

BLACK LOCUST

'Robinia Pseudoacacia'

Black Locust is native to the United States. It is a fast growing tree in the legume family, and therefore a nitrogen fixer. Its fragrant, showy blooms are great for bees. It is tolerant of drought, salt, and poor soil. On the downside, it has thorns, can spread along its roots, and can be toxic, so be careful where you plant it.



Height:	30-60 ft.
Width:	20-35 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Any
pH:	Acidic or alkaline soil
Harvest time:	n/a blooms at Spring
Years to bear:	n/a (can be toxic to animals)
Pollinator:	n/a

BLACKBERRY, APACHE

Rubus fruticosus 'Apache'

The Apache is a thornless variety of blackberry. It is an erect, or self-supporting, shrub that does not need a trellis. It produces a large, sweet fruit. It was developed in Arkansas, and has low chill hour requirements.



Height:	5-8 ft.
Width:	3-6 ft.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam, but does well in other soil types too
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	July
Years to bear:	1-2
Pollinator:	Self-fertile, but will produce more with more than one plant.

BLACKBERRY, CHESTER

Rubus fruticosus 'Chester'

The Chester is a thornless variety of blackberry. It is an erect, or self-supporting, shrub, but can benefit from a trellis while it is strengthening its cane. It produces a large, sweet fruit with a very high yield. It was developed at the University of Maryland, and is the most cold tolerant of the blackberries we carry..



Height:	4-5 ft.
Width:	3-4 ft.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam, but does well in other soil types too
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	August
Years to bear:	1-2
Pollinator:	Self-fertile, but will produce more with more than one plant.

BOYSENBERRY

Rubus ursinus × *Rubus idaeus*

Boysenberries have dewberry, blackberry, raspberry, and loganberry in their parentage. They are a vining shrub that has thorns. You will need a trellis if you want it grow upwards. They produce a very large, dark purple, and flavorful fruit.



Height:	5-6 ft.
Width:	5-6 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	July
Years to bear:	1-2
Pollinator:	Self-fertile, but will produce more with more than one plant

CHILE PEQUIN

Capsicum annuum

Chile Pequin is a perennial pepper plant, native in southern United States, Mexico, and down into South America. It will freeze back down to the ground in temperatures below 30, but will come back in the spring. The pepper is small, round, and very hot (hotter than a cayenne pepper).



Height:	1-4 ft.
Width:	2 ft.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam, but does well in other soil types too
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic to neutral soil
Harvest time:	All through summer
Years to bear:	Fruits 1 st year
Pollinator:	Self-fertile

CHESTNUT, CHINESE

Castanea mollissima

The Chinese Chestnut is native to China and Korea, and unlike its American relative, it is resistant to chestnut blight. It is a big tree, with a dense, spreading canopy. The nut is large and meaty, and is perfect for roasting. The tree has a similar place in the canopy as Pecan trees.



Height:	40-60 ft.
Width:	40-60 ft.
Growth rate:	Slow to moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Prefers moist, well-drained sandy loam, does not do well in clay.
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	September-October
Years to bear:	4-5
Pollinator:	Should be planted in pairs or groups for cross-pollination.

CRAPE MYRTLE, DYNAMITE

Lagerstroemia indica 'Whit II' Dynamite

Crape Myrtle is native to China and Korea. It tolerates the heat of our summers very well, and, once it is established, will need almost no care. It blooms almost all summer long, making it an excellent tree for bees and for ornamental purposes. It is also spectacular in the fall as it loses its leaves. The Dynamite has deep red blooms.



Height:	15-20 ft.
Width:	10-15 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Does well in many different types of soil
pH:	Slightly acidic
Harvest time:	n/a
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

CRAPE MYRTLE, MUSKOGEE

Lagerstroemia indica 'Muskogee'

Crape Myrtle is native to China and Korea. It tolerates the heat of our summers very well, and, once it is established, will need almost no care. It blooms almost all summer long, making it an excellent tree for bees and for ornamental purposes. It is also spectacular in the fall as it loses its leaves. The Muskogee has a beautiful lavender pink colored bloom.



