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PERENNIALS**Black-eyed Susan** *Rudbeckia hirta*

🦌 Low Deer Resistance 🌧️ Medium Water Use ☀️ Full or Partial Sun 📏 up to 3' tall, up to 2' spread

A classic perennial for any garden. With its large yellow flowers with dark centers this plant knows how to combine beauty with toughness. It forms a clump of tall beautiful flowers that can be used as cut flowers or for attracting butterflies. Plant in mass for an amazing show of color.

**Blue-Eyed Grass 'Moody Blues'** *Sisyrinchium angustifolium* var. 'Moody Blues'

🦌 No Deer Resistance 🌧️ Medium Water Use ☀️ Sun, part shade 📏 up to 18" tall

Blue blooms March – July; plant forms dense tufted clumps that look like grass with flower stems up to 18" tall; should be divided every other year. Works well as a border. This is a short-lived perennial, but it produces ample seeds and is easy to start from seed.

The 'Moody Blues' cultivar has larger, darker flowers than the true native; may also have noticeable yellow centers.

**Calylophus** *Calylophus drummondianus*

🦌 Moderate Deer Resistance 🌧️ Low Water Use ☀️ Sun, Part Sun 📏 up to 24" high; up to 36" spread

A drought tolerant, low-growing, spreading perennial. The bright yellow flowers are two inches across and will bring butterflies and other pollinators streaming into your garden. Evergreen in mild winters.

**Chile Pequin** *Capsicum annuum* var. *aviculare*

🦌 Moderate Deer Resistance 🌧️ Medium Water Use ☀️ Sun/partial shade 📏 2'-5' high; 24"-36" spread

The best of both worlds in one plant! A beautiful, drought tolerant plant that forms a bushy mound topped with tons of bright red chilies. The chilies are no bigger than 1" but are extremely hot. It can be designed into perennial beds or used in containers as an accent. This plant loves the heat and is surprisingly tolerant to salt soils and deer.

Columbine, Texas Gold *Aquilegia chrysantha* var. *hinckleyana*

	 <i>Low Deer Resistance</i>  <i>Moderate Water Use</i>  <i>Part shade/shade</i>  up to 3' hig One of the best bloomers for shade gardens. Sprays of yellow flowers top lush green foliage in spring. Foliage fades in summer but can be cut back for new fall flush. Readily re-seeds. Likes moisture but needs well drained soil. Good nectar source in early spring.
	Copper Canyon Daisy <i>Tagetes lemmonii</i>  <i>High Deer Resistance</i>  <i>Low Water Use</i>  <i>Sun</i>  3' – 6' high; 4' – 6' spread This large mounding shrub will provide a beautiful show of golden/yellow flowers in the fall. Happy in well-drained soil, it will withstand lots of sun and is very drought tolerant. Its fine leaves have a strong distinct aroma that keeps pests away including deer. You can trim tips until summer to keep it smaller.
	Cutleaf Daisy (Englemann's) <i>Engelmannia peristenia</i>  <i>Moderate Deer Resistance</i>  <i>Low Water Use</i>  <i>Sun to part shade</i>  up to 2' high; 1' spread Tough showy wildflower that blooms most of the summer. Evergreen rosette in winter. Readily self-seeds. Flowers attract butterflies. Drought and cold tolerant, low water use.
	Damianita <i>Chrysactinia mexicana</i>  <i>High Deer Resistance</i>  <i>Low Water Use</i>  <i>Sun</i>  1'-2' high; 1'-2' spread This low mounding perennial is a real performer. It happily blooms a profusion of yellow, daisy-like flowers in the heat, drought, and rocky soils. It has evergreen foliage that is aromatic and deer resistant. The only thing this little trooper doesn't like is wet feet and extreme haircuts, so shear back lightly in the cool season for best results.
	Desert Mallow <i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>  <i>Low Deer Resistance</i>  <i>Low Water Use</i>  <i>Sun</i>  3' high; 3' spread Shrubby and woolly, this perennial grows 1-3 ft., with numerous large, apricot-orange to pink flowers in wand-like clusters near the tips of weak, wide-ranging, usually erect stems. A grayish plant often with many stems. One of the largest-flowered, most drought-tolerant species of Globe-mallow.
	Flame Acanthus <i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus var. wrightii</i>  <i>High Deer Resistance</i>  <i>Low Water Use</i>  <i>Sun/partial shade</i>  3' high; 3'-4' spread Growing to be a small, airy shrub, this spreading perennial has bright red flowers against a striking light green backdrop. It is great for xeric gardens and loves the heat, but does need moderate water to improve blooming. Shear back in winter to improve form and flowering. Hummingbirds go wild for the orange red tubular flowers.

