narrowleaf Forestiera*</b>	Forestiera angustifolia	Evergreen	Wildlife food
<b>Desert Yaupon, Capul*</b>	Schaefferia cuneifolia	Evergreen	Wildlife food
Dwarf Pomegranate	Punica granatum	Deciduous	Orange flowers
<b>Dwarf Waxmyrtle</b>	Myrica pumilla	Evergreen	Aromatic
Eleagnus	Eleagnus fruitlandi	Evergreen	Grayish-green foliage
<b>Esperanza (Yellow Bells)</b>	Tecoma stans var. angustatum	Deciduous	Showy yellow flowers
<b>Four-wing Saltbrush, Costillas de Vaca*</b>	Atriplex canescens	Evergreen	Wildlife food

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Glossy Abelia	<i>Abelia grandiflora</i>	Evergreen	Bronze foliage and white flowers
<b>Goatbush, Amargosa, All-thorn Goat-Bush*</b>	<i>Castela erecta, texana</i>	Perennial	Wildlife cover; medicinal
Gray Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster glaucophylla</i>	Evergreen	Sprawling shrub; dusty gray foliage
Heavenly Bamboo	<i>Nandina</i>	Evergreen	Reddish foliage and red fall berries
<b>Hog Plum, Texas Colubrina*</b>	<i>Colubrina texensis</i>	Deciduous	Wildlife food; fragrant blooms
<b>Indigo Bush</b>	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	Deciduous	Windbreak; insect repellent; stunning purple/orange flowers
Italian Jasmine	<i>Jasminum humile</i>	Evergreen	Sprawling; yellow summer flowers
<b>Lotebush, Clepe*</b>	<i>Ziziphus obtusifolia</i>	Deciduous	Wildlife food
Mermaid Rose	<i>Rosa x bracteaeta</i>	Semi-deciduous	Fragrant, pale yellow flowers; vigorous climber; pest resistant
<b>Mountain Sage, Royal Sage</b>	<i>Salvia regia</i>	Deciduous	Full blooming, attracts hummingbirds
Pride of Barbados	<i>Poinciana pulcherrima</i>	Deciduous	Attractive to bees, butterflies, and birds
Primrose Jasmine	<i>Jasminum mesnyi</i>	Evergreen	Lemon-yellow, unscented flowers
Rockrose	<i>Cistus</i>	Deciduous	Pink or purple flowers
Rose of Sharon Shrub Althea	<i>Hibiscus syriacas</i>	Deciduous	Variety of edible flowers
<b>Snake-Eyes, Putina*</b>	<i>Phaulothamnus spinescens</i>	Deciduous	Transparent, eye-like fruit; good bird cover
<b>Soapbush, Guayacan*</b>	<i>Guajacum angustifolium</i>	Evergreen	Showy purple flower
<b>Southwest Bernardia, Oreja de Raton*</b>	<i>Bernardia myricifolia</i>	Semi-evergreen	Bird food; unusual foliage
<b>Texas Colubrina, Guayule, Hog Plum</b>	<i>Colubrina texensis</i>	Deciduous	Wildlife food
<b>Texas Kidneywood, Vara Dulce*</b>	<i>Eysenhardtia texana</i>	Deciduous to Semi-deciduous	Wildlife food
<b>Texas Torchwood, Chapotillo*</b>	<i>Amyris texana</i>	Evergreen	Aromatic
<b>Tree Morning Glory*</b>	<i>Ipomoea carnea fistulosa</i>	Deciduous	Profuse flowers

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Vanhoutte Spirea	Spiraea x vanhouttei	Deciduous	Profuse white flowers; rounded-top fountain shape
<b>Willow Leaf Heimia, Hachinal*</b>	Heimia salicifolia	Deciduous	Yellow flowers; medicinal
Winter Honeysuckle	Lonicera fragrantissimo	Deciduous	Fragrant; white flower clusters in winter
<b>Wolfberry, Tomatillo</b>	Lycium berlandieri	Deciduous	Leafless until winter; blue, lavender or white flowers; wildlife food
Yellow Plumbago	Galphimia glauca, Thryallis glauca	Evergreen	Forms a dense and twiggy mass covered in light green oblong leaves

*Large (over 10 ft)*

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<b>All Thorn</b>	Koeberlinia spinosa	Deciduous	Green spine-tipped branches
American Holly	Ilex opaca	Evergreen	Pyramidal; spine-tipped leaves
<b>Baretta*</b>	Helietta parvifolia	Evergreen	Endangered species
<b>Berlandier Acacia*</b>	Guajillo, Acacia berlandieri	Semi-Evergreen	Fragrant flowers
<b>Brasil, Capul Negro, Bluewood*</b>	Condalia hookeri	Evergreen	Wildlife food
<b>Cameron Forestiera*</b>	Forestiera texana	Deciduous	
Common Oleander	Nerium oleander	Evergreen	Ornamental; poisonous; Summer blooming; many colors available
<b>Evergreen Sumac*</b>	Rhus virens sempervirens	Evergreen	Edible/fruit drink; fall color
Firebush	Hamelia patens	Evergreen	Attracts hummingbirds
Fraser Photinia	Photinia x fraseri	Evergreen	Red new foliage
Green Pittosporum	Pittosporum Tobira	Evergreen	
Lady Banksia	Rosa banksia	Evergreen	Yellow or white single flowers
Lime Prickly Ash, Uña de Gato	Zanthoxylum fagara	Evergreen	Attractive to bees, butterflies, and birds
<b>Littleleaf Sumac, Correosa, Desert Sumac</b>	Rhus microphylla	Deciduous	Rounded dense shrub; bird food
<b>Mexican Redbud</b>	Cercis canadensis var. mexicana	Deciduous	Fragrant flower

