

# FAVORITE NATIVE: SHRUBS



Rainbow Gardens 2022			
Native Shrub Common Name	Evergreen	Cold Hardiness	Blooms
Agarita	√	15°F	<b>Early Spring:</b> Yellow flower clusters Summer: Edible red berries
American Beautyberry		10°F	Late Summer-Fall: Clusters of purple berries lined on stems
Apache Plume	semi	-10°F	<b>Early Summer-Fall:</b> Rose-like white blooms that fade to gorgeous pink tassel seedheads
Black Dalea		15°F	Summer-Fall: Purple, pea-like flowers
Blue Shrub Sage (Salvia ballotiflora)		15°F	<b>Summer:</b> Aromatic shrub with blooms of white, blue or purple.
Button Bush		10°F	<b>Summer:</b> 1" round, pom-pom-like white flowers
Coralberry	semi	-20°F	Fall: Red clusters dense with berries
Creosote Bush	√	0-10°F	Spring-Winter: Small, butter-yellow flowers
Elderberry		-10°F	Summer: White, flattened clusters of flowers Summer-Fall: Edible, black, berry drupes
Evergreen Sumac	1	10°F	Late Summer-Fall: Clusters of tiny white flowers followed by red berry drupes, red fall foliage
Fairy Duster	semi	15°F	<b>Spring-Summer:</b> Red-pink, tassel-like flowers
False Indigo		15°F	Early Summer: Yellow-tipped, dk. purple flower spikes
Flame Acanthus (Hummingbird Bush)		10°F	<b>Spring-Late Fall:</b> Orange/red, tube shaped flowers
Fragrant Mimosa		0-10°F	<b>Spring-Summer:</b> Balls of pink puff flowers, fragrant



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Fragrant Mistflower		10-20°F	Fall: White flower clusters
Guayacan	√	10-20°F	Spring-Early Fall: Purple/pink flowers
<b>Holly:</b> Possum Haw Yaupon	√ (Yaupon only)	-10°F	Fall-Winter: Red, orange, yellow shiny berries
Kidneywood		10-20°F	<b>Spring-Fall:</b> Tiny, white flowers on spikes
Lantana (Texas)		10-20°F	<b>Spring-Winter:</b> Vivid mixed orange hues on flower clusters
Mountain Sage		10-20°F	Spring-Fall: Scarlet red flowers
Roughleaf Dogwood (large shrub/small tree)		10°F	<b>Summer:</b> Flat-topped, white flower clusters
Shrubby Senna		10-20°F	<b>Summer-Fall:</b> Sunshine yellow, pea-like blooms
Silktassle	√	10-20°F	Fall: Inconspicuous purple flower drupes on female plants
Skeleton-leaf Goldeneye	semi	10°F	<b>Summer-Fall:</b> Bright yellow, daisy-like flowers
Texas Mountain Laurel	√	10-20°F	Early Spring: Cascades of fragrant, purple flowers
Texas Sage	1	5°F	<b>All Year Long:</b> Purple, pink or white flowers (dep. on variety), appear especially after a rain.
Wax Myrtle	√	0-10°F	N/A, fragrant foliage
White Brush (Bee Brush)		10°F	<b>Spring-Fall:</b> White vanilla-scented flower spikes
Woolly Butterflybush	semi	15°F	Spring-Fall: 1/2" round orange flowers



## FAVORITE NATIVE: VINES



Native Vines	Evergreen	Bloom Season
Carolina Jessamine	√	Spring: Funnel-shaped, yellow flowers
Coral Honeysuckle	√	Most of the Year: Red/Coral, trumpet shaped flowers
Crossvine	√	<b>Spring-Early Summer:</b> Trumpet-shaped yellow to red flowers
Passion Flower Vine (Maypop)	semi (freezes to roots but comes back)	<b>Spring-Summer:</b> Lavender/purple ornate flower followed by yellow-orange, edible fruit
Snapdragon Vine	√	Spring-Fall: Purple to pink, small snapdragon flowers
Texas Clematis	semi (freezes to roots but comes back)	Spring-Fall: Red, pitcher-shaped flowers
Trumpet Creeper	√	Summer-Fall: Orange/Red trumpet-shaped flowers
Virginia Creeper	√	Fall: Red and orange foliage color



### FAVORITE NATIVE: GROUNDCOVERS



Native Groundcovers		
Frog Fruit		
Horseherb		
Pigeonberry		
Silver Ponyfoot		
Snakeherb		
Wooly Stemodia		