	Frog Fruit <i>Phyla nodiflora</i> var. <i>incisa</i>  Moderate Deer Resistance  Low/Medium Water Use  Sun/partial shade  3" high; 24" spread This Texas native is often overlooked, but can be a valuable groundcover with its broad, smooth leaves and creeping nature. The petite flowers are white encircling a purple center and cover the ground profusely. It is drought tolerant, however it produces a much fuller plant given regular water.
	Gregg's Mistflower <i>Eupatorium greggii</i>  Low Deer Resistance  Medium Water Use  Sun/partial shade  12"-18" high; 12"-24" spread An upright perennial with bright green foliage and powdery blue, puffy flowers. It is a moderately fast spreading grower and needs regular watering. The flowers are a unique explosion of color and attract many butterflies. Now called <i>Conoclinium greggii</i>.
	Horseherb (aka Straggler Daisy) <i>Calyptocarpus vialis</i>  High Deer Resistance  Low Water Use  Sun/partial shade/shade  2' high; spreading Low growing shade-tolerant groundcover tolerates moderate foot traffic. Spreads aggressively. Useful in dry shade conditions where a dense mat of foliage is needed. Tiny, yellow daisy flowers add a minute touch of color to shady areas and attract small butterflies.
	Indigo Spires Sage <i>Salvia longispicata</i> x <i>farinacea</i> 'Indigo Spires'  Moderate Deer Resistance  Moderate Water Use  Sun  4' high; 5' spread Discovered growing at Huntington Botanical Gardens in California in the 1970s. Probably a hybrid between two species, <i>S. farinacea</i> and <i>S. longispicata</i>, both native to Mexico. Grows into a large plant that blooms non-stop throughout the growing season. Keep trimmed back to preserve shape.
	Lance-leaf Coreopsis <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> Also called Tickseed  Low Deer Resistance  Moderate Water Use  Sun/partial shade  12"-18" high; 12"-18" spread This is the easiest to grow coreopsis. It is drought tolerant, but will bloom longer with a little additional watering. Bees and other pollinators love it. Deadheading encourages repeat blooming. Short-lived perennial but self-seeds.
	Lantana, Texas <i>Lantana horrida</i>  High Deer Resistance  Low Water Use  Sun/partial shade  18"-24" high; 2'-3' spread The classic Texas Lantana, it is just as happy in a garden as it is in the Hill Country. It grows to be a small shrub with hardy, green leaves and orange and yellow blossoms covering it all summer. Easy to grow, drought tolerant, and low maintenance.
	Mealy Blue Sage 'Henry Duelberg' <i>Salvia farinacea</i> 'Henry Duelberg'  High Deer Resistance  Low/Moderate Water Use  Sun/partial shade  up to 36" high; up to 36" spread

	This Texas Superstar perennial was found growing in a Central Texas cemetery. It is larger than the native <i>S. farinacea</i> with deeper blue blooms. Blooms March – August; attracts bees and butterflies.
	Pigeonberry <i>Rivina humilis</i> 🦌 Moderate Deer Resistance 🌧 Medium Water Use ☀ Partial shade/shade 📏 up to 18" high; up to 24" spread This low-growing evergreen groundcover sends up bloom spikes that have rather understated pale pink flowers followed by bright red fruit. Bears flowers and fruit simultaneously. The plant self-seeds but its best attribute is that it will tolerate a great amount of shade.
	Pink Skullcap <i>Scutellaria suffrutescens</i> 🦌 Moderate Deer Resistance 🌧 Low Water Use ☀ Sun 📏 up to 10" high; up to 18" spread A low growing, evergreen perennial that forms a tight spreading mound. This is a tough plant that after cutting back in early spring needs no more care when planted in full sun and a well-drained area. It is drought tolerant, deer resistant, and blooms throughout warm weather.
	Ponyfoot, Silver <i>Dichondra argentea</i> 🦌 High Deer Resistance 🌧 Low Water Use ☀ Sun/partial shade 📏 up to 4" high; forms low spreading mats Native to West Texas, but very adaptable and popular in gardens statewide. It may need extra care to grow outside its native range. Good drainage critical, do not overwater. Colonizes by stolons, makes a great groundcover. Useful for erosion control. Can be used in hanging baskets or trailing over patio containers. Blooms April-October. Attractive silver-gray foliage on low-growing runners. Leaves are oval and hairy. The tiny flowers have five white petals. Seeds are born in two-lobed capsules, each typically containing one seed. Provides ground cover for small insects
	Purple Coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 🦌 Low Deer Resistance 🌧 Medium Water Use ☀ Sun/partial shade 📏 24"-30" high; 18"-24" spread Herbaceous perennial with large purple flowers spring through fall. Best used in full sun (with a little extra water) or in partial shade. A showy garden standard that is easy to grow and spreads by seeds to form a colony. Long lasting flowers attract butterflies & hummingbirds. Cutting flower stalks after spring bloom encourages second bloom period.
	Purple Skullcap <i>Scutellaria wrightii</i> 🦌 Low Deer Resistance 🌧 Minimal Water Use ☀ Sun/partial shade 📏 10" high; 10" spread A compact, drought tolerant, evergreen perennial with deep violet-blue flowers that appear in May and continue through the summer. It does not like wet feet so plant it somewhere with good drainage.

