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RECOMMENDED PLANTS

for

SADDLEBROOKE / SADDLEBROOKE RANCH

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Criteria for Selection

The following database represents the work of the SaddleBrooke/SaddleBrooke Ranch Master Gardeners

Recommended Plants for the SaddleBrooke and SaddleBrooke Ranch Communities and surrounding geographic areas of Pinal County

The criteria for selection include local growing success, frost, heat, sun, wind tolerance and low water requirements.

Plants are categorized by type, with explanations for cold tolerance temperatures (F), sun and water requirements, growth rate, form and recommended distance from foundations and other solid structures. Additional comments detail specific characteristics per plant.

PLANT LIST KEY

SUN CONDITIONS	S = full sun
	RS = reflected sun
	PS = part sun/part shade
	SH = shade
WATER NEEDS	VL = very low
	L = low
	M = moderate
GROWTH RATE	F = fast
	M = moderate
	S = slow
SIZE	At full maturity = height x width
COLOR	Refers to flower or seed pod
SEASON	Spr = spring
	S = summer
	F = fall
	W = winter
CATEGORY	E = Evergreen
	D = Deciduous
	N = Native
	SE = Semi Evergreen
	C = Cactus

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Agave									
Blue Glow <i>Agave 'Blue Glow'</i>	25	S-PS	L	2' x 2'	S	CR	Yellow	2 ft.	blooms once at full maturity. Has red margins along leaves, stands out when back lit by sun.
Cow Horn Agave <i>Agave bovicornuta</i>	25	S-PS	VL	3' x 4'	S	OR	Green-yellow Summer	5 ft.	reddish-brown teeth coming off of white margins. Inflorescence can be 20+ ft tall.
Dwarf hedgehog agave <i>Agave stricta</i>	20	S-PS	L	12" x 12"	S	OR	Dark purple-dark red Summer	1 ft.	does not die after flowering, no teeth on margins, has sharp tips. Flower buds are edible.
False Aloe <i>Manfreda virginica</i>	30	S-PS	L	6' x 4'	M	OR	Yellow-green Summer	3 ft.	Leaves may be flecked with red. Flower stalk grows 4-5P tall.
King of the Agaves <i>Agave Ferdinand-regis</i>	25	S-PS	L	3' x 4'	S	OR	Yellow Summer	3 ft.	flowers after 15+ years old AKA Sharkskin Agave
Little Princess <i>Agave parviflora</i>	10	S-PS	L	6" x 9"	S	OR	Cream-pale yellow Summer	1 ft.	white markings on waxy green leaves & pale fibers curl from the leaf edge. Great in containers.
Spot <i>Manfreda "Spot"</i>	-20	S-PS	M	1.5' x 2.5'	M	OR	Summer	2 ft.	leaves heavily spotted with dark purple
Mescal Ceniza <i>Agave colorata</i>	15	S	VL	2' x 2'	M	CR	Yellow Spring	3 ft.	sharp tips, striking banded leaves, distinctive toothed margins, blooms one time only
Octopus Agave <i>Agave vilmoriniana</i>	20	S-PS	VL	4' x 6'	F	CR	Yellow Spring	3 ft.	soft tips, smooth margins
Parry's Agave <i>Agave parryi</i>	15	S	VL	2' x 2'	S	CR	Bright yellow Summer	3 ft.	sharp tips, highly decorative
Queen Victoria <i>Agave victoriae-reginae</i>	12	S	L	18' x 18"	S	CR	White, tinged with red or purple	2 ft.	after many years will produce a 10-15 ft flower stalk. Will die after blooming.
Smooth Agave <i>Agave desmetiana</i>	25	PS	VL	3' x 3'	M	OR	Bright Yellow Spring	5 ft.	sharp tip, smooth leaf margins, very tall flowering stock, soft people friendly
Spider Agave <i>Agave bracteosa</i>	15	S-PS	L	3' x 3'	M	OR	White	3 ft.	spineless, has lighter green band down center margin of the leaf. Flowers infrequently.
Thorn-crested century plant <i>Agave lophantha 'Quadricolor'</i>	15	S-PS	VL	2' x 3'	M	OR	Greenish-yellow infrequently	3 ft.	12-foot flower spike; leaves have yellow margins, dark green leaves with light green center.
Twin Flower <i>Agave geminiflora</i>	25	S-PS	VL	3' x 3'	F	OR	Yellow Winter	4 ft.	sharp tips, 100+ symmetrical slender, stiff leaves with smooth margins
Variegated Century Plant <i>Agave americana "Marginata"</i>	15	S-PS	L	8' x 10'	M	OR	Yellow Summer	7 ft.	flowers after 10+ years old, foliage variegated color

