
















<i>Calliandra haematocephala</i>		
Pink Powder Puff		
Family	Fabacea (Legume)	
Native Region	Bolivia	
Plant Type	Shrub	
Average Height	8' – 10'	
Average Spread/Width	8' – 10', wider than tall	
Exposure	Full Sun	
Leaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lush dark green • Evergreen • New leaves are glossy copper before turning green • Pinnately divided, 2 pair, into 1" – 3" terminal leaflets • Not symmetrical 	
Flower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light pink flowers, big powder puff 2" – 3", in spring and again in the fall • Bisexual flowers 	
Flower Color	Red	
Fruit	Linear to ~5" long	
Cold Hardy	28° F	
Additional Notes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fast Growing, sprawling habit • Grows in sand, very versatile • Evergreen • Can be hedged 		

<i>Cordia boissieri</i>		
Texas Wild Olive		
Family	Boraginaceae	
Native Region	Texas Rio Grande area	
Plant Type	Large shrub	
Average Height	10' – 20'	
Average Spread/Width	10' – 15', equal spread	
Exposure	Full Sun	
Leaf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium, silver green • 2 – 4 inches • Alternate pattern • Pinnate • Broadleaf 		
Flower <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous showy red flowers • Have great contrast against green foliage • Flowers during late spring, summer and fall 		
Flower Color	White with yellow center	
Fruit	1 inch, olive-sized fleshy round fruit	
Cold Hardy	25° F	
Additional Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drought tolerant, water only 1 to 2 times per month • Large evergreen shrub, slow growth rate • Flowers on terminal branches, 2.5 inch blossoms • Symmetrical canopy • Prune to 3 – 5 feet tall 		

Calliandra californica

Baja Fairy Duster

Family	Fabacea (Legume)
Native Region	Mexico
Plant Type	Shrub
Average Height	3' – 4'
Average Spread/Width	4' – 5', equal spread, but vase shaped
Exposure	Full Sun

Leaf

- Medium, dull green
- 1" divided into many tiny leaflets



Flower

- Numerous showy red flowers
- Have great contrast against green foliage
- Flowers during late spring, summer and fall



Flower Color	Vivid Red
Fruit	Hairy, linear to ~5" long pods
Cold Hardy	15° F

Additional Notes:

- Small evergreen shrub with a dense branching habit
- Upright and somewhat arching
- Trim branches to base to reduce width and head back to make more dense
- Native to sandy washes and hillsides of Baja, California
- Very cold hardy and drought tolerant
- Do not overwater
- Upright branches, stems are light gray growing woodier with age



Leucophyllum frutescens

Texas Ranger

Family	Scrophulariaceae
Native Region	Chihuahua Desert of Texas and Mexico
Plant Type	Rounded shrub
Average Height	4' – 8'
Average Spread/Width	3' – 6', equal to height (round)
Exposure	Full Sun

Leaf

- Small to medium, blue-gray to silver, oval or elliptical
- Simple
- Alternate
- Hairy (furry to the touch)



Flower

- Sporadic blooming throughout the year
- Blooms cover entire plant during main flush



Flower Color Purple, pink to lavender







Fruit Small capsule at flower base






Cold Hardy 25° F







Additional Notes:








- Shearing will reduce flowering
- In shade, plant is leggy and has poor flowering
- Moderate irrigations, best to let dry out between irrigations
- Plants do best with minimal pruning










<i>Caesalpinia gilliesii</i>			
Yellow Bird of Paradise			
Family	Fabaceae (Legume)		
Native Region	Tropics of Argentina and Uruguay		
Plant Type	Large irregular shrub		
Average Height	5' – 10'		
Average Spread/Width	4' – 6', equal to height		
Exposure	Full Sun		
Leaf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bipinnate bearing 5 to 10 pairs of pinnae • 3 – 5 inches long, ferny appearance • Deciduous, plant loses leaves during winter months 			
Flower <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blooms mainly in spring and early summer, then sporadically • 4 – 5 inch, showy flower clusters 			
Flower Color	Yellow petals, long red stamens		
Fruit	Tan, fuzzy 4 – 5 inch pods (poisonous)		
Cold Hardy	10° F		
Additional Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deciduous, but may be evergreen in south facing areas • Rapid growth rate • Flowers on terminal branches • Deep and infrequent irrigations • Prune heavily during winter 			

<i>Caesalpinia mexicana</i>			
Mexican Bird of Paradise			
Family	Fabaceae (Legume)		
Native Region	Northern Mexico		
Plant Type	Large irregular shrub		
Average Height	15' – 15'		
Average Spread/Width	10' – 15', equal to height		
Exposure	Full Sun		
Leaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bipinnate bearing 5 to 10 pairs of pinnae • 3 – 5 inches long, ferny appearance • Deciduous, plant loses leaves during winter months 		
Flower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blooms mainly in spring and early summer, then sporadically • 4 – 5 inch, showy flower clusters 		
Flower Color	Yellow flowers		
Fruit	Tan, fuzzy 4 – 5 inch pods (poisonous)		
Cold Hardy	15° F		
Additional Notes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deciduous, but may be evergreen in south facing areas • Tolerant of reflective heat, near cement block walls • Flowers on terminal branches • Deep and infrequent irrigations • Prune heavily during winter • Attractive to bees 			