**Rock Penstemon** *Penstemon baccharifolius*

Also called Rock Beardtongue, Cut-leaf Penstemon, Baccharis-Leaf Penstemon

🦌 Minimal Deer Resistance 🌧 Low Water Use ☀ Sun/partial shade 📏 18" high; 18" spread

Found growing out of impossible cracks in the walls of limestone canyons, this Texas gem counts drainage as its number one concern. Red blooms appear throughout the spring and summer. A rock garden super-star that likes its head in the sun and feet in the shade.

**Salvia greggii** *Salvia greggii*

Also called Autumn Sage, Cherry Sage

🦌 High Deer Resistance 🌧 Low Water Use ☀ Sun/partial shade 📏 up to 36" high; up to 36" spread

An outstanding Texas native that enjoys full sun and poor soil. Blooms sporadically throughout the growing season. Dead head spent blooms aggressively to encourage nearly non-stop blooming. True native blooms red; There are "nativars" in different color varieties such as 'Lipstick', red, white and pink.

**Skeleton Leaf Goldeneye** *Viguiera stenoloba*

🦌 High Deer Resistance 🌧 Low Water Use ☀ Sun 📏 1'-3' high; 2'-3' spread

This plant forms a rounded mound of skeletal dark green leaves covered with yellow daisy type flowers late in the season. It is evergreen and not favored by deer. Heat and drought tolerant, it is a nice addition to a perennial garden or as an accent.

**Snake Herb** *Dyschoriste linearis*

🦌 Minimal Deer Resistance 🌧 Low Water Use ☀ Sun/partial shade 📏 6"-12" high; spreading groundcover

A low-growing perennial groundcover for sunny to part sunny areas. The purple bell-shaped flowers attract bees and butterflies all season long. It is drought and heat tolerant but can also withstand wet conditions.

**Turk's Cap** *Malvaviscus arboreus var. drummondii*

🦌 Moderate Deer Resistance 🌧 Medium Water Use ☀ Partial shade/shade 📏 3' high; 3' spread

Large, shrubby perennial with red flowers and large, bright green leaves. Perfect for shady areas where color is desired. Forms an expanding colony but easy to contain. Long bloom period. Great hummingbird & butterfly plant.

**White Mistflower aka Shrubby Boneset** *Ageratina havanense*

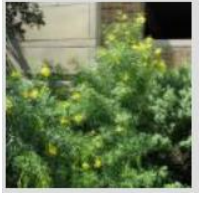
🦌 Moderate Deer Resistance 🌧 Low Water Use ☀ Sun/partial shade 📏 2'-6' high; 2'-6' spread

An open shrub with slender branches. Explodes in fall with masses of white, fuzzy, very fragrant flowers that attract hummingbirds and butterflies. It tolerates dry conditions and poorly drained areas. Makes a showy fall plant in the garden, or can be used massed as an understory or edge plant. Heavy shearing in the winter promotes a denser shape and more flowers the following year, since the long-lasting blooms appear only on new wood.

