

**Recommended Native Plant List  
for East Texas Landscaping  
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**Large Shade Trees:**

American Beech (*Fagus grandiflora*)  
Baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*)  
Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*)  
Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*)  
Burr Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)  
Chinquapin Oak (*Quercus michauxii*)  
Loblolly Pine (*Pinus taeda*)  
Longleaf Pine (*Pinus palustris*)  
Northern Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*)  
Nutall Oak (*Quercus nutallii*)  
Pecan (*Carya illinoensis*)  
Post Oak (*Quercus stellata*)  
Shortleaf Pine (*Pinus echinata*)  
Shumard Red Oak (*Quercus shumardii*)  
Southern Magnolia (*Mangolia grandiflora*)  
Southern Red Oak (*Quercus falcata*)  
Swamp Chestnut Oak (*Quercus michauxii*)  
White Oak (*Quercus alba*)

**Medium Sized Trees:**

American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)  
Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)  
Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)  
River Birch (*Betula nigra*)  
Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*)  
Southern Catalpa (*Catalpa bignoniodes*)  
Southern Sugar Maple (*Acer barbatum*)

Sweetbay Magnolis (*Magnolia virginiana*)

**Small Ornamental Trees:**

American Fringe Tree/Grancy Graybeard (*Chionanthus virginicus*)

Brazoria Palm (*Sabal x texensis*)

Buckeye (*Aesculus pavia*)

Carolina Buckthorn (*Rhamnus caroliniana*)

Chalk Maple (*Acer leucoderme*)

Cherry Laurel (*Prunus caroliniana*)

Desert Willow (*Chilopsis linearis*)

Eve's Necklace (*Sophora affinis*)

Farkle Berry/Tree Huckleberry (*Vaccinium arboreum*)

Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

Foster/Savannah/Eagleson Holly (*Ilex x attenuata*)

Mayhaw (*Crataegus opaca*)

Mexican Buckeye (*Ungnadia speciosa*)

Mexican Plum (*Prunus mexicana*)

Parsley Hawthorn (*Crataegus marshallii*)

Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)

Possum Haw Holly (*Ilex decidua*)

Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)

Roughleaf Dogwood (*Cornus drummondii*)

Rusty Black Haw Viburnum (*Viburnum prunifolium*)

Silver Bell (*Halesia diptera*)

Smooth Sumac (*Rhus glabra*)

Texas Mountain Laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*)

Texas Sabal Palm (*Sabal mexicana*)

Titi (*Cyrilla racemeflora*)

Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*)

Weeping Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria pendula*)

**Large Shrubs:**

Arrow-wood Viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*)

Cherry Laurel (*Prunus caroliniana*) –sheared/shaped  
Palmetto (*Sabal minor*)  
Wax Myrtle (*Myrica cerifera*)  
Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*)

### **Medium Sized Shrubs:**

American Beauty Berry (*Callicarpa americana*)  
Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)  
Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)  
Rabbiteye Blueberry (*Vaccinium elliottii*)  
Red Anise (*Illicium floridanum*)  
Strawberry Bush (*Euonymus americana*)  
Wild Honeysuckle Azalea (*Rhododendron canescens*)

### **Small Shrubs:**

Coral Berry (*Symporocarpus orbiculatus*)  
Dwarf Wax Myrtle (*Myrica pusilla*)  
Dwarf Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria nana*)  
Sweetspire (*Itea virginica*)  
Whorled Class Viburnum (*Ilex obovatum* ‘Whorled Class)

### **Vines:**

American Wisteria (*Wisteria frutescens*)  
Carolina Jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*)  
Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)  
Carolina Snail Seed (*Cocculus caroliniana*)  
Crossvine (*Bignonia capreolata*)  
Jackson Vine (*Smilax smallii*)  
Perennial Morning Glory (*Ipomea pandurata*)  
Muscadine (*Vitis rotundifolia*)  
Trumpet Creeper (*Campsis radicans*)  
Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus virginicus*)

## Perennials:

- Bee Balm (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia sp.*)
- Blazing Star/Gay Feather (*Liatris sp.*)
- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
- Coral Bean (*Erythrina herbacea*)
- Coreopsis (*Coreopsis sp.*)
- Fall/Aromatic Aster (*Aster oblongifolius*)
- Gaura (*Gaura lindheimeri*)
- Giant Coneflower (*Rudbeckia maxima*)
- Louisiana Yucca (*Yucca louisianensis*)
- Louisiana iris (*Iris sp.*)
- Mist Flower/Perennial Ageratum (*Eupatorium coelestinum*)
- Mealy Cup Sage (*Salvia farinacea*)
- Mexican Hat (*Ratibita columnaris*)
- Mexican Mint Marigold (*Tagetes lucida*)
- Neches River Rose Mallow (*Hibiscus dasycalyx*)
- Pitcher Sage (*Salvia azurea*)
- Phlox (*Phlox sp.*)
- Prickly Pear (*Opuntia sp.*)
- Rain Lilies (*Cooperia, Habranthus, Zephyranthese sp.*)
- Red Yucca (*Hesperaloe parviflora*)
- Rose Mallow Hibiscus (*Hibiscus sp.*)
- Salt Marsh Mallow (*Kosteletzkya virginica*)
- Spider Lilies (*Hymenocallis sp.*)
- Texas Star Hibiscus (*Hibiscus coccineus*)
- Turks Cap (*Malvaviscus drummondii*)

## Annuals:

- East Texas Bluebonnet (*Lupinus subcarnosus*)

Texas Bluebonnet (*Lupinus texensis*)  
Texas Sage (*Salvia coccinea*)

**Tropicals/Containers:**

Esperanza/Yellow Bells (*Tecoma stans*)

**Groundcovers/Borders:**

Coral Berry (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatum*)  
Inland Sea Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)  
Wood Fern (*Thelypteris kunthii*)

**Grasses:**

Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)  
Bushy Bluestem (*Andropogon glomeratus*)  
Eastern Gama Grass (*Tripsacum dactyloides*)  
Gulf Muhly (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)  
Indian Grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*)  
Inland Sea Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)  
Little Blue Stem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)  
Splitbeard Bluestem (*Andropogon ternarius*)  
Switch Grass (*Panicum virgatum*)

**Bamboo:**

Switch Cane (*Arundinaria gigantea*)

**Edible Plants:**

Black Walnut  
Blackberry  
Blueberry  
Chinquapin

Dewberry  
Eastern Persimmon  
Elderberry  
Mayhaw  
Muscadine  
Pawpaw  
Pecan

**Extremely Invasive Exotic Plants to Avoid and Destroy at all Cost:**

Annual Ryegrass  
Bermudagrass  
Chinaberry  
Chinese Privet  
Chinese Tallow  
Chinese Wisteria  
Elephant Ear  
English Ivy  
Giant Reed  
Giant Salvinia  
Golden Bamboo  
Johnson Grass  
Mimosa  
Japanese Climbing Fern  
Japanese Honeysuckle  
Water Hyacinth