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Canopy/Shade	Trees (Typically (grow >	25 feet	, single	trunk wi	ith >	6 inch di	ameter)				General maintenance: Prune, if needed, for shape or to raise canopy. Generally, raise canopy to 14' over roadways, to 8' over walkways. Trim trees that are susceptible to Oak Wilt in hottest & coldest months only. Paint pruning wounds to prevent oak wilt, but paint not necessary on other species. Natural litter; leaves, catkins, fruit, twigs, seedpods, etc. make good mulch or compost. Mow leaves to mulch in place. Rake acorns & remove branches from hardscape surfaces.
American Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	BEPS	75 - 100'	8-12'	S-PS- SH	D	Fall	Orange / brown leaves	M- H	Moist sandy loams or silty clays	Prune if needed	Atractive foliage, seeds are eaten by a number of birds, attracts cavity nesters, and hosts insects and caterpillars eaten by insectivorous birds; spreading branches of mature tree provides habitat for rookeries of Great Blue Herons and Great Egrets.
Elm, Cedar	Ulmus crassifolia	ΕB	50-70'	40-60'	S-PS	D	Fall color	Gold fall foliage	VL		Prune for shape or to raise canopy	Reasonably fast growing, nicely-proportioned, hardy shade tree for broad range of soil types. Vivid yellow fall color. Withstands drought and heavy, infertile, compacted soils. Attracts birds, butterflies, nectar-insects.
Hackberry, Sugar	Celtis reticulata, C. laevigata	EB	60-80'	60-80'	PS	D	Fall	Yellow fall foliage	М	Sand, loam, clay, caliche, well-drained	Prune for shape or to raise canopy	An attractive, fast growing shade tree, shallow rooted. Sweet berries are important winter food for resident and migrating birds. At least 10 species of birds including robins, mockingbirds, and other songbirds eat the sweetish fruits. Larval host plant for Question Mark, Mourning Cloak, Pale Emperor, Snout and Hackberry Emperor butterflies!
Juniper, Ashe (Cedar)	Juniperus ashei	EB	10-30'	15-30'	S-PS	Е	Fall/ Winter	Evergreen leaves/ blue berries on female plants	VL	Sand, loam, clay, caliche, limestone, shallow, well drained		Good screen plant. Fragrant, evergreen, and picturesque tree. The rare Golden-cheeked
Escarpment Live Oak (Encino)	Quercus fusiformis	BEP	20-40'	30-40'	S-PS	Е	Winter	Green leaves	VL	Sand, loam, limestone, clay, calcareous well- drained	hottest or coldest	Oak wilt susceptible; likes large open spaces; briefly drops leaves in spring; Oak trees are the favorite of insect gleaning birds like Warblers and Tanagers (among many, many more). The fruit of the Oak Tree is their signature acorn, which many wildlife species rely upon, the acorn is a key component to the winter diet of many birds – including Blue Jays and Woodpeckers. Oaks are also a very popular pesting location for breeding birds
Pecan	Carya illinoinensis	В	60-75'	60-75'	S	D	Fall	Edible Nuts	М	Sand, loam, clay, caliche; well drained	Prune for shape or to raise canopy	Tall impressive tree; nut producing; for good, deep soils only; susceptible to disease & insects; recommended varieties at <i>texaspecans.org</i> . Texas state tree; Begins bearing @ 20 years, can live 300 years. Host plant: Grey Hairstreak butterfly.
Small/Ornamer	ntal Trees (10 - 25	feet ty	pical, s	ingle or	multi-tr	unke	d)				1,	General maintenance: Prune for shape or to raise canopy. Generally, raise canopy to 14' over roadways, to 8' over walkways. Natural litter; leaves, catkins, fruit, twigs, seedpods, etc. make good mulch or compost. Mow leaves to mulch in place. Remove fruit & branches from hardscape surfaces.
Condalia / Brasil / Bluewood	Condalia hookeri	BEP	6-15'	8-10'	S-PS	SE		Dark blue and black fruit	VL	Dry, well- drained soils.	Prune for shape or to raise canopy; remove suckers	Multi-branched shrub or small tree, often with thorns. Leaves are bright green, glossy and spatulate (larger and rounded at tip). Provides dense cover and fruit throughout the summer eaten by various birds.