	Woolly Stemodia <i>Stemodia lanata</i> (aka <i>Stemodia tomentosa</i>)  High Deer Resistance  Low Water Use  Sun  4" high; 24" spread A tough, low growing, trailing ground cover with silvery gray leaves. Lots of small blue/purple blooms cover this plant from spring to fall. Prefers dry, hot sites with good drainage.
	Zexmenia <i>Wedelia texana</i> (<i>Zexmenia hispida</i>)  High Deer Resistance  Low Water Use  Sun  up to 2' high; up to 3' spread A shrub-form perennial that grows to a height of 24 inches. It is a heat loving plant that produces a single yellow/orange flower at the terminus of multiple stems. It thrives in rocky soils but will tolerate heavier soils, provided that they are well-drained.
VINES	
	Coral Honeysuckle <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>  Low Deer Resistance  Medium Water Use  Sun  20' high Twining woody vine that is evergreen and has coral/red flowers that are valued by hummingbirds. Perfect for a fence or trellis, Coral Honeysuckle is non-invasive unlike its introduced cousins. Easy to grow and drought tolerant.
	Yellow Honeysuckle <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> 'Sulphurea'  Low Deer Resistance  Medium Water Use  Sun  20' high Yellow-blooming version of Coral Honeysuckle. Twining woody vine that is semi-evergreen and has yellow flowers that are valued by hummingbirds. Perfect for a fence or trellis. Yellow Honeysuckle is non-invasive unlike its introduced cousins. Easy to grow and drought tolerant.
	Virginia Creeper <i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>  Moderate Deer Resistance  Low Water Use  Partial shade/shade  up to 40' high; up to 40' spread High climbing woody vine that can reach heights of 40-50 feet. It attaches with sticky pads that adhere to any smooth surface, so be careful with painted material and siding. Turns a deep, brilliant red in the fall.
GRASSES AND SEDGES	
	Big (aka Lindheimer's) Muhly <i>Muhlenbergia lindheimeri</i>  High Deer Resistance  Low Water Use  Sun  2'-4' high; 2'-4' spread Fine, blue-green foliage gives way to airy, fluffy white blooms in early fall. A good substitute for Pampas Grass and a nice addition to perennial beds. A lovely, well-behaved native grass that tolerates Texas heat, drought and soils! High deer resistance.

	Blue Grama <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>  <i>High Deer Resistance</i>  <i>Low to Medium Water Use</i>  <i>Sun/partial shade</i>  1'-2' high; 1'-2' spread This drought-resistant bunch grass can be planted alongside wildflowers to mimic a natural prairie landscape. It is often planted with Buffalograss to create a sustainable alternative to commonly used turf grasses. Among the shortest of the native ornamental grasses, it is fine-leaved and produces seed heads which are suspended horizontally like tiny brushes from the tip of each stem. The plant turns tan when dormant.
	Deer Muhly (aka Deergrass) <i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>  <i>High Deer Resistance</i>  <i>Low Water Use</i>  <i>Sun</i>  3' high plus 2' plume Looks like small pampas grass but without the bad leaf cuts and aggressive seeding. Much more useful because of its size. Use in dry gardens, dry slopes, along driveways or along street edge to slow runoff. Good addition to native and wild garden for habitat.
	Gulf Coast Muhly (aka Pink Muhly) <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>  <i>High Deer Resistance</i>  <i>Low, Medium Water Use</i>  <i>Sun</i>  2'-3' high; 2'-3' spread The soft, round form of this clumping grass makes it perfect for small gardens. Blooms look like a purple haze in the fall.
	Inland Sea Oats <i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>  <i>High Deer Resistance</i>  <i>Medium Water Use</i>  <i>Partial shade/shade</i>  2'-5' high; 3'-6' spread A graceful, native grass with wide blades and attractive seed heads. The spiked seed heads are flat and hang down from the stem, turning from green to brown. It prefers moist areas but will tolerate poor soil and can be used in re-vegetation projects, however it can reseed itself prolifically. Seed heads are also used in flower arrangements.
	Little Bluestem <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>  <i>High Deer Resistance</i>  <i>Low Water Use</i>  <i>Sun/partial shade</i>  up 4' high An upright, silver blue grass that turns bronze colored in the fall, making it a great addition to the landscape. Very ornamental and well behaved bunch grass. This drought tolerant native prairie grass will grow up to 3 or 4 feet under irrigation. Tolerates wide range of soils but not wetlands or repeated mowing.
	Sideoats Grama <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>  <i>High Deer Resistance</i>  <i>Low Water Use</i>  <i>Sun/partial shade</i>  1'-3' high Texas state grass. An attractive garden accent with red foliage in fall. A medium tall bunchgrass that mixes well with spring wildflowers. Seed heads form in late summer, early fall. Reseeds easily. Tolerates drought and cold. High deer resistance. Larval host for skipper butterflies.