Height:	15-20 ft.
Width:	15-20 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Does well in many different types of soil
pH:	Slightly acidic or alkaline soil
Harvest time:	n/a
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

CRAPE MYRTLE, NATCHEZ

Lagerstroemia indica 'Natchez'

Crape Myrtle is native to China and Korea. It tolerates the heat of our summers very well, and, once it is established, will need almost no care. It blooms almost all summer long, making it an excellent tree for bees and for ornamental purposes. It is also spectacular in the fall as it loses its leaves. Natchez has a white flowers, and is the favorite of bees.

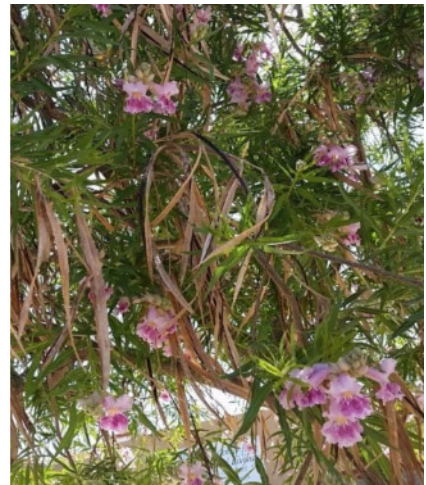


Height:	15-20 ft.
Width:	15-20 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Does well in many different types of soil
pH:	Slightly acidic or alkaline soil
Harvest time:	n/a
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

DESERT WILLOW

Chilopsis linearis

Desert willow is an extremely hardy tree, native to the southern US and Mexico. It is tolerant of heat, cold, and drought. Once established, it will not need much watering. Its fragrant, showy pink flowers bloom all summer long.



Height:	15-20 ft.
Width:	10 ft.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Prefers well-drained limestone soil, but tolerates most other soil types too. Cannot tolerate wet or heavy soil
pH:	Tolerates acid or alkaline soil
Harvest time:	n/a Blooms April to September
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

FALL ASTER

Aster oblongifolius

Fall Aster is a perennial, flowering shrub that is native to Texas. It can grow up to three feet tall, but it is usually shorter. It blooms in Fall, and is a source of nectar for bees and other pollinators. It colonizes by stolons, so thin to control it. Once it has gone dormant, cut back to basal rosette. It is both cold and heat tolerant, and does not require much water.



Height:	1-3 ft.
Width:	1-2 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained soil – rocky, sandy, calcareous
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	n/a – Blooms September-November
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

FIG, BROWN TURKEY

Ficus carica 'Brown Turkey'

Brown Turkey figs are originally from France. They produce a fairly small sized, sweet fruit. It is rusty red to purple in color, with green flecks and pink flesh. It's heat tolerant, but needs protecting below 10 degrees. Planting on the south side of something gives protection from cold, northern fronts. Soil must be well drained, as figs do not like their roots sitting in water.



Height:	10-20 ft.
Width:	10-15 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun. Benefits from afternoon shade in summer. Best planted with southern exposure and protection from northern cold fronts.
Soil:	Must have well-drained soil
pH:	Prefers neutral or slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	July
Years to bear:	1-2
Pollinator:	Self-fertile

GUARA, PINK

Guara Siskiyou

Pink Guara is a perennial, flowering shrub that is native to Texas. It can grow up to four feet tall. It blooms in early Summer through Fall, and is a source of nectar for bees and other pollinators. Once it has gone dormant, cut back to the base. It is both cold, heat, and drought tolerant, and does not require much water once established.



Height:	1-4 ft.
Width:	1-3 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Prefers well-drained soil – sand, loam, chalk
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic to slightly alkaline soil
Harvest time:	n/a – Blooms early Summer through Fall
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

GOJI BERRY

Lycium chinense

Goji, or Wolfberry, is native to Asia and has been used for centuries for its culinary and medicinal properties. The vine produces copious amounts of red berries that have a slightly sour flavor. They are touted as a super food due to their high levels of antioxidants, vitamins, and amino acids. The fruit is usually sold as a dried berry.