Possumhaw Holly	llex decidua	BE	12-20'	12'	S-PS	D	Winter	Red berries	М	Sand, loam, clay, caliche, seasonal poor drainage ok	Prune for shape only or to raise canopy	Striking red berries on bare branches in winter; tolerates poor drainage; fruits best in full sun; must have a female for berries. Appropriate for use near overhead and underground utilities. In winter, with its many, small, red berries feed songbirds and gamebirds and provides habitat for nesting
Holly, Yaupon	llex vomitoria	EB	12-25'	8-12'	S-PS- SH	E	Winter	Red berries	L	Adaptable	Prune for shape only, pick prune to regain natural shape.	Small shade tolerant tree, best production of red fruit with half-day of sun or more. Nursery plants are typically female producing red berries that attract birds; free of insects and diseases; berries poisonous IF eaten in quantity. Many cultivars available, including weeping, columnar, and dwarf. Dense branching attractive for nesting birds.
Mexican Plum	Prunus mexicana	EB	15 - 35'	15-20'	S-PS	D	Spring & Fall	White/pink flowers; Edible fruit	L	Dry to moist, well drained soils	Prune for shape or to raise canopy	Single-trunked, non-suckering; fragrant, showy, white flowers before leaves appear. Plums turn yellow to mauve to purple July through Sept.

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Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum	Viburnum rufidulum	EB	15-20'	10-15'	PS	D	Late Spring; Fall	White flowers; Bluish black berries; fall red foliage	L	Deeper well drained soil	Prune for shape or to raise canopy right after bloom	Good understory tree; Glossy, dark-green, deciduous leaves turn a variety of warm hues in autumn. Flowers white, from ¼ - ¾" wide, in rounded or flattened clusters up to 4" wide, noticeable from a distance in early spring. Fruit fleshy, bluish black, up to ½" long. Slow grower; birds appreciate the fall fruit.
Texas Redbud	Cercis canadensis var. texensis	EB	15-20'	12-15'	S-PS	D	Early Spring	Pinkish purple flowers	L	Adaptable, well drained, limestone	Prune for shape or to raise canopy; remove suckers	Mostly multi-trunked with thick leathery leaves, can train into small tree. Likes sunny, well drained sites. Eastern Redbud not recommended for this area.
Texas Persimmon	Diospyrus texana	EB	12-20'	8-12'	S-PS	D,S E	Year round	Fragrant white flowers. Peeling bark	L	Grows best in rocky limestone soil	Prune for shape or to raise canopy	Attractive, smooth grey peeling bark; wildlife food; female trees bear edible fruit that can be messy. Grows slowly. Appropriate for use near overhead and underground utilities.
Shrubs (Typica	ily multi-trunked,	3 - 10	; stems	s persist	through	win	ter)					General maintenance: Selectively prune for a natural or formal look. No shearing. Flowering shrubs with no fruit interest should be pruned right after main blooming period. Flowering shrubs with berries should be pruned in February or after birds have finished feeding. Evergreen shrubs should be pruned in winter while dormant.
Agarita	Mahonia trifoliolata	E	3-6'	3-6'	S-PS	E	Spring- Sum, Winter	Fragrant yellow flowers; bright red berries	VL	Dry, well drained soils.	Pruning away from walkways or patios for safety	Gray-green to blue-gray, holly-like foliage has needle-sharp tips. Clusters of fragrant, yellow flowers are followed by red berries from May to July. Songbirds eat fruits; quail, birds and small mammals use it for cover. Nectar source.
American Beautyberry	Callicarpa americana	EB	3-6'	4-6'	PS	D	May- Jun/ Fall berries	White or pink flowers; purple fruit	L	Woods, moist thickets, wet slopes, bottomlands	Pruning not necessary.	Striking clusters of glossy, iridescent-purple fruit (sometimes white) in fall & winter. Prefers dependable moisture. Berries are important foods for many species of birds. The shrub may temporarily defoliate and lose developing fruit during periods of prolonged summer drought.
Chile Pequín (Chile Petín)	Capsicum annuum	EP	2-4'	2-4'	S-PS	D	Sum-Fall	White flowers, red chili peppers	L	medium to dry soils	Cut back to 3" after first frost browns leaves	Peppers are HOT! Reseeds. Birds love the fruit.
Evergreen Sumac	Rhus virens	E	8-10'	6-8'	S-PS	E	Late Summer /Winter	Fuzzy orange-red berries provide color Sep- Dec.	VL	Needs good drainage / very dry soils, well drained	Prune as needed to maintain natural form	Slow growing, insect and disease-free and drought-tolerant. Only female plants produce flowers and red berries relished by birds and other wildlife. Nectar source.
