

# Native Plants for Fall Creek

## RECOMMENDED PLANT LIST FOR THE UPPER TEXAS COAST TO ATTRACT BIRDS BUTTERFLIES AND BENEFICIAL POLLINATORS

**ABOUT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS:** Many other native plant species could be added to the list below, but I've chosen the following species based on three primary criteria: 1) they grow well in Harris and all surrounding counties, 2) they attract and benefit birds, butterflies, and pollinators, and 3) they are very attractive and visually pleasing in the landscape. These plants will prove attractive throughout the year, as they flower in spring, change leaf color in fall, and produce berries and seeds in winter. In turn, these same attributes will attract many species of birds, butterflies, pollinators and other wildlife throughout the years to come.

### NATIVE TEXAS WILDFLOWERS

Blue Mist Ageratum *Conoclinium coelestinum* ( formerly *Eupatorium coelestrum* )  
Goldenrod *Solidago canadensis* or *S. altissima* or *Solidago* sp.  
Seaside goldenrod *Solidago sempervirens*  
Joe-pye Weed *Eutrochium fistulosum*  
Cardinal Flower *Lobelia cardinalis*  
Eastern purple coneflower *Echinacea purpurea*  
Bluebell *Eustoma exaltatum*  
Frogfruit *Phylla nodiflora* or *P. incisa*  
American basket-flower *Centaurea americana*  
Gayfeather *Liatris pycnostachia*  
Blue sage *Salvia azurea*  
Scarlet Sage *Salvia Coccinea*  
Indian Blanket *Gaillardia pulchella*  
Texas coneflower *Rudbeckia texana*  
Lemon beebalm *Monarda citriodora*  
Missouri ironweed *Vernonia missurica*  
Green milkweed *Asclepias viridis*  
Partridge Pea *Chamaecrista fasciculata*  
Gulf Coast Penstemon *Penstemon tenuis*  
Winecup *Callirhoe involucrata*  
Standing Cypress *Ipomopsis Rubra* (dry areas)  
Drummond Phlox *Phlox drummondii*  
Prairie Verbena *Glandularia bipinnatifida*

### NATIVE TEXAS GRASSES

Little Bluestem *Shizachyrium scoparium*  
Knotroot bristlegrass *Setaria parviflora*  
Gulf Coast Muhly *Muhlenbergia capillaris*

Indian Grass *Sorghastrum nutans*  
Sideoats grama *Bouteloua curtipendula*

## **NATIVE TEXAS SHRUBS and SHRUB-LIKE FLOWERS**

Arrowwood *Viburnum dentatum*  
Maximilian Sunflower *Helianthus maximiliani*  
Hummingbird Bush *Anisacanthus wrightii*  
Elderberry *Sambucus canadensis*  
Palmetto *Sabal minor*  
Gregg Salvia *Salvia greggii*  
Turk's Cap *Malvaviscus drummondii*  
Coral Berry *Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*  
American Beautyberry *Callicarpa americana*  
Barbados cherry *Malpighia emarginata*

## **NATIVE TEXAS VINES**

Coral Honeysuckle *Lonicera sempervirens*  
Crossvine *Bignonia capreolata*  
Carolina jessamine *Gelsemium sempervirens*  
Passionflower Vine *Passiflora incarnata* and *P. lutea*

## **NATIVE TEXAS TREES**

### **Tall Growing Trees (usually 30 feet to 80 feet)**

Red Mulberry *Morus rubra*  
Sugar hackberry *Celtis laevigata* or *Celtis occidentalis*  
Black Cherry *Prunus serotina*  
Swamp Chestnut Oak *Quercus michauxii*  
River Birch *Betula nigra*  
American Fringetree *Chioanthus virginicus*  
Eastern Red Cedar *Juniperus virginiana*  
Gum Bumelia *Bumelia lanuginosa*

Pecan *Carya illinoensis*  
Water Oak *Quercus nigra*  
Willow Oak. *Quercus phellos*

Drummond Red Maple *Acer rubrum* var. *drummondii*  
Cedar Elm *Ulmus crassifolia*

American Holly *Ilex opaca*;  
Blackgum – *Nyssa sylvatica*;

### **Small Trees and Large Shrubs ( typically 10 to 25 feet )**

Palo Verde Parkinsonia texana

Rusty Blackhaw *Viburnum rufidulum*  
Texas Olive *Cordia baissier*  
Farkleberry *Vaccinium arboreum*  
Deciduous Holly *Ilex decidua*  
Buttonbush *Cephalanthus occidentalis*  
Hercules Club *Zanthoxylum clava-herculis*  
Elderberry *Sambucus canadensis* or *S. nigra*  
Mexican Plum *Prunus mexicana*  
Roughleaf Dogwood *Cornus drummondii*  
Green Hawthorne *Crataegus viridis*  
American Hornbeam *Carpinus caroliniana*  
Eastern Redbud *Cercis canadensis*.  
Parsley hawthorn *Crataegus marshallii*.

**Acceptable and Beneficial Non-Native Plants**

Purple joe-pye-weed *Eutrochium purpureum*  
Texas Star Hibiscus *Hibiscus coccineus*  
Mexican Salvia or Sage *Salvia leucantha*  
Firecracker Plant *Cuphea ignea*, and other *Cuphea* species.  
Hummingbird Bush *Hamelia patens*

Crimson Bottlebrush *Callistemon citrinus*  
Abelia *Abelia grandiflora*