Height:	10-13 ft. but best pruned to height of 4 ft.
Width:	4 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun or partial shade
Soil:	Any, but prefers well-drained soil
pH:	Prefers neutral or slightly alkaline soil
Harvest time:	Throughout summer
Years to bear:	1 st year
Pollinator:	Self-fertile

JUJUBE

Ziziphus jujuba

Jujube, also known as Chinese date, originates from China and has been cultivated for 4000 years. It produces a sweet-tart fruit, with a flavor similar to apple. When ripe, the fruit is red and can be eaten fresh or dried. It is loaded with energy, minerals, and vitamins, and has many medicinal uses. The tree will tolerate extreme temperatures and conditions.



Height:	30-40 ft.
Width:	15 ft.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam, but does well in other soil types too
pH:	Tolerates anything, even high salinity or high alkalinity
Harvest time:	August-October
Years to bear:	2
Pollinator:	Self-fertile

KATIE'S RUELLIA

Ruellia brittoniana

Katie's Ruellia is a compact, flowering perennial native to Mexico. It can grow up to a foot wide and tall. It blooms from May through September, and is a source of nectar for bees and other pollinators. It can be evergreen in milder winters, but will die back in a hard freeze until the Spring. It is drought and heat tolerant, and does not require much water.



Height:	6-12 in.
Width:	6-12 in.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun, tolerates partial shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained soil
pH:	Slightly acidic to slightly alkaline
Harvest time:	n/a – Blooms May-September
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

KIWI BERRY, ISSAI

Actinidia arguta 'Issai'

The hardy kiwi, or kiwi berry, is both heat and cold tolerant. Its fruit is smaller than a regular kiwi, but much sweeter and the skin is soft and edible. It can produce up to 100 lb. of fruit a year. The plant requires a sturdy trellis, and should be kept moist, especially during the hot months.



Height:	Can vine up to 20 ft. a year, in ideal conditions
Width:	-
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Partial shade, full sun
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam, but does well in other soil types too
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	August
Years to bear:	2-3
Pollinator:	Issai is self-fertile, we also have a female variety that needs Issai or a male for pollination

MEXICAN BUSH SAGE

Salvia leucantha

Mexican Bush Sage is a perennial, flowering shrub that is native to Mexico. It usually grows up to four or five feet tall. It blooms in Fall, and is a source of nectar for bees and other pollinators. It can be evergreen in climates when it does not freeze hard, but will survive in temperatures down to 18 degrees F; prune any freeze damage back in late winter. It loves the heat, is drought tolerant, and does not require much water.



Height:	4-6 ft.
Width:	4-6 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Prefers well-drained soil – sand, loam, clay
pH:	Acidic, Alkaline, or neutral
Harvest time:	n/a – Blooms in Fall
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

MIMOSA

Albizia julibrissin

The Mimosa, or Persian silk tree, is native to Asia, and is both cold and drought tolerant. It is a beautiful tree, normally used as an ornamental. Mimosas are most useful to the homesteader as 1) a nitrogen fixer (brings up nitrogen for nitrogen feeders, like fruit trees), and 2) bee and hummingbird food. The seedpods are poisonous, and the trees can become invasive.



Height:	20-35 ft.
Width:	20-35 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Any
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	n/a (blooms April-July)
Years to bear:	n/a seedpods are poisonous
Pollinator:	n/a

MULBERRY, RED

Morus rubra

The Red Mulberry is native to the US. It is a very fast growing tree that is excellent for providing shade in a hurry. They are tolerant of heat, humidity, and drought. Once established, mulberry should not need much care. The Red Mulberry can produce a mess during fruiting season, so do not place where that might be a problem.



Height:	30-50 ft.
Width:	30-40 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Prefers rich, moist, well-drained soil
pH:	Prefers neutral or slightly alkaline soil, tolerates slightly acidic
Harvest time:	June-July
Years to bear:	2-3
Pollinator:	Self-fertile

MULBERRY, WHITE

Morus alba

Mulberry is a very fast growing tree that is excellent for providing shade in a hurry. They are tolerant of heat, humidity, drought, and poor soil. Once established, mulberry should not need much care. The White Mulberry is usually cultivated for silkworm feed, however its leaves make great animal feed, and the fruit are sweet.