	Switchgrass <i>Panicum virgatum</i>  High Deer Resistance  Medium Water Use  Sun/partial shade  up to 6' high One of the “big four” native prairie grasses. Bright green leaves turn bright yellow in fall. Lacy reddish seed heads. Use as a garden accent or erosion control. A rhizomatous, loose sod former with a 10-ft. deep root system. Tolerates dry but thrives in moist. Provides seed and cover for wildlife. High deer resistance.
	Webberville Sedge <i>Carex peridentata</i>  High Deer Resistance  Medium Water Use  Sun/partial shade  up to ' high Also called Texas Hill Country Sedge or Sand Sedge, this sedge is excellent for unimproved or natural areas. It is cold hardy and very drought tolerant. Evergreen and deer resistant, and it can also be used as a substitute for turf.
	Whitetop Sedge <i>Rhynchospora colorata</i>  High Deer Resistance  Medium - High Water Use  Sun/partial shade  up to ' high Showy grass-like plant with narrow, long, tapering green blades that arise from the base. Grows in ponds, marshy areas, or in moist garden soil. Tolerates brackish water.
	Woodland Sedge <i>Carex blanda</i> aka Creek Sedge  High Deer Resistance  Medium – High Water Use  Sun/partial shade  up to 2' high Similar to a grass with broad linear foliage. It can be used as an evergreen groundcover or as a specimen plant. Grows in moist areas; needs good drainage.
SHRUBS	
	American Beautyberry <i>Callicarpa americana</i>  Low Deer Resistance  Medium Use  Partial shade/shade  5'-8' high; 5'-8' spread A loose, open shrub valued for its showy magenta fruit. This is a sprawling shrub that is very useful in woodland plantings. Tolerates drought and light shade. Deciduous.
	Aromatic (aka Fragrant) Sumac <i>Rhus aromatica</i>  High Deer Resistance  Low Water Use  Sun/partial shade  2'-6' high; 6'-10' spread A dense, low growing, rambling shrub with aromatic leaves and twigs. Deciduous, adaptable to a variety of soils and conditions. Useful in hard to cover areas. Important wildlife plant. Flowers provide early nectar. Berries on female plants provide winter food for wildlife. High deer resistance.

	Button Bush <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> 🦌 Moderate Deer Resistance 🌧️ High Water Use ☀️ Sun/partial shade 📏 5'-12' high; 4'-8' spread This fast growing deciduous shrub thrives in moist areas. Its spherical flowers attract butterflies. Needs supplemental water on drier soils.
	Compact Texas Sage <i>Leucophyllum frutescens 'Compactum'</i> 🦌 High Deer Resistance 🌧️ Low Water Use ☀️ Sun/partial shade 📏 4' high; 4' spread Smaller version of Texas Sage (Cenizo). Blooms after summer rain. Semi-evergreen, drought and heat tolerant, it does not do well with too much water or shade. Prefers rocky well-drained soils. Nectar source for bees and butterflies. Easy to maintain.
	Elbow Bush <i>Foresteria pubescens</i> 🦌 Low Deer Resistance 🌧️ Low – Medium Water Use ☀️ Sun/partial shade 📏 6'-10' high; 8'-10' spread Little yellow/green flowers appear along the stems of this spreading deciduous shrub in early spring. One of the first nectar plants for butterflies to bloom. Does best with moderate water but is also resistant to drought.
	Esperanza <i>Tecoma stans</i> Also called Yellow Bells 🦌 Moderate Deer Resistance 🌧️ Low Water Use ☀️ Sun/partial shade 📏 3'-6' high; 3'-6' spread Masses of large golden/yellow flowers adorn this herbaceous shrub from early summer to frost in Central Texas. Very tropical looking, perfect as an accent or massed. Blooms best in full sun; drought and heat tolerant.
	Esperanza, Native Texas variety <i>Tecoma stans var. angustata</i> Also called Yellow Bells 🦌 Moderate Deer Resistance 🌧️ Low Water Use ☀️ Sun/partial shade 📏 4'-6' high; 4'-6' spread Masses of yellow trumpet shaped flowers from early summer into fall. The leaves of this plant are finer and it is more cold tolerant lending to its deciduous nature, rather than dying back to the ground like the non-native 'Esperanza'.
	Esperanza, var Sangria <i>Tecoma stans var. angustata 'Sangria'</i> 🦌 Moderate Deer Resistance 🌧️ Low Water Use ☀️ Sun 📏 4'-6' high; 4'-6' spread A dark orange flowering form of Yellow Bells that has a wine colored throat (hence the name). This one was discovered at a nursery in Austin. This deciduous shrub welcomes the summer heat with prolific trumpet shaped blooms. 'Sangria' is a show stopper in any garden!