### FAVORITE NATIVE: PERENNIALS



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Perennials:	Bloom Season	Deer Resistant
Agastache	Summer-Fall: Mostly hues of blue, purple, pink	√
Beebalm	Summer: Vibrant reds, magentas, and pinks	√
Blackfoot Daisy	<b>Spring-Fall:</b> White with yellow centers, low growing, drought tolerant	<b>√</b>
Blanket Flower (Gaillardia: biennial)	Summer-Fall: Shades of red, orange, yellow, combined	√
Cardinal Flower	Mid Summer-Fall: Showy red flowers on terminal spikes	√
<b>Columbine:</b> Texas Gold	<b>Spring:</b> Showy yellow flowers, that nod down with spurs at ends, shady option	√
Coneflower (Echinacea): Purple	<b>Spring-Summer:</b> Large daisy-like flowers with vivid purple rays and domed centers	√
Copper Canyon Daisy	Summer-Fall: Yellow daisies on fern like foliage, scented	√
Coreopsis	<b>Summer:</b> Golden-yellow to orange daisy-like flowers, sometimes with a red center	√
<b>Dalea:</b> *Black **Blue	<b>*Summer-</b> Fall: Purple pea like blooms ** <b>Fall:</b> Blue-purple pea like blooms	√
Damianita	Spring-Fall: Tiny, yellow flowers on wispy foliage	√
Englemann's Daisy	Spring-Fall: Small, yellow daisies	√
<b>Esperanza:</b> Gold Star	Spring-Fall: Profuse yellow, bell shaped flowers	1
Fall Aster	Fall: Heavy bloom of vibrant blue-purple rayed daisies with yellow centers  Spring: light bloom	√
Flame Acanthus (Hummingbird Bush)	<b>Summer-Fall:</b> Bright orange-red, small, tubular shaped flower	√
Fleabane Daisy	<b>Spring-Summer:</b> Tiny daisies that look more like small white asters with yellow centers	√



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Four Nerve Daisy	Spring-Fall: Golden-yellow, four-leaved daisies	√
Frostweed	Fall: Large, white clustered flowers Frost: First frost cause stems to open and reveal long ice curls, fascinating	√
<b>Gaura:</b> Lindheimer	<b>Spring-Summer:</b> Whirls of butterfly-shaped flowers in pink.white hues	√
Goldenrod	Late Summer-Fall: Bright yellow flower heads	√
Hardy Hibiscus (Rose Mallow)	Summer-Fall: Hibiscus that come back every year, red, white, pink hues	√
Horsemint	Summer: Whorls of lavender blooms on slender, upright stems	√
<b>Lantana:</b> Texas variety	<b>Summer-Fall:</b> Bright mixture of gold, red, but predominately orange tiny flowers clustered together	√
Liatris (Gayfeather/Blazing Star)	Late Summer-Fall: Tall stems covered with profuse, purple flowers	√
Lion's Tail	<b>Summer:</b> Clusters of orange tubular flowers at the end of stems, looks like the tip of a lions tail	√
Mexican Hat (perennial wildflower)	Sumer-Fall: Mahogany-red, small prairie coneflowers	√
<b>Milkweed:</b> Antelope Green Texas Tuberosa	Summer-Fall: Depends on variety for color, but most produce clusters of flat-topped blooms full of nectar	√
<b>Mistflowers:</b> *Fragrant **Gregg's Blue	*Fall: Clusters of white, fragrant, fuzzy flowers  **Summer-Fall: Clusters of powder blue fuzzy flowers	
Obedient Plant	Summer-Fall: Large stalks lined with bubblegum pink blooms	√
Pavonia Rock Rose	<b>Spring-Fall:</b> Bright pink hibiscus-shaped flowers with yellow stamens	√



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Penstemon	<b>Spring:</b> Blooms dep. on variety, blue, purple, pink, red white	√
Sages/Salvias Most varieties	<b>Spring-Fall:</b> Practically year round blooms, multiple colors avail, red, white, coral, purple, blue, pink	√
<b>Senna:</b> Lindheimer's	Fall: Bright yellow, five-petaled flowers	√ (most of the time)
Standing Cypress	Summer: Spikes of small, star-shaped, bright red flowers	√
<b>Sunflower:</b> Maximilian	Late Summer-Fall: Golden yellow sunflowers that come back each year	
Turk's Cap	Spring-Fall: Red blooms shaped like tiny red fez caps	√
<b>Yarrow:</b> Common	Spring-Fall: Compact clusters of white flowers	√
Zexmenia	Summer: Small daisy-like flowers atop wispy single stems	√



