

Native Plants of the Tucson Area

2026 Pima County Master Gardeners Home Garden Tour · Celebrating Native Plants

Pollinator Key: 🐦 Bird 🦋 Butterfly 🐝 Bee 🐦 Hummingbird 🦇 Bat

Tucson's Sonoran Desert is home to a remarkable diversity of native plants uniquely adapted to our hot, dry climate. The plants in this guide are native to the Tucson region and can be found throughout the 2026 Home Garden Tour. As you explore, notice how these plants support hummingbirds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife — thriving with minimal water while creating beautiful, resilient landscapes that reflect the natural character of our desert.

Trees	Shrubs (continued)	Wildflowers & Vines
<i>Celtis reticulata</i> Netleaf Hackberry 🐦 🦋 🐝	<i>Senna lindheimeriana</i> Velvet Leaf Senna 🦋 🐝	<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i> Golden Columbine 🌸 🦋 🐝
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i> Desert Willow 🌸 🐝 🦋	<i>Simmondsia chinensis</i> Jojoba 🐝 🌸	<i>Asclepias angustifolia</i> Arizona Milkweed 🦋 🐝
<i>Lysiloma watsonii</i> Feather Bush 🦋 🦋	<i>Tecoma stans</i> Yellow Bells 🌸 🐝 🦋	<i>Asclepias linaria</i> Pine-needle Milkweed 🦋 🐝
<i>Neltuma velutina</i> Velvet Mesquite 🐝 🌸 🦋	<i>Trixis californica</i> Trixis 🦋 🐝	<i>Asclepias subulata</i> Desert Milkweed 🦋 🐝 🌸
<i>Olneya tesota</i> Desert Ironwood 🐝 🦋 🌸	<i>Vauquelinia californica</i> Arizona Rosewood 🐝 🦋 🌸	<i>Baileya multiradiata</i> Desert Marigold 🐝 🦋
<i>Parkinsonia florida</i> Blue Palo Verde 🐝 🦋	Cacti & Succulents	<i>Cardiospermum corindum</i> Balloon Vine 🐝 🦋
<i>Parkinsonia microphylla</i> Foothill / Yellow Palo Verde 🐝 🦋	<i>Agave murpheyi</i> Hohokam Agave 🐝 🌸 🌸 🦇	<i>Conoclinium greggii</i> Gregg's Mistflower 🦋 🐝
<i>Rhus virens</i> var. <i>choriophylla</i> Evergreen Sumac 🐝 🌸 🦋	<i>Agave parryi</i> Artichoke Agave 🐝 🌸 🌸 🦇	<i>Dicliptera resupinata</i> Arizona Foldwing 🌸 🐝
<i>Vachellia constricta</i> Whitethorn Acacia 🐝 🦋 🌸	<i>Carnegiea gigantea</i> Saguaro 🐝 🌸 🦇	<i>Epilobium canum</i> subsp. <i>latifolium</i> Hummingbird Trumpet 🌸 🐝
Shrubs	<i>Cylindropuntia acanthocarpa</i> Buckhorn Cholla 🐝 🌸	<i>Erigeron divergens</i> Spreading Fleabane 🐝 🦋
<i>Abutilon palmeri</i> Palmer's Indian Mallow 🐝 🌸	<i>Cylindropuntia arbuscula</i> Arizona Pencil Cactus 🐝 🌸	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> subsp. <i>mexicana</i> California Poppy 🐝
<i>Aloysia gratissima</i> Bee Brush 🐝 🦋	<i>Cylindropuntia bigelovii</i> Teddy Bear Cholla 🐝 🌸	<i>Kallstroemia grandiflora</i> Arizona Poppy 🐝 🦋
<i>Ambrosia deltoidea</i> Triangle-leaf Bursage 🐝	<i>Cylindropuntia fulgida</i> Chain-fruit Cholla 🐝 🌸	<i>Maurandella antirrhiniflora</i> Snapdragon Vine 🌸 🐝