**Green Texas Sage** *Leucophyllum frutescens*

High Deer Resistance
 Low Water Use
 Sun
 4'-8' high; 4'-8' spread

A medium sized shrub with gray-green leaves and a profusion of purple flowers in summer. Being semi-evergreen this plant makes a fine accent specimen or can be used in hedges and mass plantings. Drought and heat tolerant, it does not do well with too much water or shade.

**Mimosa Borealis** *Mimosa borealis*

Also called *Fragrant Mimosa*

High Deer Resistance
 Low Water Use
 Sun
 3' high; 3' spread

Small ornamental shrub with fine, feathery foliage and fragrant, pink puffball blooms. A lovely specimen that tolerates drought and reflected heat. The stems are covered with small cat claw shaped prickles so care must be taken in placing this plant.

**Texas Kidneywood** *Eysenhardtia texana*

High Deer Resistance
 Low Water Use
 Sun/partial shade
 6'-12' high; 4'-8' spread

A large, deciduous shrub with an open, airy appearance. Kidneywood has light gray bark and wispy branches covered in fine, leguminous foliage. Fragrant white bloom spikes emerge at the ends of the branches in summer and are attractive to native bees and other pollinators. Easy to grow.

CACTI**Red Yucca** *Hesperaloe parviflora*

High Deer Resistance, except low for blooms
 Low Water Use
 Sun
 2'-3' high; 4' spread

Red/coral blooms arise from an evergreen mound of grass-like like leaves throughout most of the growing season. Both heat, cold and drought tolerant, this plant makes a fine accent in xeric landscapes. Hummingbirds love the blooms. Deer may eat the flower stalks.

ORNAMENTAL / SMALL TREES**Anacacho Orchid Tree** *Bauhinia lunarioides*

High Deer Resistance
 Low Water Use
 Sun/partial shade
 12' – 15' high; 6'-10' spread

This small, multi-trunk ornamental tree has an open, airy form. Directly following leaf-out, profuse white blooms make a great show for the spring. This tree seems to do well in a wide variety of growing conditions, but needs winter protection north of Austin.

**Arroyo Sweetwood** *Myrospermum sousanum*

Low Deer Resistance
 Low Water Use
 Sun/partial shade
 15'-20' high; 15' spread

This small, ornamental, usually multi-trunk, deciduous tree has light green, compound leaves that turn to gold in the fall. The clusters of creamy white flowers have a sweet, spicy fragrance. Drought tolerant and fast growing.

**tree should be protected from deer until lowest leaves are high enough to avoid browse*

	Desert Willow, Bubba <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> 'Bubba'  High Deer Resistance  Low Water Use  Sun  15'-20' high; 10'-15' spread This long blooming ornamental tree does great in a full sun well drained site. It can tolerate drought and reflected heat. This specimen was discovered in the San Antonio botanical garden and has gained popularity due to its attractive dark pink/magenta blooms lack of seed pods.
	Eve's Necklace <i>Sophora affinis</i>  Moderate Deer Resistance  Low Water Use  Sun/partial shade/shade  15'-35' high; 10'-20' spread Showy accent tree. Great addition to any landscape. An upright vase-shaped deciduous tree with rosy-pink hanging clusters of blooms. Black seedpods following the flowers look like shiny, black, bead necklaces. Requires well-drained soil. <i>*tree should be protected from deer until lowest leaves are high enough to avoid browse</i>
	Huisache <i>Vachellia farnesiana</i>  High Deer Resistance  Low Water Use  Sun  up to 25' high; 10'-15' spread Evergreen to semi-evergreen large shrub to small tree. Fragrant, bright gold ball shaped flowers cover this tree in the early to mid-spring. A late frost may destroy flower buds. Very durable and adaptable.
	Mexican Buckeye <i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>  High Deer Resistance  Low Water Use  Sun/partial shade  15'-30' high; 8'-15' spread Buckeye is a broad spreading, small tree or large shrub that can be grown as a single or multiple-trunk. Pink blooms emerge just before the light green foliage in early spring. Adaptable to many environments.
	Possumhaw <i>Ilex decidua</i>  Moderate Deer Resistance  Medium Water Use  Sun/partial shade  12'-20' high Berries on females persist after leaf drop and provide winter color. Great understory or accent shrub/small tree. Tolerates poor drainage. Small flowers in spring for pollinators. Berries attract birds. <i>*tree should be protected from deer until lowest leaves are high enough to avoid browse</i>
	Retama <i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>  Moderate Deer Resistance  Low Water Use  Sun  up to 15' high; up to 20' spread A small, ornamental, single or multi-trunk tree with an airy appearance. The bright green foliage, branches and trunk make this tree stand out. It has beautiful yellow flowers from spring through