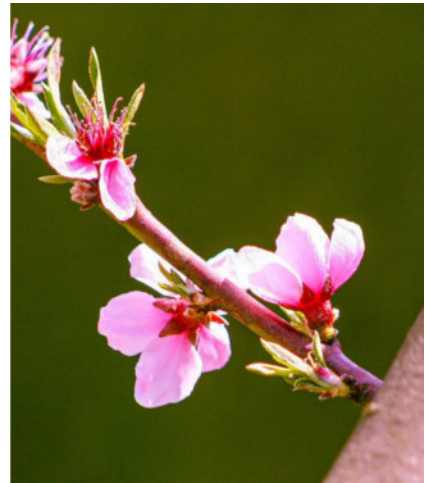


Height:	30-40 ft.
Width:	30-40 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam, but does well in other soil types too
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	April-June
Years to bear:	2-3
Pollinator:	Self-fertile

PEACH, HARVESTER

Prunus Persica 'Harvester'

The Harvester is a fairly small peach tree, but very prolific. It produces a reddish-yellow, freestone fruit with yellow, sweet flesh. Developed in Louisiana in 1973, it requires 700 chill hours.



Height:	10-15 ft.
Width:	10-15 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Prefers well-drained loamy soil
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	Jun
Years to bear:	1-3
Pollinator:	Self-fertile, though can produce more with a different species of peach

PEACH, LA FELICIANA

Prunus Persica 'La Feliciana'

Developed in Louisiana to produce fruit with low chill hours, and to thrive in a hot, humid climate. It produces a freestone peach. The fruit has a dark red flush, and its flesh is firm, sweet, and tangy.



Height:	15 ft.
Width:	10-12 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Prefers well-drained loamy soil
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	June-July
Years to bear:	1-3
Pollinator:	Self-fertile, though can produce more with a different species of peach

PEACH, SAM HOUSTON

Prunus Persica 'Sam Houston'

Sam Houston peach was developed by Texas A & M to produce fruit with low chill hours. It is a freestone peach. The fruit has a red flush, and its flesh is sweet, juicy, and low in acidity.



Height:	15 ft.
Width:	10-12 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Prefers well-drained loamy soil
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	July
Years to bear:	3 rd year
Pollinator:	Self-fertile, though can produce more with a different species of peach

PEAR, KIEFFER

Pyrus communis x *Pyrus pyrifolia* 'Kieffer'

Kieffers are a cross between an Asian and European pear. They produce a large, golden yellow fruit with some crimson blush. The flesh is white, crisp, and coarse. Preserves very well, and is great for canning and baking. It requires low chill hours (about 350-400). It is cold hardy, as well as heat and drought resistant. It is resistant to Fireblight.



Height:	20 ft.
Width:	20 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam, but does well in other soil types too. Can tolerate flooding
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	September-October
Years to bear:	4-6
Pollinator:	Self-fertile, but will produce more with a companion

PEAR, ORIENT

Pyrus communis x *Pyrus pyrifolia* 'Orient'

Orient is a cross between an Asian and European pear, known as the heaviest bearing pear tree. It produces a creamy, juicy pear with a fairly fine texture. It is a large, round yellow-green fruit. It requires low chill hours (about 350-400). It is cold hardy, as well as heat and drought resistant. It is resistant to Fireblight.



Height:	20 ft.
Width:	20 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam, but does well in other soil types too
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	August-September
Years to bear:	3-5
Pollinator:	Requires another variety to pollinate (within 100') – Bartlett, Moonglow, Kieffer.

PINE, LOBLOLLY

Pinus taeda

The Loblolly Pine is a fast growing pine, native to North America. It is a large, resinous, and fragrant tree with a rounded crown of spreading branches. As an evergreen, it offers food and year-round shelter for wildlife, as well as being attractive.



Height:	60-100 ft.
Width:	25-35 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Prefers moist, well-drained sandy loam and clay
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic
Harvest time:	n/a
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

PINEAPPLE GUAVA

Acca (or feijoa) sellowiana

This shrub, native to South America, can grow up to 8' tall. It is evergreen and is often used as a hedge by planting them close together. Pineapple Guava produces a fruit that has a similar taste to the guava, hence the name. They are deer and bug resistant. They don't suffer from disease, and thrive with relatively little care.