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Weber's Agave <i>Agave weberi</i>	15	S-PS	VL	6' x 6'	M	OR	Yellow Spring to Summer	5 ft.	sharp tips, bold specimen plant, smooth margins
Aloe									
Bitter aloe <i>Aloe ferox</i>	25	S-PS	L	9' x 5"	M	CR	Orange-red Spr to F	5 ft.	brown spines along edges & on surface; old leaves should stay to protect trunk. 5 ft. flower spikes
Blue Elf aloe <i>Aloe 'Blue Elf'</i>	15	RS-PS	L	18" x 2'	M	CR	Pale orange W to Spr	2 ft.	tips of leaves may turn reddish in extreme temps. May have repeat blooms
Coral Aloe <i>Aloe striata</i>	25	S	L	18" x 2'	M	CR	Coral Red W to Spr	2 ft.	smooth pink leaf margin, 2 ft tall branching stalks
Golden tooth aloe <i>Aloe nobilis</i>	25	S-PS	L	2' x 2'	M	CR	Orange-red Summer	2 ft.	sharp but flexible teeth along the edges and on the surface of leaves. Flower stalks 2 ft tall
Red Hot Poker aloe <i>Aloe aculeata</i>	25	PS	L	18" x 2'	S	CR	Red, orange, yellow Fall to Winter	2 ft.	young plants produce one inflorescence and old plants may branch, producing more.
Tiger aloe <i>Aloe variegata</i>	20	PS	L	12" x 9"	M	CR	Salmon pink colored Summer	1 ft.	spots on upper and lower leaves lining up in horizontal bands with a gutter along the center.
Torch aloe <i>Aloe arborescens</i>	25	S-PS	L	8' x 8'	M	OR	Coral red Fall to Winter	8 ft.	soft toothed leaves with 2 ft inflorescences above plant.
Cactus									
Argentine Giant <i>Trichocereus candicans</i>	10	PS	L	2' x 3'	M	U/SP	Yellow, white Spring	3 ft.	small spines, striking flowers, 6 " across
Argentine Hedgehog <i>Echinopsis huascha</i>	10	S-PS	L	2' x 3'	M	SP	Orange, Red Summer	3 ft.	small spines, spectacular flowers
Beavertail Prickly Pear <i>Opuntia basilaris</i>	10	RS	VL	2' x 4'	S	SP	Magenta, Pink Spring	4 ft.	pads are shaped like beaver's tail (to 2 ft), areoles contain glochids (white to brown) no spines.
Bilberry cactus <i>Myrtillocactus geometrizans</i>	25	S	VL	15' x 10'	F	U	Pale green, White Spring	7 ft.	treelike with age, purple fruits follow flowers
Buckhorn Cholla <i>Cylindropuntia acanthocarpa</i>	10	RS	VL	4' x 5'	M	VS	Red to Yellow Spring	NA	medium spines, do not have near walkways
Bunny ears <i>Opuntia microdasys</i>	20	S-PS	VL	1.5' x 8'	M	SP	White, yellow, magenta- pink red Summer	6 ft.	great as a sprawling ground cover.
Cane Cholla <i>Cylindropuntia imbricata</i>	-10	S-PS	L	9' x 6'	M	U	Dark Pink Late Spring, Summer	4 ft.	aka: Tree Cholla

