Nine Natives

creating simple gardens with native prairie plants
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PURPOSE: A SIMPLE PALETTE OF NATIVE PLANTS FOR HOUSTON THAT ARE...
COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE
EASY TO GROW
CONTEXTUALLY APPROPRIATE

SPECIES: NATIVES WITH APPROPRIATE GROWTH HABIT, WILDLIFE VALUE, AND ETHNOBOTANICAL VALUE THAT ARE...
HEIGHT + HABITAT ACCEPTABLE
BENEFICIAL TO SUPPORTING NATIVE SPECIES
CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT
Black-Eyed Susan
Rudbeckia hirta

Growth:
24” - 36” Height
12” - 24” Spread

Wildlife Value:
Larval Host
Nectar Producing

Ethnobotanical Value:
Tea: Worms + Cold
External Wash
Snakebites
Sores
Swelling
Gulf Coast Muhly
Mullenbergia capillaris

Growth:
- 24” - 36” Height
- 24” - 36” Spread

Wildlife Value:
- Attracts Insects
- Shelter + Cover
- Seeds

Ethnobotanical Value:
- Basket Making: Gulf Coast Seminoles

gulf coast toad
lady bird beetle
Indian Blanket
Gaillardia pulchella

Growth:
12” - 18” Height
6” - 12” Spread

Wildlife Value:
Attracts Insects
Pollen Source

Ethnobotanical Value:
Stomach Pain
Skin Disorders + Sores
Tea: Gastroenteritis
External Wash
Good Luck: Kiowa
Lemon Beebalm
Monarda citriodorda

Growth:
12” - 30” Height
9” - 12” Spread

Wildlife Value:
Food Source: Birds + Insects
Aromatic Foliage + Deer Resistant

Ethnobotanical Value:
Cooking
Tea
Sore Throats + Colds
Skin Balm
Little Bluestem

Schizachyrium scoparium

Growth:
18” - 36” Height

Wildlife Value:
Larval Host
Shelter
Seeds

Ethnobotanical Value:
Sweat Lodge Switches
Prairie Spiderwort
Tradescantia occidentalis

Growth:
18” - 36” Height
12” - 18” Spread

Wildlife Value:
Nectar Producing

Ethnobotanical Value:
Cooked Vegetable
Rattlesnake
Master

Eryngium yuccifolium

Growth:
12” - 24” Foliage Height
36” - 48” Bloom Height

Wildlife Value:
- Attracts Pest Consuming Species
- Supports Native Bees, Beetles, + Butterflies

Ethnobotanical Value:
- Analgesic
- Gastrointestinal Aid
- Anti-Rheumatic
- Strong Fibers: Shoes + Baskets
Scarlet Sage
Salvia coccinea

Growth:
12” - 24” Height
12” - 24” Spread

Wildlife Value:
Nectar Producing

Ethnobotanical Value:
Brilliant Color
Long Bloom Time

ruby-throated hummingbird
pipevine swallowtail
Texas Bluebonnet

Lupinus texensis

Growth:
12” - 24” Height

Wildlife Value:
Larval Host Supports Native Bees

Ethnobotanical Value:
State Flower of Texas Lady Bird Johnson Legacy
Alternate Species

- Chamaecrista fasciculata (partridge pea)
- Salvia azurea (blue sage)
- Rudbeckia texana (texas coneflower)
- Glandularia bipinnatifida (prairie verbena)
Planting a Prairie

Ground Preparation

Planting: 4” Pots & Seed

1 Month

8 Months

12 Months

18 Months

24 Months
Native Plant Sources
Texas Gulf Coast Nurseries

PLANTS:

AUDUBON SOCIETY NATIVES NURSERY
Edith L. Moore Sanctuary
www.birdfriendlyhouston.org
713-932-1639
Houston, Texas

BUCHANAN’S NATIVE PLANTS
www.buchananplants.com
713-861-5702
Houston, Texas

ENCHANTED GARDENS
www.myenchanted.com
281-341-1206
Richmond, Texas
Booth, Texas

JOSHUA’S NATIVE PLANTS
www.joshuasnativeplants.net
713-862-7444
Houston, Texas

MORNING STAR PRAIRIE PLANTS
www.morningstarprairieplants.com
morgy@consolidated.net
713-446-2509
Damon, Texas

SEEDS:

BAMERT SEED COMPANY
www.bamertseed.com
1-800-262-9892
Muleshoe, Texas

NATIVE AMERICAN SEED
www.seedsource.com
1-800-728-4043
Junction, Texas

TURNER SEED COMPANY
www.turnerseed.com
1-800-722-8616
Breckenridge, Texas

WILDSEED FARMS
www.wildseedfarms.com
1-800-848-0078
Fredericksburg, Texas
Community Outreach