



BUILDING *a*
Garden
in **CENTRAL TEXAS**

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Tips

FOR A SUCCESSFUL GARDEN & LANDSCAPE



Buttercup / Evening Primrose



Bluebonnet,
State of Texas Flower

PLANT WHAT WORKS IN TEXAS

Plant your garden realistically with seeds and transplants based on plant varieties that are proven to work. Native plants thrive with minimal care and provide the habitat for local wildlife. A list of native and adaptable plants is available within this brochure.

Consider Hardiness Zones: Defined geographic regions that can support specific plants, flowers, and trees. The zones define a minimum range of temperatures that a plant or tree can survive safely in that zone. The most commonly used Hardiness Zones were defined by the USDA.

Check out the Texas Hardiness Zone interactive map located here:

www.plantmaps.com/interactive-texasusda-plant-zone-hardiness-map.php

RESIST THE URGE TO OVERPLANT

Inspiration can easily take us by storm. When planting your new garden, consider what you actually have time to maintain. Most plants put in the ground or even in a pot will require some amount of labor on your part.

TIMING IS EVERYTHING!

For everything there is a season. In most cases, there is a small window of time to plant that will ensure successful growth. For more information about seasonal plant options and availability, consult your local nursery for advice.

ENSURE GOOD DRAINAGE

Plant roots need oxygen and hate to sit in waterlogged soil. Creating raised beds with drains in garden borders can ensure good drainage when the rain keeps coming. Also, creating an underground gravel soakway or French drain system are easy "do-it-yourself" projects that will lead the water outside of your soaked areas.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT SUN SPOTS FOR PLANTING

Matching the right sun-exposed spots for planting with your garden variety is very important. Some plants worship the sun more than others. For example, fruit-bearing vegetables, like tomatoes and peppers, require at least six hours of sun a day, while leafy vegetables, like lettuce or spinach, can tolerate moderate shade. Always take the instructions on your seed packets and transplant packages seriously. Those instructions will almost always give guidance on what amount of light is needed for your plants to grow.

PREPARE YOUR SOIL

Create a hospitable home and foundation by matching the plant to the soil is the first essential step in successful landscapes and gardens. To find out the pH level and what nutrients your soil might be lacking, consider a soil test. Soil testing kits can be purchased from your local nursery.

How to improve your soil: Buy or make compost to add to the soil you have, or buy a soil mix. Build up your soil with a few inches of compost and whatever nutrients it may be lacking before planting.

FEED YOUR PLANTS

- Make a fertilizing schedule: Vegetables and flowering annuals monthly; trees and shrubs twice a year; lawns every 10-12 weeks.
- Weeds will invade a garden that is suffering from lack of moisture. A thorough, deep soaking of the lawn every week is better than frequent, light watering.

WATCH OUT FOR INVASIONS

Keep an eye on plants for evidence of insect damage and moisture. Pest and disease problems left to reach epidemic levels are much more difficult to control, and by the time you do something there may not be much crop left to save. For more information about pest and weed control options, consult your local nursery for products and advice.



Native & Adaptive PLANTS

*Notes that the plant is native to Texas

AGAVES / SUCCULENTS / YUCCAS

Agave (Blue, Century Plant*, Parry's*, Queen Victoria*, Squid), Basket Grass*, Cactus (Prickly Pear)*, Nolina*, Sotol*, Yucca (Giant, Paleleaf*, Red*, Softleaf, Spanish*, Twistleaf*)

BULBS

Amaryllis, Bearded Iris, Chinese Ground Orchid, Daffodils, Lilies (Cooper's, Crinum, Oxblood/Schoolhouse, Spider, Oxalis, Rainlilies)

GROUNDCOVER

Aztec Grass, Dalea, Greg*, Frogfruit*, Germander, Horseherb, Jasmine, Leadwort Plumbago, Liriope, Monkey Grass, Mountain Pea, Myoporum, Oregano, Pigeonberry*, Purple Heart, Santolina, Sedge (Cherokee, Meadow, Texas)*, Sedum*, Silver Ponyfoot*, Violet*, Woolly Stemodia*

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Fountain Grass, Inland Sea Oats*, Little Bluestem*, Mexican Feathergrass*, Muhly (Bamboo, Big*, Deer*, Gulf*, Pine*)

PERENNIALS

Artemesia, Black-eyed Susan*, Bulbine, Calylophus*, Cast Iron Plant, Chile Pequin*, Columbine*, Coralbean*, Coreopsis*, Cuphea, Daisy (Blackfoot*, Copper Canyon, Engelmann*), Damianita*, Yellow Bells*, Fall Aster*, Fern (Firecracker, River*), Firebush, Gaura*, Gayfeather*, Golden Groundsel*, Hibiscus*, Hymenoxys*, Indigo Spires*, Iris (Bearded), Lamb's Ear, Lantana (Texas*, Trailing), Lion's Tail, Marigold, Obedient Plant*, Penstemon (Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Rock)*, Phlox*, Plumbago, Pride of Barbados, Primrose*, Purple Coneflower*, Rock Rose*, Ruellia, Sage (Blue*, Jerusalem, Majestic, Mexican, Penstemon, Russian*, Tropical), Senna*, Shrimp Plant, Skeletonleaf Goldeneye*, Skullcap (Pink*, Heartleaf), Society Garlic, Spiderwort*, Texas Betony*, Verbena*, Winecup*, Yarrow, Zexmenia*