Flame Acanthus	Anisacanthus quadrifidus var. wrightii	EP	3-4'	3'	S, PS	D	Jun - Oct	Bright red to orange flowers	L	Sand, Loam, Clay, Caliche, Limestone	Cutting back to '1/2' in winter to maintain a compact shape. New spring growth will sprout on old stems	Flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Medium-sized shrub can be used as a low hedge, in pots or perennial gardens. Reseeds agressively, but easily weeded out.
Texas Lantana	Lantana urticoides	EB	3-5'	4-5'	S	D	Summer- Fall	Orange and yellow flowers	L	Well drained	Prune severely before spring growth for more compact plant.	Flowers begin yellow and turn orange; flowers attract butterflies; fruit attracts birds; gets thorny with age.

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Turk's Cap	Malvaviscus arboreus var. drummondii	EB	2 - 6'	3-5'	PS-SH	D	Late Spring- Fall	Red flowers	М	Moist well drained woodland; sandy, loamy, clay and limestone	Prune to keep confined or when leggy	Spreading, drought tolerant shrub. Bright-red, hibiscus-like flowers. Especially useful in shady situations, but adapts to and thrives in many different sites, including full sun and heavy soil. Edible fruit attracts wildlife; nectar attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. Can spread aggressively.
Sage, Autumn (Cherry Sage)	Salvia greggii	ET	2-3'	2-3'	S	E/S E	Spring- Fall	White, red, pink or coral flowers	L	Sand, loam, clay, limestone, well drained	00.	Small, ornamental, use in perennial bed or as low hedge. Aromatic foliage; 1" long bloom that hummingbirds love! Depending on provenance, will bloom most heavily either in sprir or in fall, with scattered blooming in summer and until frost. If you keep snipping off the tips, it will bloom constantly spring-frost. Many varieties & colors available.
Flowering Plar	nts (Herbaceous a	nnuals	s, bienn	lials, and	l perenn	ials)						General maintenance: Spring growing season: Thin, divide, and transplant late season blooming plants. Removal of weeds and unwanted seedlings. Summer growing season: Deadhead only if fruit/seeds are not desired. Cut back stressed plants. Cut back periodically for a more formal aesthetic. Cut back to maintain walkways and other rights-of-way. Winter dormant season: Thin, divide, and transplant spring blooming plants. Prune to shape and/or contain. Prune dead material down to new growth in late February.
Engelmann's/ Cutleaf Daisy	Engelmannia peristenia	BEPS	1.5- 3.5'	1-3'	S-PS	Р	Feb-Nov	Yellow flowers	М	Sand, loam, clay, caliche, limestone; well- drained	May bloom again if cut back in late summer	
Indian Blanket (Firewheel, Gaillardia)	Gaillardia pulchella	EB	1-2'	2'	S-PS	A	April - Frost	Yellow, red, orange flowers	М	Well drained sand, loam, clay; acid or calcareous.	Deadheading, supplemental summer watering prolong blooming	Long blooming if watered moderately; reseeds easily. One of 3 locally native Gaillardia species. Cultivars & hybrids widely available; annual or short-lived perennial; may be ster
Lindheimer's Senna	Senna lindheimeriana	EP	1 - 2'	1 - 2'	S, PS	Р	Aug - Oct	1", 5- petalled yellow- orange flowers on a 3 - 6" long raceme	L	Limestone, well drained soil	Cut back half in July for thicker, more compact foliage and to keep plants from falling over. Reblooms well in Fall.	Can reach 6' tall on a semi-woody multi-branched stalk with gray velvety foliage. Works well in wildflower garden as specimen or background plant, The seeds provide an important source of food for birds.
Purple Coneflower	Echinacea purpurea	North- east Texa s	2-3'	1-2'	S-PS	Р	Apr-Sep	Pink or purple blooms; showy seedhead	М	Well drained limestone, sand, clay, loam	Spring: thin, transplant. Late Feb: prune to new growth.	Popular & widely available in nurseries. Long-lasting, 3" wide lavender flowers, use in pot flower beds, borders, or wildflower mixes for roadside beautification and prairie restoration. Can become aggressive. Nectar attracts butterflies & hummingbirds; birds, particularly Goldfinches, are fond of its seed in fall.
Sage, Mealy Blue	Salvia farinacea	B,E,P	2-3'	1-3'	S-PS	SE	Spring- Frost	Dark blue to white 3- 9" flowering spike	L	Sand, loam, clay, caliche, limestone; well- drained	When new basal foliage appears, cut back existing flower stalks to keep plant lush and bloomin	Upright or sprawling perennial, usually forms a mound as wide as the plant is tall. They have the usual sage fragrance. Dark-blue to white, tubular flowers are densely congested in whorls along the upper stems, creating a 3-9" spike. Gray-green, lance-shaped leaves are numerous, especially in lower portion of the plant. Best in thin limestone soils in full so The drier the soil, the better it tolerates shade.