	summer and is adaptable to most soils and moisture levels. Needle-like thorns may be hazardous in high-trafficked areas.
	Roughleaf Dogwood <i>Cornus drummondii</i> 🦌 Low Deer Resistance ☕ Low Water Use ☀️ Partial shade/shade 📏 15'-20' high; 15'-20' spread A clumping shrub or small tree that blooms a profusion of white cluster-flowers in spring. The flowers give way to attractive white berries relished by birds. In the fall the leaves turn a beautiful red and when they drop, red-tinged branches are revealed, giving this plant year round interest. It can tolerate dry conditions but grows best in moist soil. Excellent for erosion control on slopes or river banks. <i>*tree should be protected from deer until lowest leaves are high enough to avoid browse</i>
	Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> 🦌 Moderate Deer Resistance ☕ Low Water Use ☀️ Sun/partial shade 📏 15'-20' high; 10'-15' spread Low maintenance. Slow growing. Likes full sun but will do best with late afternoon shade in hot summer areas. Will work as an understory tree, specimen tree, or screen. Glossy, dark-green leaves turn a variety of warm hues in autumn. Wait to prune until right after bloom. Needs deep, well drained soils. Blooms March-May. Grows as a shrub or small tree with reddish brown twigs that have a thin light gray coating. Leaves are oval with finely serrated margins and a shiny upper surface. White flowers are arranged in rounded or flattened clusters. The fruit is fleshy, bluish black. <i>*tree should be protected from deer until lowest leaves are high enough to avoid browse</i>
	Southern Wax Myrtle <i>Myrica cerifera</i> or <i>Morella cerefera</i> 🦌 Moderate Deer Resistance ☕ High Water Use ☀️ Sun/partial shade/shade 📏 10'-25' high; 10'-15' spread This small tree or large shrub has glossy, evergreen, aromatic foliage. It can be limbed up or sheared to make a specimen or hedge. Adapts well to varying light, soil and moisture levels, and will grow rapidly with ample moisture. <i>*tree should be protected from deer until lowest leaves are high enough to avoid browse</i>
	Texas Mountain Laurel <i>Sophora secundiflora</i> 🦌 High Deer Resistance ☕ Low Water Use ☀️ Sun/partial shade/shade 📏 12'-25' high; 6'-12' spread A small, evergreen tree with bright green, shiny foliage and lavender/purple clusters of fragrant blooms in the spring. Can be grown as a shrub or may be limbed up for a single or multi-trunk tree form. Although very drought tolerant, can withstand regular watering if good drainage is provided.

**Texas Redbud** *Cercis canadensis var. texensis*

Moderate Deer Resistance Low – Medium Water Use Sun/partial shade 15'-20' high; 12'-15' spread

A small, very ornamental deciduous tree that can be single or multi-trunk. Spring blooms are followed by large, glossy, round leaves that shine in the landscape. Needs good drainage.

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SHADE TREES**Bald Cypress** *Taxodium distichum*

Moderate Deer Resistance Medium Water Use Sun/partial shade 50+ high

Deciduous conifer. Majestic landscape tree. Rusty fall foliage. Adaptable to wet or semi-dry conditions. Adapted to riverine habitats, roots not susceptible to suffocation. Great tree for birds.

