

Native & Texas-friendly Plants

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LKS Garden Designs

**Drought is a reminder of how
important water is to all life.**

**How we use water today affects
future generations.**

**We need to conserve water
whenever possible.**

**Plano Environmental Education Center
(corner of Plano Parkway and Commerce)**

**Gardens were designed to showcase native and
Texas friendly (adapted non-native) plants.**



Why Use Texas Native Plants?

- ... many are attractive in landscapes.**
- ... conserve water.**
- ... are hardier.**
- ... more insect and disease resistant.**
- ... tolerate our soils and weather.**
- ... provide food and housing for native and migratory birds, butterflies, insects and mammals.**
- ... do not require the use of harmful chemicals to maintain.**

Native Plants – Not Just Wildflowers



**Native can be deciduous
trees that provide shade in
summer but allow the
sun's warmth in winter.**

Bur Oak – *Quercus macrocarpa*



Cedar Elm – *Ulmus crassifolia*



Chinkapin Oak

Quercus muehlenbergii



Chinese Pistache (adapted non-native)

Pistacia chinensis



**Native can be
ornamental trees that
provide seasonal color.**

Mexican Plum

Prunus mexicana



Desert Willow

Chilopsis linearis



Eve's Necklace

Sophora affinis



Texas Smoke Tree

Cotinus obovatus



Oklahoma Redbud

Cercis reniformis 'Oklahoma'



Vitex or Chaste Tree (adapted non-native)

Vitex agnus-castus



**Native can be varying
heights of shrubs that can
provide screening or
ornamental accents.**

Yaupon Holly

Ilex vomitoria



Possumhaw Holly – *Ilex decidua*



Mexican Buckeye

Ungnadia speciosa



Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum

Viburnum rufidulum



Compact Texas Sage

Leucophyllum frutescens 'compacta'



Rio Bravo Texas Sage

Leucophyllum frutescens 'Rio Bravo'





Green Cloud Texas Sage

Leucophyllum frutescens 'Green Cloud'



Agarito – *Berberis trifoliolata*



American Beautyberry

Callicarpa americana



Coralberry

Symphoricarpos orbiculatus



**Native can be evergreen
providing year-round
structure in a garden.**

Dwarf Palmetto

Sabal Minor



Bear Grass

Nolina sp.



Red Yucca

Hesperaloe parviflora



Dwarf Yaupon Holly

Ilex vomitoria nana



**Native can be ornamental
grasses providing soft
structure and movement in
the garden.**

Mexican Feathergrass

Stipa tenuissima



Little Bluestem

Schizachyrium scoparium



Gulf Muhly Grass

Muhlenbergia capillaris



Lindheimers Muhly

Muhlenbergia lindheimeri



**There are many native
perennials (plants that
return every year), that
provide outstanding color
spring through fall.**

Purple Coneflower - *Echinacea purpurea*



Pink Skullcap

Scutellaria suffrutescens





Autumn Sage
Salvia greggii



Zexmenia - Wedelia hispida



Henry Duelberg Mealy Blue Sage

Salvia farinacea 'Henry Duelberg'



Mexican Oregano
Poliomintha longiflora



Rockrose

Pavonia lasiopetala



Blue Mist Flower

Eupatorium greggii



**Flame Acanthus – *Anisacanthus*
quadrifidus var. *wrightii***



Mexican Petunia
Ruellia brittoniana



Turkscap – *Malvaviscus drummondii*



Desert Globemallow

Sphaeralcea sp.



Lantana - *Lantana horrida*



Adapted non-native perennials

Lantana – *non-native varieties*



Homestead Verbena

Verbena canadensis

‘Homestead’



Germander

Teucrium chamaedrys



Mexican Mint Marigold

Tagetes lucida



Rosemary

Rosmarinus officinalis



Anise /Black & Blue Sage

Salvia guaranitica



Russian Sage

Perovskia atriplicifolia



Indigo Spires Sage

Salvia x 'Indigo Spires'



Mexican Bush Sage

Salvia leucantha



Powis Castle Artemisia

Artemisia x 'Powis Castle'



**Some perennials provide
accent color only once
during the year
complimenting the
surrounding plants.**

Spreading Winecup - *Callirhoe involucrata*



Brown-eyed Susan – *Rudbeckia hirta*



Fall Aster - *Aster oblongifolius*



Texas Gold Columbine - *Aquilegia hinckleyana*



Oxeye Daisy (adapted non-native)

Luecanthemum vulgare





































Heritage Green











Water Infrequently and Deeply

Improve Soil With Organic Matter

**Reduce Evaporation With Topdressing
of Mulch**

**Water is a precious and
finite resource.**

Use it wisely!