## FAVORITE NATIVE: TREES



Native Trees:	Avg. Mature Size	Cold Tolerance	Evergreen	Interest
Anacacho Orchid Tree	6-12'	10-20°F		<b>Spring:</b> Clusters of white or pink flowers
Anacua	15-40'	10°F	√	<b>Spring:</b> White clusters of flowers followed by edible yellow to red drupes
Bigtooth Maple	up to 50'	-20°F		Fall: Gorgeous foliage color
Carolina Buckthorn	12-20'	0°F		<b>Fall:</b> Clusters of red-black berry drupes and yellow fall foliage
Catclaw Acacia	15-30'	0°F		<b>Spring-Fall:</b> Creamy yellow flower spikes
<b>Cypress:</b> *Arizona **Bald	*20-50' **50-100'		*√	*N/A ** <b>Fall:</b> Rusty fall foliage color
Desert Willow	10-25'	0°F		Summer: Pink, orchid-like flowers
<b>Elm:</b> *American **Cedar	*30-75' **30-60'	0°F		Fall: Some fall foliage color, gold
Eve's Necklace	10-20'	0°F		Spring-Early Summer: Cascades of pink flowers Fall: Yellow foliage
Flameleaf Sumac	10-30'	-10°F		<b>Spring:</b> Clusters of white flowers <b>Fall:</b> Fiery red fall foliage color
Goldenball Leadtree	15-25'	0°F		<b>Spring-Fall:</b> Golden-yellow, pom-pom shaped flower balls
Huisache	15-25'	20°F		<b>Spring:</b> Round, pom-pom, ball shaped golden yellow flowers
Mexican Buckeye	up to 20'	0°F	semi	<b>Spring:</b> Small pink flowers
Mexican Plum	15-25'	-10°F		<b>Spring:</b> Profuse white clusters of flowers <b>Mid Summer:</b> Red to purple edible plums



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<b>Oaks:</b> Bur *Chinkapin *Texas Red	100' + *30-60'	0°F		Fall: Large acorns  *Fall: Black or brown acorns  **Fall: Some fall color, fresh acorns	
*Live **Lacey ***Shumard ***Texas (Spanish)	**20-35' ***80-100'	<b>.</b>		***Fall: Brilliant fall foliage color before leaves drop, fresh acorns	
Pecan	up to 90'	-20°F		<b>Fall:</b> Sweet, plump, delicious pecan nuts	
Retama	20-40'	15°F		Spring-Fall: clusters of yellow flowers	
Rusty Blackhaw	10-30'	0°F		Spring: Flat-topped white clusters of flowers  Fall: Black/blue drupes and brilliant red, orange and yellow fall foliage	
Sycamore	60-100'	0°F		N/A blooms Striking white bark	
Texas Ash	30'	0°F		Fall: Yellow, Gold, Red foliage color	
Texas Ebony	15-30'	25°F		<b>Summer:</b> Cream-colored, fragrant, cylindrical spikes	
Texas Madrone	15-30'	0°F	√	<b>Spring:</b> Tiny clusters of white flowers <b>Fall:</b> Ornamental red berries	
Texas Mountain Laurel	up to 15'	10-20°F	√	Early Spring: Cascades of fragrant, purple flowers	
Texas Persimmon	8-15'	0°F	semi	<b>Spring:</b> Tiny white bell shaped flowers <b>Late Summer:</b> Sweet, black persimmon fruit	
Texas Pistache	10-30'	10°F	√	Spring: New foliage a gorgeous red Summer: Clusters of red-black ornamental berry-like drupes	



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Texas Redbud	15-30'	10-15°F		Early Spring: Magenta-pink flowers
Thornless Honey Locust	30-70'	10°F		Late Spring-Early Summer: Green clusters of pea-like flowers
Western Soapberry	15-30'	-10°F		Summer: Showy white panicles of flowers Fall: Gold and yellow fall foliage
Wild Olive	10-15'	10°F	√	Late Spring-Early Summer (longer when rain available): Trumpet shaped flowers, white w/ yellow throats



#### FAVORITE NATIVE: ORNAMENTAL GRASSES



Ornamental Grass	Native	Full Sun	Sun /Part Shade
<b>Blue Gamma:</b> Blonde Ambition	√	√	
<b>Bluestem Grass:</b> Big Little	√	√	
Inland Sea Oats	√		√
Mexican Feather Grass	√	√	√
<b>Muhly Grass:</b> Gulf Lindheimer's	1	√	√
Sideoats Grama	√	√	√
Switchgrass	√	√	√



#### FAVORITE NATIVE: ANNUALS/WILDFLOWERS



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Annuals/Wildflowers	Bloom Season
Basketflower	Late Spring- Summer
Black-Eyed Susan (short lived perennial)	Late Spring-Early Summer
Blue -Eyed Grass	Spring
Bluebonnet	Early Spring
<b>Coreopsis:</b> Plains	Spring-Early Summer
Cow Pen Daisy	Summer-Fall
Drummond Phlox	Spring-Early Summer
Evening Primrose (perennial wildflower)	Spring-Early Summer
Horse mint (Lemon mint)	Late Summer-Early Fall
Indian Blanket	Summer
Indian Paintbrush	Spring
Mexican Hat	Summer-Fall
Prairie Verbena (short lived, reseeding perennial)	Spring-Fall
Winecup (perennial wildflower)	Spring