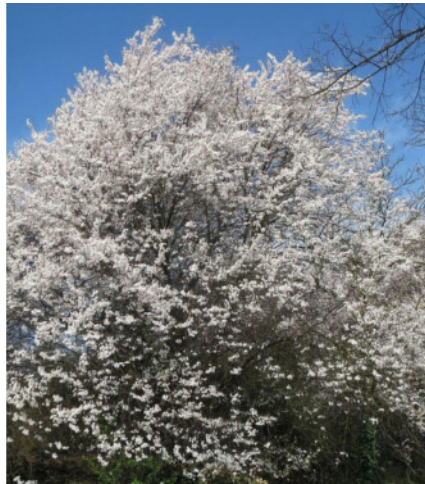


Height:	8-10 ft. (can grow to 15')
Width:	6-8 ft.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam, but can do light clay if not saturated
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	Fall (soft when ripe, and will fall off shrub)
Years to bear:	2-4
Pollinator:	Can be self-fertile, but more successful with a companion

PLUM, ALLRED

Prunus salicina 'Allred'

Allred is a Japanese plum introduced in Texas. It produces a small, red-skinned plum with juicy, red flesh. It has a sweet/tart flavor. The leaves are red, making it an attractive lawn tree. They are heat tolerant and do not require many chill hours (350).



Height:	10-15 ft.
Width:	10-15 ft.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam, but does well in other types of soil too
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	June
Years to bear:	3-5
Pollinator:	Self-fertile, but will produce more with another Japanese variety

PLUM, SANTA ROSA

Prunus salicina 'Santa Rosa'

Santa Rosa is a Japanese plum developed in California. Its large fruit is clingstone, red to purple in color, with gold flesh. It is juicy, and is both sweet and tart. They are heat tolerant and do not require many chill hours (300-500).



Height:	15-20 ft.
Width:	15-20 ft.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun, although benefits from afternoon shade in summer
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam, but does well in other soil types too
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	July
Years to bear:	3-5
Pollinator:	Self-fertile, but will produce more with another Japanese variety

POMEGRANATE, WONDERFUL

Punica granatum 'Wonderful'

The Wonderful produces a large, red fruit filled with soft seeds. Pomegranates are known as a super-food, being very high vitamin C, antioxidants, and fiber. The interior segments can be eaten fresh or juiced. It is heat and drought tolerant, and only requires about 150-200 chill hours.



Height:	8-15 ft.
Width:	5-10 ft.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam, but does well in other soil types too
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	September-October
Years to bear:	2-3
Pollinator:	Self-fertile

REDBUD, EASTERN

Cercis canadensis

The Eastern Redbud is native to North America. It produces a beautiful magenta blossom that is edible to humans. The tree also has many medicinal uses. It is most visible in early spring, when its showy blooms contrast to otherwise bare trees.



Height:	20-30 ft.
Width:	25-35 ft.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Moist, fertile, well drained soil
pH:	Tolerates both acidic and alkaline
Harvest time:	n/a Blooms March to May
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

ROCK ROSE

Pavonia lasiopetala

Rock Rose is a perennial, flowering shrub that is native to Texas. It can grow up to six feet tall. It blooms from Spring to Fall, and attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. Cut back each year to encourage bushy growth. It is both cold and extremely heat tolerant, and does not require much water.



Height:	3-6 ft.
Width:	1-3 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained limestone soil, but tolerates sand, loam, clay
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic to slightly alkaline soil
Harvest time:	n/a – Blooms April-November
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

SILVER QUILL

Ledebouria socialis

The Silver Quill is originally from South Africa. It is drought tolerant, storing water in its leaves like succulents. It is generally seen as a house-plant or porch hanging basket, as it is susceptible to freezes (although it does usually come back from the bulbs). They spread quickly from their bulbs, so will fill up pots and can be divided. Can be toxic to humans or pets, should they eat it.