SHRUBS

Abelia, Acuba, Agarita*, American Beautyberry*, Aralia, Barbados, Cherry*, Barberry, Bottlebrush, Butterfly Bush*, Coralberry*, Cotoneaster, Dalea*, Elaeagnus, Elbow Bush*, Flame Acanthus*, Fragrant Mimosa*, Germander, Hawthorne, Holly*, Honeysuckle Bush*, Jasmine, Mallow*, Mistflower*, Mock Orange, Oleander, Palmetto*, Pineapple Guava, Roses (Belinda's, Grandma's, Cecile Brunner, Knock Out, Lady Banksia, Livin' Easy, Marie Daly, Martha, Mutabilis, Nearly Wild, Old Blush), Rosemary, Sage*, Senna, Skyflower, Sumac*, Thryallis, Turk's Cap*

TREES

Ash*, Cedar*, Cypress*, Elm*, Honey Mesquite*, Maple*, Oak*, Palmetto*, Pecan*, Mexican Sycamore, Anacacho Orchid*, Buckeye*

VINES

Carolina Jessamine*, Coral Vine, Crossvine*, Fig Vine, Honeysuckle, Coral*, Jasmine, Passion Vine*, Trumpet Vine*, Virginia Creeper*, Wisteria*

WATERPLANTS

Coastal Water-hyssop*, Bandana-of-the-Everglades, Jamaican Sawgrass*, Lance-leaf Burhead*, Horsetail*, Scarlet Rose-mallow, Woolly Rose-mallow, Spider-lily, Zig-zag Iris, Virginia Blueflag, Soft Rush*, American Water-willow*, Salt Marsh-mallow, Cardinal Flower*, Water Clover*, Yellow Water Lotus, Yellow Cow-lily or Spatterdock*, White Water Lily, Marsh, Obedient Plant*, Marsh Fleabane*, Pickerelweed, Long-leaf or Knotty Pondweed*, White-topped Sedge or Star Sedge*, Delta Arrowhead, Arrowhead*, Lizard Tail, Trisquare Bulrush*, Giant Bulrush*, Powdery Thalia

WILDFLOWERS

Annual Phlox, Antelope-horns, Black-eyed Susan, Blackfoot Daisy, Bluebell Gentian, Bluebonnet, Calliopsis, Buttercups, Cardinal Flower, Cutleaf Daisy, Firewheel, Drummond's Onion, Giant Spiderwort, Indian Paintbrush, Lemon Beebalm, Mealycup Sage, Mexican Hat, Pink-eyed-grass, Prairie Lily, Prairie Verbena, Star Thistle, Sundrops, White Prickly Poppy, Widow's Tears, Texas Prickly Pear, Texas Verbena, Texas Yellow-star, Wild Foxglove, Wild Red Columbine, Windflower, Winecup



Black-eyed Susan



Red Poppy



Texas Thistle



Local GARDENING CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN BOTANICAL COUNCIL
abc.herbalgram.org

THE ANDERSON MILL GARDEN CLUB
bit.ly/3G0qQD0

AUSTIN BONSAI SOCIETY
www.austinbonsaisociety.com

AUSTIN BUTTERFLY FORUM
www.austinbutterflies.org

AUSTIN CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
www.austincss.com

AUSTIN DAYLILY SOCIETY
www.austindaylily.org

AUSTIN HERB SOCIETY
www.austinherbsociety.org

AUSTIN POND SOCIETY
www.austinpondsociety.org

AUSTIN ROSE SOCIETY
<https://bit.ly/40F38Ea>

FIRST AUSTIN AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY
www.faavs.org

GARDEN CLUB OF AUSTIN
<http://thegardenclubofaustin.org>

GEORGETOWN GARDEN CLUB
georgetowngardenclub.org

HEART OF TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY
www.hotos.org

IKENOBOIKEBANA INNORTH AUSTIN
www.facebook.com/NorthAustinIkeno-bolkebana

**LADY BIRD JOHNSON
WILDFLOWER CENTER**
wildflower.org

**NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF TEXAS;
AUSTIN CHAPTER**
npsota.wordpress.com

TEXAS BAMBOO SOCIETY
www.bamboocentral.net

**TRAVIS COUNTY
MASTER GARDENER ASSOC.**
www.tcmastergardeners.org

VIOLET CROWN GARDEN CLUB
www.violetcrowngardenclub.org

WILDBASIN WILDERNESS PRESERVE
www.wildbasin.org

WIMBERLEY GARDEN CLUB
www.visitwimberley.com/gardenclub/index.shtml

ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDENS
www.zilkergarden.org

Local GARDEN SUPPLIERS

This is a few of the many local gardening resource options available in the Central Texas area.

BARTON SPRINGS NURSERY
3601 Bee Caves Rd, Austin
bartonspringsnursery.com

GARDEN SEVENTEEN
604 Williams St. Austin
gardenseventeen.com

KINGFEED AND HARDWARE, INC.
14210 Ranch Road 12 North, Wimberley
www.kingfeedandhardware.com

THE NATURAL GARDENER
8648 Old Bee Caves Rd, Austin
www.naturalgardeneraustin.com

ORGANICS BY GOSH
13602 FM 969, Austin
www.organicsbygosh.com

RED BARN GARDEN CENTER
12881 Pond Springs Rd, Austin
www.redbarngardencenter.net

ROUND ROCK GARDENS
901 Sam Bass Rd, Round Rock
www.roundrockgardens.com

SHOAL CREEK NURSERY
2710 Hancock Dr, Austin
www.shoalcreeknursery.com

SLEDD NURSERY
1211 West Lynn St, Austin
www.sleddnursery.com

SNOOPERS NURSERY
3602 E Old Settlers Boulevard, Round Rock
snoopers-nursery.com

SOL'STICE GARDEN EXPRESSIONS
900 Highway 290 West, Dripping Springs
www.solsticegardens.com

TED'S TREES
1118 Tillery Street, Austin
www.tedstrees.com

THE GREAT OUTDOORS
2730 South Congress Ave., Austin
gonursery.com

VIVERO GROWERS NURSERY
12000 US-290, Austin
viverogrowers.com

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