<i>Caesalpinia pulcherrima</i>		
Red Bird of Paradise		
Family	Fabaceae (Legume)	
Native Region	Mexico	
Plant Type	Large, multi-stemmed, irregular shrub	
Average Height	10' – 15'	
Average Spread/Width	5' – 8'	
Exposure	Full Sun	
Leaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bipinnate bearing 5 to 10 pairs of oval pinnae • 3 – 5 inches long, ferny appearance • Deciduous, plant loses leaves during winter months 	
Flower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blooms mainly in spring and early summer, then sporadically in the fall • 4 – 5 inch, showy flower clusters 	
Flower Color	Orange-Yellow petals, long red stamens	
Fruit	Tan, fuzzy 4 – 5 inch pods (poisonous)	
Cold Hardy	15° F	
Additional Notes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deciduous, but may be evergreen in south facing areas • Rapid growth rate • Flowers on terminal branches, prickly stems • Deep and infrequent irrigations • Prune heavily during winter 		

<i>Dalea frutescens</i>		
Black Dalea		
Family	Fabaceae (Legume)	
Native Region	South Central Texas	
Plant Type	Medium sized round shrub	
Average Height	3' – 5'	
Average Spread/Width	3' – 4'	
Exposure	Full Sun	
Leaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinnate compound, feathery foliage • Fine textured leaflets 	
Flower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 – 4 inch clusters on branch terminals • Blooms in spring • Flowers typically obscure foliage • Very dense flowering habit • Individual flowers (1/2 inch) born on short stalks 	
Flower Color	Bright purple clusters	
Fruit	Not significant	
Cold Hardy	15° F	
Additional Notes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prune relatively severely in the winter or early spring to keep dense shape • Grows into 'mounds' • Low litter, few thorns 		

<i>Hamelia patens</i>		
Fire Cracker Bush, Scarlet Bush		
Family	Rubiaceae	
Native Region	Florida	
Plant Type	Large, soft-stemmed shrub	
Average Height	8' – 12'	
Average Spread/Width	8' – 12'	
Exposure	Full Sun	
Leaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evergreen leaves covered with red hairs • Petiole appears red. • Arranged in whorls of 3 • Leaves can turn red in the fall 	
Flower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cymes at branch tips • Individual flowers are slender, tubular and are 1 inch in length • Flowering occurs throughout the year • Attracts butterflies and humming birds 	
Flower Color	Orange-red and showy	
Fruit	Oval, 0.5 inch black, fleshy fruits	
Cold Hardy	15° F	
Additional Notes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid growth rate • Can be grown on a trellis • Has a spreading habit • Susceptible to salt stress • Very low maintenance • Herbaceous, non-woody plant 		

Cassia didymobotrya

Popcorn Cassia

Family Fabaceae (Legume)

Native Region East Africa

Plant Type Large, upright shrub

Average Height 6' – 8'

Average Spread/Width 8' – 12'

Exposure Full Sun

Leaf

- Bold, feather-like leaves
- Leaves can get up to 1.5 feet long, made up of pairs of elongated oval leaflets
- Evergreen leaflets are up to 3 inches in length



Flower

- Large vertical flower spikes (racemes)
- Flowers smell like peanut butter
- Individual flowers are 2', densely attached to 1' branches.
- Black flower buds are showy



Flower Color Golden Yellow and showy






Fruit Flat 8" pod

Cold Hardy 15° F

Additional Notes:

- Attractive to bees
- Elegant arching branches can be pruned heavily during winter



<i>assia didymobotrya</i>		
Feathery Cassia		
Family	Fabaceae (Legume)	
Native Region	Australia	
Plant Type	Large, upright shrub	
Average Height	4' – 6'	
Average Spread/Width	4' – 6'	
Exposure	Full Sun	
Leaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evergreen, pinnately compound • Needle-like leaflets • Light green or silvery, feathery effect • Leaves form a 'spray' of silvery foliage with complicated branching • Does not require consistent pruning to maintain shape and structure 	
Flower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small (2/4 inch diameter), yellow, pea-like, solitary • Bloom from December to May • Bloom is profuse, covering entire plant with abundant bees • Flowers appear at branch tips 	
Flower Color	Bright Yellow, dense and showy	
Fruit	2-4 inch long papery pod; numerous	
Cold Hardy	25° F	
Additional Notes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survives on one or two irrigations per season; extremely drought tolerant; a very tough plant; do not overwater • Heavy pod production, with litter 		

Myrtus Communis

True Myrtle

Family	Myrtaceae
Native Region	Southern Europe, Northern Africa
Plant Type	Medium sized, dense, round, shrub
Average Height	5' – 8'
Average Spread/Width	4' – 6'
Exposure	Full Sun

Leaf

- Evergreen, oval, 1 to 2 inches long
- Leaves have a fragrant essential oil; very aromatic
- Leaflets are opposite, no petiole



Flower

- Star-like, white flower clusters, with 5 distinct petals and sepals, with numerous stamens
- Blooming occurs in early summer at branch tips



Flower Color White, showy

Fruit 0.5 inch, round berries

Cold Hardy 20° F

Additional Notes:

- Average growth rate
- Recommended to be grown as a hedge
- Very drought tolerant
- Can tolerate light shade



Sophora secundiflora

Texas Mountain Laurel

Family	Fabaceae (Legume)
Native Region	Central Texas and New Mexico
Plant Type	Medium sized, dense, round, shrub
Average Height	10' – 12'
Average Spread/Width	6' – 8'
Exposure	Full Sun

Leaf

- Dense, dark green and glossy compound leaves
- Leaves are composed of 7 – 9 shiny, 2 inch leaflets, rounded at the ends
- Leaves terminate with a single leaflet
- Evergreen



Flower

- Drooping clusters, 3 to 7 inch, very fragrant
- Blossoms during early spring
- Very long lasting blooms, very showy



Flower Color Bluish lavender, showy

Fruit 4 inch, semi-woody, elongated pod

Cold Hardy 15° F

Additional Notes:

- Drought tolerant
- Slow growing, very sturdy structure, symmetrical canopy
- Produces brilliant, lacquer red seeds