Height:	6-10 in.
Width:	6-10 in.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Partial shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained, sandy loam
pH:	Acidic, neutral, or alkaline
Harvest time:	n/a
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

TECOMA, SOLAR FLARE

Tecoma stans

Solar Flare Tecoma is a perennial, flowering shrub that is native to Texas. In a frost-free climate, it will grow to be 6-7 ft. tall. It can freeze back to the ground in a hard freeze, but providing temperatures do not get too low, it will come back in Spring. It has a beautiful and abundant orange flower that can bloom all summer long. It is also a nitrogen fixer, meaning it can help feed your fruit trees.

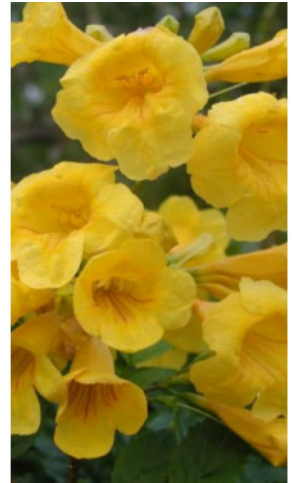


Height:	3-6 ft.
Width:	3-4 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun, afternoon shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained soil
pH:	Prefers neutral or slightly alkaline soil
Harvest time:	n/a – Blooms April-November
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

TECOMA, YELLOW BELLS

Tecoma stans

Tecoma Yellow Bells, or Esperanza, is native to Texas, Mexico and through South America. In a frost-free climate, it will grow to be 6-7 ft. tall. It can freeze back to the ground in a hard freeze, but providing temperatures do not get too low, it will come back in Spring. It has a beautiful and abundant yellow flow that can bloom all summer long. It is also a nitrogen fixer, meaning it can help feed your fruit trees.



Height:	3-6 ft.
Width:	3-4 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun, or afternoon shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained soil
pH:	Prefers a neutral or slightly alkaline soil
Harvest time:	n/a
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

TEXAS BETONY

Stachys coccinea

Texas Betony is a perennial, flowering shrub that is native to Texas. It can grow up to three feet tall. It blooms from Spring to Fall, attracts hummingbirds, and is a source of nectar. It is in the mint family and has aromatic foliage. It likes moist, though not overly wet, soil.

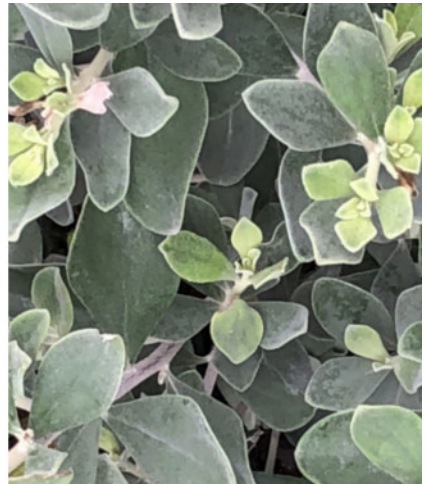


Height:	1-3 ft.
Width:	2-3 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Partial shade
Soil:	Prefers moist, well-drained sand, loam, clay
pH:	Prefers acidic or alkaline soil, not fussy
Harvest time:	n/a – Blooms March-October
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

TEXAS SAGE

Leucophyllum frutescens

Texas Sage a perennial, evergreen, flowering shrub that is native to Texas. It can grow up to eight feet tall, but it is usually shorter. It blooms from Spring to Fall, and is a source of nectar for bees and other pollinators. It also attracts butterflies. It is both cold and heat tolerant, and does not require much water.



Height:	2-8 ft.
Width:	4-6 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained soil – limestone, sand, loam, clay
pH:	Prefers neutral to alkaline soil
Harvest time:	n/a – Blooms periodically from January-December
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

TURKSCAP

Malvaviscus arboreus mexicanus

Turk's Cap is a fast growing, deciduous shrub, native to the Southern US and Mexico. It produces a beautiful red-orange flower from mid-summer to the first frost. It is hardy, tolerating heat, cold, drought, and poor soil. Once the stems die in winter, you can cut it all the way to the ground and it will grow back, quickly.