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Cane Cholla <i>Cylindropuntia spinosior</i>	10	S	VL	6' X 5'	S	U	Purple, white or yellow Early Summer	6 ft.	It can be dangerous, if one makes contact, spines can get into the skin and are painful. Best not planted near walkways.
Cardon Grande <i>Echinopsis terscheckii</i>	10	S	L	15' x 8'	M	U	Showy white Spring	6 ft.	similar to a Saguaro, grows faster, is smaller at maturity, has tan spines
Chihuahuan snowball <i>Thelocactus macdowellii</i>	20	RS	M	4" x 4"	S	GS	Pink-Magenta Spring	1 ft.	if placed in a very sunny dry spot will need moderate water. In winter can be kept more dry.
Compass Barrel <i>Ferocactus cylindraecus</i>	10	RS	VL	6' x 1.5'	S	GS	Yellow Spring	3 ft.	striking accent, spine pattern makes it difficult to see green flesh. Spines can be red, tan, gray
Devil's Tongue Barrel Cactus <i>Ferocactus latispinus</i>	25	S-PS	VL	12" x 16"	S	GS	Assorted: purple, white, red, yellow Fall	2 ft.	Remains solitary without produces offshoots. Has red spines that are flattened and wide.
Easter lily cactus <i>Echinopsis oxygona</i>	20	S-PS	VL	12" x 12"	F	SP	White, pink, yellow Spring	1 ft.	big funnel form flowers that are night blooming up to 8" long and 5" in diameter.
Emory's barrel <i>Ferocactus emoryi</i>	10	S	VL	4' x 3'	S	GS	Yellow to red Spring	3 ft.	spines are 2 to 4 inches long, curved....white to red in color
Engelmann's Prickly Pear <i>Opuntia engelmannii</i>	10	RS	VL	4' x 8'	M	SP	Yellow, orange Spring to Summer	6 ft.	spines are short (1in), white, tan, yellow in color. Fruit is edible, can be made into jams, syrup.
Fire Barrel Cactus <i>Ferocactus gracilis</i>	25	S-PS	VL	5' x 1'	S	GS	Red Late spring, early summer	3 ft.	Red spined cactus with red flowers and yellow fruit.
Giant Prickly Pear <i>Opuntia robusta</i>	15	RS	VL	10' x 10'	M	SP	Yellow Spring	10 ft.	blue-green color, the pads and fruit and seeds are edible.
Golden Barrel <i>Echinocactus grusonii</i>	18	S-PS	VL	1.5' x 2'	S	GS	Yellow Spring	3 ft.	minimal maintenance, best planted in groupings
Golden column <i>Weberbauerocereus johnsonii</i>	25	S	L	8' x 9"	S	U	White-pale pink	2 ft.	brilliant yellow spines, especially when back-lit. Older specimens may branch or solitary
Gopher Plant <i>Euphorbia rigida</i>	15	S	VL	2' x 3'	SM	M	Chartreuse Midwinter to Spring	2 ft.	striking foliage and flowers
Hildmann's Cereus <i>Cereus hildmannianus</i>	25	S	VL	15' x 10'	F	C	Showy white Spring to Summer	7 ft.	medium spines. substitute for organ pipe cactus
Indian Fig <i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i>	22	RS	VL	10' x 10'	M	U	Yellow to orange Spring	7 ft.	big pads to 1 ft. across. Large, spineless red fruit
Man of the Andes <i>Oreocereus celsianus</i>	25	S-PS	VL	6' x 6'	S	U	Pink magenta Spring to Summer	6 ft.	branching columnar cactus covered in fine white hairs and has sharp spines.

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Mexican Fence Post <i>Stenocereus marginatus</i>	25	RS	VL	10' x 6'	F	U	Pink Spring	6 ft.	good in containers
Monstrose Apple Cactus <i>Cereus Peruvianus monstrose</i>	35	S-PS	L	10' x 10'	F	U	White Summer	7 ft.	AKA Curiosity Cactus
Old lady cactus <i>Mammillaria hahniana</i>	25	S-PS	VL	6' x 5"	S	GS	Pink Spring	1 ft.	great in rock gardens, plant has spines, use caution.
Old man cactus <i>Cephalocereus senilis</i>	25	S	L	50'	S	U	Pink Spring	5 ft.	wooly hair covers spikey spines. Flowers are unremarkable. If hair gets dirty can be shampooed.
Organ Pipe <i>Stenocereus thurberi</i>	25	RS	VL	10' x 10'	S	U	Pink with white centers Spring to Summer	7 ft.	blooms at night. Red fruit is edible. Very frost sensitive
Paper Spine Cactus <i>Tephrocactus articulatus papyracanthus</i>	15	S	VL	12" x 6"	S	U	Pale Yellow, White Late Spring, Early Summer	2 ft.	Has long, flat pointy but soft spines. Small pinecone shaped segments that fall easily.
Purple Prickly Pear <i>Opuntia santa-rita</i>	25	RS	VL	6' x 6'	M	SP	Cream to yellow Spring	5 ft.	immature pads or pads that are cold or drought stressed will have purple tinge.
Saguaro <i>Carnegiea gigantea</i>	18	RS	VL	30' x 10'	S	C	Showy white Late Spring	7 ft.	largest of cacti, needs well drained soil.
Senita <i>Pachycereus schottii</i>	18	RS	VL	20' x 10'	S	U	Pink Spring to Summer	7 ft.	spiny, furry tops. Blooms at night
Silver torch <i>Cleistocactus strausii</i>	15	S-PS	L	10' x 2.5 "	F	C	Deep red Spring to Summer	3 ft.	starts to produce flowers when 18 inches tall. Flowers protrude from side of column.
Spruce Cones <i>Tephrocactus articulatus</i>	20	S-PS	L	12" x 12"	S	SP	White Spring	2 ft.	no spines, showy flowers are 2-3 inches in diameter.
Strawberry hedgehog <i>Echinocereus engelmannii</i>	10	S	VL	1' x 2'	S	SP	Magenta Spring	2 ft.	vibrant Spring color AKA Engelmann's hedgehog
Teddy-bear cholla <i>Cylindropuntia bigelovi</i>	15	S-PS	L	6' x 4'	M	U	Greenish yellow Early Spring - Summer	3 ft.	attracts birds
Texas barrel <i>Ferocactus hamatacanthus</i>	25	S	L	12" x 8"	S	GS	Yellow Summer	2 ft.	has many spines covering a dark green stem, do not plant near walkways.
Toothpick cactus <i>Stetsonia coryne</i>	18	S-PS	L-M	30' x 18'	S/M	U	White Late Spring-Early Summer	10 ft.	can grow very large, produces edible fruit AKA Argentine Toothpick
Totem pole cactus <i>Lophocereus schottii f. monstrosus</i>	25	F	VL	6' x 12'	S	C	Faded pink Blooms inconsistently	6 ft.	has irregular shape and smooth stems.