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**Black Walnut** *Juglans macrocarpa*

Moderate Deer Resistance Medium Water Use Sun/partial shade 20'-30' high

Moderate to fast growth rate. Protect seedlings from browsers until established. Trees emit a chemical, called “juglones”, into the soil which prevent many other plants from growing nearby. Little walnut is an excellent woody plant for stabilizing sand and gravel bars in riparian areas. Drought-tolerant and native to the western half of Texas in scattered canyons. WARNING: flowers are poisonous. Its smooth or lightly furrowed branches form a broad, rounded crown. Compound leaves are long, narrow and yellow-green. Flowers grow on catkins. Trees do not bear fruit until 15-20 years of age. Nuts are the smallest of the Walnut species. Larval host: Banded Hairstreak Butterfly.

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**Bur Oak** *Quercus macrocarpa*

Low Deer Resistance Medium Water Use Sun 60'-80' high

One of the largest oaks in this area, the Burr Oak is a fast growing, long lived shade tree. The deeply lobed leaves can be up to a foot in length. It produces very large acorns. Drought tolerant but does better with water and deep soil. Very adaptable to a variety of environments.

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**Cedar Elm** *Ulmus crassifolia*

Low Deer Resistance Low Water Use Sun 50'-90' high; 40'-60' spread

This is a tough, fast growing, long-lived shade tree. More upright than it is broad, it has a rounded crown of foliage that turns golden in the fall. Very adaptable and easy to grow. Tolerates drought or occasional flood.

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	Chinkapin Oak <i>Quercus muhlenbergii</i>  Low Deer Resistance  Medium Water Use  Sun  50'-90' high; 30'-40' spread This attractive, medium to large oak has an upright-growing canopy that gradually broadens with age. The glossy, scalloped leaves turn a yellow to bronze color in the fall. It is well adapted to a wide range of soils and fairly fast-growing. <i>*tree should be protected from deer until lowest leaves are high enough to avoid browse</i>
	Lacey Oak <i>Quercus laceyi</i>  Low Deer Resistance  Low Water Use  Sun  55' high; 45' spread Lacey Oak is a small to medium-sized deciduous shade tree known for its tolerance of poor soils. Originally located by Howard Lacey on a property near Kerrville, Texas, this is a Hill Country favorite. Leaves are oblong with only a few shallow lobes and give off a bluish hue. <i>*tree should be protected from deer until lowest leaves are high enough to avoid browse</i>
	Live Oak <i>Quercus virginiana</i>  Medium Deer Resistance  Medium Water Use  Sun, partial shade  40'-80' high This large evergreen shade tree is a natural hybrid of the coastal live oak and the hill country live oak. A fast-growing and upright selection. Drought tolerant and adapts well to most soils. Susceptible to the oak wilt disease. <i>*tree should be protected from deer until lowest leaves are high enough to avoid browse</i>
	Mexican White Oak (Monterrey Oak) <i>Quercus polymorpha</i>  Moderate Deer Resistance  Medium Water Use  Sun  up to 45" high This is a large, spreading oak with large, leathery foliage. The foliage is evergreen in most winters, dropping briefly and quickly emerging in the early spring with bronze-colored new growth. It is tolerant of alkaline, neutral, and acid soils, as well as drought tolerant. <i>*tree should be protected from deer until lowest leaves are high enough to avoid browse</i>
	Montezuma Cypress <i>Taxodium mucronatum</i>  Moderate Deer Resistance  High Water Use  Sun/partial shade  40-60' high A close cousin to Bald Cypress, this species is faster growing and holds its leaves longer. Fall color is bronze or rust, but it does not take long before new growth appears. It will adapt to wet or dry sites. Could suffer winter damage in Central Texas northward. <i>*tree should be protected from deer until lowest leaves are high enough to avoid browse</i>

**Native Pecan** *Carya illinoensis*

Moderate Deer Resistance
 High Water Use
 Sun
 up to 100' tall

The Latin species name is from an old term, Illinois nuts, and refers to the region where early traders found wild trees and nuts. Native Americans may have extended the range by planting. Native to wooded bottomlands and stream banks. Has a deep tap root.

**Texas Red (aka Spanish) Oak** *Quercus buckleyi*

Moderate Deer Resistance
 Low Water Use
 Sun
 30'-50' high

Brilliant fall color. Highly regarded ornamental and shade tree. Grows fast. Oak wilt susceptible. Larval host for hairstreak and duskywing butterflies. Provides food and cover for wildlife.

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