Height:	6-7 ft.
Width:	4-5 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sandy loam, but tolerates all soil types
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	n/a Blooms mid-summer to first frost
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

VETIVER

Chrysopogon zizanioides

Vetiver is a perennial bunchgrass native to India. It has an extensive, matted root system that grows downwards, making it an excellent choice for erosion control. It is grown commercially for the oil extracted from its roots (used mostly in cosmetics), and for its fibrous nature used in ropes and handicrafts.



Height:	Roots: 8' or more deep
Width:	Roots: 2' wide
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun, can tolerate some shade
Soil:	Any. Can even tolerate saline soil and being submerged for more than a month
pH:	4.5-10.5
Harvest time:	n/a
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	Propagates best by splitting older plants into the plantlets that grow at the base.

VIBURNUM, EVERLEAF

Viburnum obovatum 'Everleaf'

The Viburnum is a beautiful hedge that flowers in winter and early spring, making it a very useful plant for bees and as an ornamental. The Everleaf is more evergreen than most viburnums. It is very hardy and drought tolerant, but will need watering for first year. Its fruit ripens in late summer and is a great food source for wildlife (some viburnum fruits are edible to humans too).



Height:	6-8 ft. (can grow up to 20')
Width:	6-8 ft.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun to full shade
Soil:	Most different types; low tolerance for saline
pH:	Acidic or alkaline
Harvest time:	Blooms in late winter/early spring; fruit ripens in late summer
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

VITEX

Vitex agnus-castus

Vitex, or Chaste tree, is native to China and India. It is a large shrub or small tree that blooms all summer long, making it an excellent source of bee food. Both the leaves and berries have been used medicinally. Vitex is heat and drought tolerant, and once established, you will not need to water it.

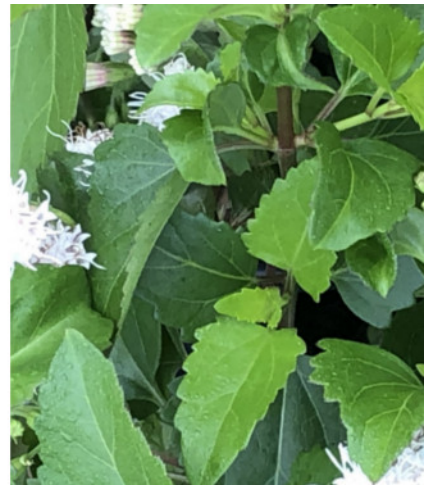
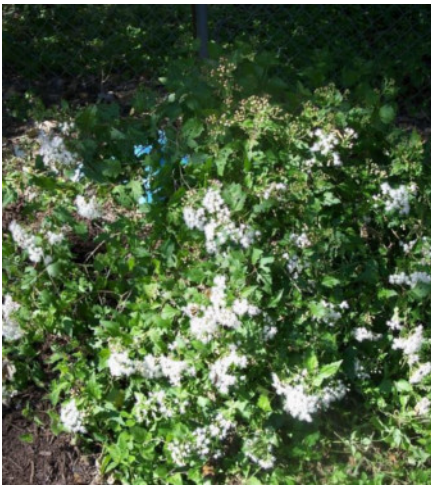


Height:	10-15 ft.
Width:	Up to 15 ft.
Growth rate:	Moderate
Sunlight:	Full sun
Soil:	Many types, but must be well drained
pH:	Prefers slightly acidic soil
Harvest time:	n/a – blooms May-September
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a

WHITE MISTFLOWER

Ageratina havanensis

White Mistflower is a perennial, flowering shrub that is native to Texas. It can grow up to six feet tall, but it is usually shorter. It blooms in late Spring to Fall, and is a source of nectar for bees and other pollinators, as well as attracting hummingbirds and butterflies. Cut it back each winter to encourage bushy growth. It is drought tolerant, and does not require much water.



Height:	2-6 ft.
Width:	1-3 ft.
Growth rate:	Fast
Sunlight:	Full sun, partial shade
Soil:	Prefers well-drained sand, loam, clay, limestone
pH:	Tolerates acidic or alkaline soil
Harvest time:	n/a – Blooms April-December
Years to bear:	n/a
Pollinator:	n/a