



# NATIVE LANDSCAPE PLANTS THAT THRIVE!

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# Background

- Owned Landscape and Lawn Service
  - The Woodlands, TX
- B.S Horticulture Texas A&M
  - Holistic Garden – Student Worker
  - HMNS Cockerell Butterfly Center- Internship
  - Outstanding Senior In Ornamental Horticulture
- M.S. Public Horticulture University Of Delaware
  - Longwood Graduate Program
- Director Belize Botanic Garden



# Why I Use Native Plants

- Less water usage
  - Less disease and pest problems
  - Great for attracting wildlife
  - Helps to conserve our native flora
  - Beautiful
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- Keep Texas Looking Like Texas!



# My Philosophy

- Soil Management
  - Addition of Organic Matter
    - Compost
    - Mulch
- Water Management
  - Water early in the morning
  - Water only as needed
- Plant Selection
  - Right plant for the right place



# Native Plants That Thrive!



- Small Trees and Shrubs
- Flowering Perennials
- Grasses

# Trees and Shrubs

- Mexican Plum
  - *Prunus mexicana*
- Full Sun to Part Shade
- Small tree 25 ft
- White clusters of flowers in early spring
- Purple plum fruits in the Summer
- Reddish orange to brown foliage in the winter time



# Trees and Shrubs

- Red Bud Trees
  - *Cercis canadensis* var. *texensis*
  - *Cercis canadensis* var. *canadensis*
  - *Cercis canadensis* var. *mexicana*
- Full sun
- Pink to Magenta Spring Flowers
- Small tree of 25 ft
- Multi trunked
- Slow grower



# Trees and Shrubs

- Desert Willow
  - *Chilopsis linearis*
- Full Sun
- Small Tree of 25ft
- Multiple Trunk
- Extremely Drought tolerant
- White, Pink, or Magenta Flower
- Flowers late spring till first frost





# Trees and Shrubs



- Texas Elbow Bush
  - *Forestiera pubescens*
- Medium Sized Shrub 15ft
- Early Small Yellow flowers
- Part Shade
- Small Blackish Blue Fruit



# Trees and Shrubs

- Kidney Bush
  - *Eysenhardtia texana*
- Full Sun
- Open Shrub of 12ft
- Sweet scented white flowers
- Flowers spring to first frost
- Great for attracting pollinators
- Drought tolerant



# Trees and Shrubs

- Texas Silver Sage
  - *Leucophyllum frutescens*
- 6-12foot shrub
- Silver to Green foliage
- Purple, pink, white blooms
- Bloom thru out spring and summer
- Drought tolerant



# Trees and Shrubs

- American Beauty Berry
  - *Callicarpa americana*
- 5-8ft
- Part sun
- Small white to purple flowers in spring
- Purple or white berries in summer-fall
- Great for birds



# Trees and Shrubs

- Texas Mountain Laurel
  - *Sophora secundiflora*
- Small tree or large shrub
- 15-25 ft
- Full Sun
- Large blue violet flowers
- Bloom in late spring
- Smells like bubble gum
- Drought tolerant



# Flowering Perennials

- Pink Evening Primrose
  - *Oenothera speciosa*
- ½ -2 ft tall
- Pink with yellow center flowers
- Spring to late summer bloomer
- Full sun to part shade
- Great ground cover
- Spreads by roots and seeds



# Flowering Perennials

- Black Foot Daisy
  - *Melampodium leucanthum*
- 1-2ft tall
- Full sun
- Clumping ground cover
- White w/yellow center flowers
- Flowers Mid spring till fall
- Volunteers by seed
- Great for butterflies
- Drought tolerant



# Flowering Perennials

- Salvias
  - Cedar Sage - *Salvia roemeriana*
  - Greg's Salvia- *Salvia greggii*
  - Texas Salvia- *Salvia coccinea*
  - Mountain Sage- *Salvia regia*
  - Mealy Sage- *Salvia farinacea*
- 1- 5ft
- Drought Tolerant
- Attracts wildlife
- Blooms spring to frost
- Spread by seed
- Great colors





# Flowering Perennials



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- Spiderwort
  - *Tradescantia gigantea*
- 1 -3ft tall
- Early spring to summer
- Purple to pink bloom
- Part shade
- Grows in large clump
- Spread by seed and rhizome
- Drought tolerant
- Wet to dry soils



# Flowering Perennials

- Turks Cap
  - *Malvaviscus drummondii*
- 4-8ft
- Full sun to part shade
- Red or pink flower
- Blooms spring to freeze
- Attracts wildlife
- Spreads on it own by roots



# Flowering Perennials

- Desert Globe Mallow
  - *Sphaeralcea ambigua*
- 2-4ft
- Full Sun
- Orange, pink, or white flowers
- Blooms all summer till freeze
- Silver Foliage
- Drought tolerant
- Will not tolerate wet soils



# Flowering Perennials

- Mist Flower
  - *Eupatorium greggii*- Blue
  - *Eupatorium serotinum*- White
- 2-4 ft
- Small cluster of flowers
- Blooms Spring to Fall
- Full sun to part shade
- Attracts Wildlife
- White species has sweet smell
- Blue will grow in wet soils



# Flowering Perennials

- Texas Lantana
  - *Lantana horrdia*
- 3-5ft
- Full sun
- Blooms spring to freeze
- Orange and yellow flower clusters
- Drought tolerant
- Attracts wildlife



# Flowering Perennials

- Guara
  - *Guara lindheimeri*
  - 2-4ft
  - White or Pink Flowers
  - Blooms spring to fall
  - Drought tolerant
  - Prefers well drained soil
  - Cascade of flower blooms



# Grasses

- Lindheimer Muhly
  - *Muhlenbergia lindheimeri*
- 3-5ft tall
- Full sun
- Large silvery panicles late summer
- Drought tolerant
- Creates giant movement in a garden





# Grasses

- Gulf Muhly
  - *Muhlenbergia capillaris*
- 1 ½ - 3 ft tall
- Full sun to part sun
- Pink panicles in the late summer
- Drought tolerant



# Grasses

- Mexican Feather Grass
  - *Stipa tenuissima*
- 1-3ft tall
- Drought tolerant
- Creates meadow effect
- Spread by itself





Thank You