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Skeletonleaf Goldeneye	Viguiera stenoloba	ETS	2-4'	3-4'	S-PS	SE	Jun-Oct	Daisy-like, yellow- orange flowers atop leafeless stalks	L	Dry, rocky soils, well- drained sand, loam, clay, caliche, limestone	Cut back the plant periodically to encourage bushy growth. Extremely drought tolerant.	This extremely drought-tolerant plant makes an excellent tall ground cover or small flowering shrub; Seeds-granivorous birds, Cover, Nesting site
Sunflower, Common	Helianthus annuus		1.5-8'	1.5-3' colon- izes via seeds	S	A	SuM-Fall	5" blooms, bright yellow with maroon center	М	Dry, disturbed clays or heavy sands, well drained soils.	Rust, leaf fungal spots and powdery mildew are somewhat common.	Widely branching, stout annual, with coarsely hairy leaves and stems. Many large and showy blooms up to 5 in. across, bright yellow with maroon center. Spreads rapidly by seed, especially in disturbed sites. Allelopathic effect on other plants. Sunflowers intermixed with other annuals provide good cover for many species of wildlife. Seeds are sought by many species of wild birds. Attracts birds, bees, moth larval host.
Sunflower, Maximilian	Helianthus maximiliani	EBT- exc. S. TX	4 - 6'	3'	S, PS	Р	Blooms Aug - Nov	Bright yellow flowers	L	Sand, loam, clay, limestone; well-drained	Divide and replant every 3 years to keep under control.	Can be anywhere from 1 - 10' tall. Well drained soil, but can handle moisture. Dormant in winter. Flowers important nectar source in Fall and seeds eaten by many birds.
Zexmenia	Wedelia acapulcensis var. hispida	EP	1.5- 2.5'	2-3'	S-PS	SE	May - Nov	Golden yellow flowers	L	Dry, well- drained soils; sand, loam, clay, caliche, limestone	Periodic shearing encourages repeat blooming and fullness; easily pulled from areas where it is unwanted	Small shrub, woody at base and herbaceous in leafy parts, Rough-hairy, gray-green foliage. Leaves, varying in shape from lobed in basal half on either or both sides to narrow and unlobed, with margins weakly toothed or untoothed. Flowers in showy heads with yellow to orange rays appearing on petals of a single flower, on long stems extending vertically above leaves. Daisy-like flowers which literally cover plant from summer to frost. Blooms continuously though not profusely; reseeds readily and goldfinches love the seeds
Grasses and So	edges										anwantea	General maintenance: Grasses may be cut back when they start looking messy in their dormant season or just before spring growth (mid-Feb to mid-March). Not cutting back grasses at all is best for wildlife. Last year's grass leaves can be raked out of new growth in mid-late spring. Sedges require little or no care, but may go dormant in drought unless watered.
Indiangrass	Sorghastrum nutans	E,B	3-8'	2-5'	S-PS- SH	Р	Fall	Deep orange to purple flowers	М	Sand, loam, clay, limestone, poor drainage	Control spread by digging or remove seedheads.	Bright golden flowers and blue-green blades make a nice garden accent or are nice in a moist swale with seep muhly or Gulf muhly. Stays low most of the year and grows tall before blooming in early autumn; Larval host for butterflies and used as cover for sphinx moths. Highly deer resistant.
Inland Sea Oats	Chasmanthium latifolium	EB	2-4'	2-3'	PS-SH	Р	Summer- Fall	lvory seeds	М	Sand, loam, clay, moist, poorly drained ok	Cut back to 6" in February	Graceful, drooping wheat-like seed heads; spreads freely by seed, can be used as a tall groundcover for woodland; good understory plant; prefers moist areas. Easily transplanted. Highly deer resistant.
Lindheimer Muhly	Muhlenbergia lindheimeri	E	2-5'	3-4'	S	Р	Fall	Fountain- like silvery plumes	L- M	Sand, loam, clay, limestone well-drained moist creek banks	Rake or optionally cut back in February	Clumping blue-green grass, smaller alternative to pampas grass, feather-like blooms in fall, leave foliage through winter for interest
Little Bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	EB	2-5'	1-2'	S-PS	Р	Fall	Copper leaves	L	Sand, loam, clay, limestone; well-drained	Cutting back optional, do not add compost	Basic component of prairies. Lovely fall copper foliage form nice columnar clumps. Needs good drainage, little watering, and un-enriched soil. Highly deer resistant.