<i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus</i> var. <i>wrightii</i> Wright's Desert Honeysuckle 🌸 🦋	<i>Cylindropuntia leptocaulis</i> Desert Christmas Cactus 🐝 🌸	<i>Melampodium leucanthum</i> Blackfoot Daisy 🐝 🦋
<i>Anisacanthus thurberi</i> Thurber's Desert Honeysuckle 🌸 🐝	<i>Cylindropuntia versicolor</i> Staghorn Cholla 🐝 🌸 🌸	<i>Nicotiana obtusifolia</i> Desert Tobacco 🌸 🐝 🦇
<i>Baccharis sarothroides</i> Desert Broom 🐝 🦋	<i>Cylindropuntia</i> × <i>tetracantha</i> Tucson Cholla 🐝 🌸	<i>Oenothera caespitosa</i> Tufted Evening Primrose 🐝 🦋
<i>Calliandra eriophylla</i> Pink Fairy Duster 🐝 🌸 🦋	<i>Dasyliirion wheeleri</i> Desert Spoon 🐝 🌸	<i>Oenothera primiveris</i> Desert Evening Primrose 🐝 🦋
<i>Dalea pulchra</i> Bush Dalea 🐝 🦋	<i>Echinocereus fasciculatus</i> Pinkflower Hedgehog 🐝 🌸	<i>Oenothera speciosa</i> Mexican Evening Primrose 🐝 🦋
<i>Duranta erecta</i> Skyflower 🦋 🌸 🐝	<i>Ferocactus wislizeni</i> Fishhook Barrel Cactus 🐝 🌸	<i>Penstemon eatonii</i> Firecracker Penstemon 🌸 🐝
<i>Encelia farinosa</i> Brittlebush 🐝 🦋	<i>Fouquieria splendens</i> Ocotillo 🌸 🐝 🦋 🌸	<i>Penstemon parryi</i> Parry's Penstemon 🌸 🐝 🦋
<i>Ericameria laricifolia</i> Turpentine Bush 🐝 🦋	<i>Mammillaria grahamii</i> Graham's Nipple Cactus 🐝	<i>Phacelia campanularia</i> Desert Bluebells 🐝
<i>Erythrina flabelliformis</i> Coral Bean 🌸 🦋 🌸	<i>Opuntia engelmannii</i> Engelmann's Prickly Pear 🐝 🌸 🦋	<i>Ruellia nudiflora</i> Common Wild Petunia 🦋 🐝 🌸
<i>Gossypium thurberi</i> Desert Cotton 🐝 🦋	<i>Opuntia santa-rita</i> Santa Rita Prickly Pear 🐝 🌸 🦋	<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i> Globe Mallow 🐝
<i>Hyptis emoryi</i> Desert Lavender 🐝 🦋 🌸	<i>Peniocereus greggii</i> Night-blooming Cereus 🐝 🦋 🦇	<i>Streptanthus carinatus</i> Lyreleaf Jewelflower 🐝 🦋
<i>Isocoma acradenia</i> Alkali Goldenbush 🐝 🦋	<i>Yucca baccata</i> Banana Yucca 🐝 🌸	<i>Tetranneuris acaulis</i> Angelita Daisy 🐝 🦋
<i>Justicia californica</i> Chuparosa 🌸 🐝	Grasses	<i>Thymophylla pentachaeta</i> Dogweed 🐝 🦋
<i>Krameria bicolor</i> White Ratany 🐝	<i>Muhlenbergia dumosa</i> Bamboo Muhly 🌸	<i>Vitis arizonica</i> Arizona Grape 🌸 🐝 🦋
<i>Krameria erecta</i> Littleleaf Ratany 🐝	<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i> Deer Grass 🌸	<i>Zinnia acerosa</i> Desert Zinnia 🦋 🐝
<i>Larrea tridentata</i> Creosote Bush 🐝	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> Little Bluestem 🌸	
<i>Lycium brevipes</i> Baja Desert Thorn 🌸 🐝 🌸	<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i> Big Sacaton Grass 🌸	
<i>Mimosa dysocarpa</i> Velvet Pod Mimosa 🐝 🦋		
<i>Plumbago scandens</i> Summer Snow Plumbago 🦋 🐝		
<i>Psilostrophe cooperi</i> Whitestem Paperflower 🐝 🦋		
<i>Senna covessii</i> Desert Senna 🦋 🐝		



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