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Ocotillo	<i>Fouquieria splendens</i>	Deciduous	Velvet texture with sharp spines
Oriental Arborvitae	<i>Platycladus orientalis</i>	Evergreen	Dense, conical shape
Possumhaw	<i>Ilex decidua</i>	Deciduous	Widest ranging of all Texas hollies; adapts to wide range of soil conditions
Quihoui Privet	<i>Ligustrum quihoui</i>	Deciduous	White flowers; round blue-black fruit
<b>Roemer Acacia</b>	<i>Acacia Roemeriana</i>	Deciduous	White balls of fragrant white flowers; pinkish flat beans
Rose of Sharon, Shrub Althea	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>	Deciduous	Large colorful flowers
<b>Spiny Hackberry, Granejeno*</b>	<i>Celtis pallida</i>	Evergreen	Wildlife food; green/white flowers
<b>Texas Mulberry</b>	<i>Morus microphylla</i>	Deciduous	
<b>Texas Pistache</b>	<i>Pistacia texana</i>	Evergreen	Small shiny leaves; seeds in clusters
<b>Texas Randia, Crucillo*</b>	<i>Randia aculeata</i>	Evergreen	Exuberantly fragrant flowers
<b>Twisted Acacia, Huisachillo*</b>	<i>Acacia schaffneri</i>	Evergreen	Dense; wildlife food
Waxleaf Ligustrum	<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>	Evergreen	Attractive foliage; spring flowers (unpleasant perfume)
<b>White-Thorn Acacia</b>	<i>Acacia constricta</i>	Deciduous	White thorns; yellow aromatic puffball flowers
<b>Willow Leaf Heimia, Hachinal*</b>	<i>Heimia salicifolia</i>	Deciduous	Small dark green leaves; yellow flowers
Windmill Palm	<i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>	Evergreen	Accent tree
<b>Yaupon, Youpon Holly*</b>	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	Evergreen	Bird food; showy fruit
Yellow Bird of Paradise	<i>Caesalpinia gilliesii</i>	Evergreen	Attracts hummingbirds

## SUCCULENTS

Common Names	Scientific Name	Comments
Century Plant	<i>Agave americana</i>	Wildlife; sharp-pointed spines
Hen And Chicks	<i>Sempervivum</i> spp.	Rock Gardens
<b>Maguay Cenizo, Rough Leaved Agave *</b>	<i>Agave scabra</i>	Accent plant; spiny, rough leaves
<b>Oreja de Perro, Woolly or Woody Crinklemat*</b>	<i>Tiquillia canescens</i>	Cactus garden; woolly upper stems and woody lower stems; pink flowers
<b>Sotol, Desert Spoon</b>	<i>Dasyliirion leiophyllum</i>	Accent plant
<b>Spanish Dagger, Yucca, Palma Pita*</b>	<i>Yucca treculeana</i>	Accent plant; straight/stiff leaves; wildlife food source
Variegated Maguay*	<i>Agave americana</i> var. <i>milleri</i> forma <i>marginata</i>	Accent plant; stripes along margins of each leaf

## VINES

Common Names	Scientific Name	Type	Comments
Blue Passion Vine, Corona de Cristo*	<i>Passiflora foetida</i>	Deciduous	Edible fruits/leaves. Unpleasant aroma
Carolina Jessamine	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	Evergreen	Yellow; bushy; compact flowers
Common Morning Glory	<i>Ipomoea purpurea</i>	Deciduous	Invasive; purple flower
Common Trumpet creeper; Improved Trumpet Vine	<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Deciduous	Rampant, woody; large orange flowers
Conferderate Jasmine	<i>Trachelosperum jasminoides</i>	Evergreen	Fragrant white spring flowers
Coral Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Semi-Evergreen	Red Blooms
Coral Vine, Mexican Creeper; Queen's Wreath	<i>Antigonon leptopus</i>	Evergreen	Rose-pink flowers in late summer/fall
Fiddleleaf Morning Glory, Railroad Vine, Goat-Foot	<i>Ipomoea Pescaprae</i>	Evergreen	Funnel-shaped flowers; pinkish lavender with purple red throats
Fig Ivy	<i>Ficus pumila</i> (repens)	Evergreen	Clings to walls
Japanese Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Evergreen	Colorful; fragrant
Passion Vine, Corona de Cristo*	<i>Passiflora suberosa</i>	Deciduous	Informal groundcover; low-climbing
Rosa x	<i>Rosa x fortuniana</i>	Evergreen	Climber; fragrant white flowers

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Trumpet Vine	Camsis Radicans	Deciduous	Orange flowers in summer and fall; fast growing
Virginia Creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Deciduous	Clinging; fall color
Wisteria	Wisteria sp.	Evergreen	Stunning bloomer; fragrant flowers

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