Sideoats Grama	Bouteloua curtipendula	EBT	1-3'	1-3'	S-PS	Р	Sum-Fall	Red, yellow, orange flowers dangling from side	VL	Sand, loam, clay, limestone, igneous, well- drained	Mow once up to June and again in February	State grass of Texas. The dangling oat-like seed heads on the side of the stem provide a nice texture in a garden. Good for meadows. Grows mostly in clumps; Seeds provide good bird food; larval butterfly host. Highly deer resistant.

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Vines (Plants w	vith a growth habi	it of tra	illing o	r climbin	g stems	or r	unners					General maintenance: Spring Growing season: Thin divide and transplant. Removal of weeds and unwanted seedlings. Summer growing season: Cut back stressed plants. Cut back to maintain shape. Winter dormant season: Thin, divide, and transplant. Prune to shape and/or contain. Prune dead material down to new growth in late February.
Coral Honeysuckle	Lonicera sempervirens	EB	15-20'	Climbing vine or ground- cover	S-PS	E/P	Mar- Jun, Fall	Red to yellow flowers	М	Various soils, but rich preferred. Both lime and acidic OK.	Prune to direct and control growth.	This beautiful, slender, climbing vine is frequently visited by hummingbirds. Not too aggressive. Good climber or ground cover. The species name refers to its evergreen habit, especially in the South. Coral tubular blooms attract hummingbirds; berries attract birds; replacement for INVASIVE Japanese honeysuckle.
Mustang Grape	Vitis mustangensis	BESP		Low-high climbing		D	Aug-Oct	Fruit; leaves turn red / pink / mauve / gold in Fall		Sand, loam, clay, limestone, calcerous or acid; well- drained		There are 14 native grape vines in Texas. A common and easily recognized grape with a white, velvety surface on the lower side of the leaves. A vine climbing over shrubs and int trees and often shading their leaves. Leaves in two forms: one form unlobed or shallowly lobed, and the other form deeply lobed, with the latter less common and on rapidly growin shoots. The lower surface of the unlobed leaves often concave. Grapes up to 3/4" in diameter, few to the bunch, ripening in August and September to dark purple, and usually bitter, even irritating, but popular with makers of homemade wine.
Passionflower Vine (Purple Passionvine)	Passiflora incarnata	EB E. TX	6'	6-15'	S-PS	Р	May- Aug	Lavender flowers		Sand, loam; well drained	and control growth, cut back unwanted	Climbs with wrapping tendrils, support with chain link fence or trellis or use as groundcover. Will climb into other plants, so give it plenty of room to spread. Leaves large with large showy pinwheel flowers. Be careful when cutting as birds enjoy this vine for secret nesting habitat. Showy Flowers, Interesting Fruit, Moderate Deer Resistance, Butterfly Nectar Source.
Trumpet Creeper	Campsis radicans	BEPS	32+'		S-PS	Р	Sum-Fall	Reddish- orange flowers	L	Sand, loam, clay, caliche, well-drained	Prune to control growth	Not recommended for wooden structures; attracts hummingbirds; aggressive spreader; good for erosion control cover; Flowers showy, waxy, broadly trumpet shaped, up to 3 ½" long, orange to reddish orange, clustered at the ends of branches, appearing throughout the summer. Fruit a pod up to 6" long with 2 ridges running lengthwise, tapering more gradually to the base than to the tip, and roughly round in cross section.
Virginia Creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	EB	3-40'	High climbing or ground-cover	S-PS- SH	D	Fall	Red or purple leaves	L	Any; poor drainage ok	Prune to direct and control growth	Vigorous cover; good groundcover as well; many birds compete for the berries; best foliage color and berry production in full sun.

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Light (2)	S: Sun (in full sunlight for 6 hours) PS: Part sun (in sunlight 2-6 hours or lightly shaded all day) SH: Shade (in the sun less than 2 hours per day)	
Evergreen/ Perennial (3)	E: Evergreen, SE: Semi-Evergreen, D: Deciduous P: Perennial, A: Annual	
Water (4)	VL: Very Low (Water occasionally during very dry conditions L: Low (Water thoroughly every 3-4 weeks if no rainfall) M: Medium (Water thoroughly every 2-3 weeks if no rainfall) H: High (Water thoroughly every 5-7 days if no rainfall); Refers to the plant's water needs after establishment; all plants need more water the first 1-3 years until established.	
	ants provide greater wildlife value than hybrid, non-native and/or exotic plants. Flowers, leaves, id berries provide food for wildlife including butterflies, insects, birds and/or mammals.	
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