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Banana Yucca <i>Yucca baccata</i>	0	S	VL	3' x 3'	M	OR	White Spring to Summer	3 ft.	sharp tips, produces tall stalks with flowers.
Beaked Yucca <i>Yucca rostrata</i>	-15	S	VL	8' x 5'	M	U	White-pale yellow Spring to Summer	5 ft.	older leaves die back and create a skirt around tree. Recommended to leave this in place.
Blue Yucca <i>Yucca rigida</i>	10	S	L	12' x 5'	S	U	White Spring	7 ft.	White clusters of flowers rise 2-3 P about the plant. Leaves are very stiff, and sharp on the ends.
Curve Leaf Yucca <i>Yucca recurvifolia</i>	0	S-PS	L	6' x 3'	M	VS	Cream Summer	3 ft.	sharp edges and sharp spines. Blue- green in color. Avoid a western exposure.
Don Quixote's lance <i>Yucca treculeana</i>	0	S	L	15' x 5'	F	U	Ivory Spring to Summer	5 ft.	sharp tips, keep away from walkways. Large flower clusters.
Faxon Yucca <i>Yucca faxoniana</i>	0	S	VL	12' x 6'	M	U	White, greenish white Spring to Summer	6 ft.	usually unbranched, produces tall flower stalk (8ft high). Leaf branches have white filaments
Joshua Tree <i>Yucca brevifolia</i>	0	S	VL	30' x 15'	F	U	White Spring	10 ft.	largest of the yuccas, pollinated by the female pronuba moth ONLY.
Mexican Tree Yucca <i>Yucca filifera</i>	0	S-PS	L	32' x 12'	M	U	Cream / white Summer	12 ft.	Pollinated by only one type of moth. Flowers are fragrant and is a low pollen producer.
Mountain Yucca <i>Yucca schottii</i>	-10	S-PS	L	12' x 6'	MS	U	White Summer	7 ft.	has sharp terminal spines. Inflorescence appears on 2ft stalk.
Pale Leaf Yucca <i>Yucca pallida</i>	0	S-PS	VL	2' x 2'	S	OR	White Spring to Summer	3 ft.	good for small spaces or in containers. Tall stalks produce flowers.
Sahuiliqui <i>Yucca grandiflora</i>	20	S	L	20' x 10'	S	U	White Spring	15 ft.	can grow very large.
Soaptree Yucca <i>Yucca elata</i>	0	S	VL	12' x 5'	M	U	White Spring to Summer	5 ft.	sharp tips, keep dead leaves on to prevent sunburn damage to trunk. Tall stalks produce flowers.
Spanish Bayonet <i>Yucca aloifolia</i>	10	S	VL	10' x 10'	S	U	White, purple Spring to Summer	5 ft.	has sharp edges, use care around it. Do not plant near walkways. Fruits are edible.
Twistleaf Yucca <i>Yucca rupicola</i>	0	S-PS	L	2' x 2'	M	OR	White Spring to Summer	3 ft.	sharp tips; 5 ft flower stalks, once plant flowers it dies. It's leaves can appear twisted.
Other Succulents									
Bishop's cap <i>Astrophyllum myriostigma</i>	20	S-PS	L	12" x 7"	S	GS	Yellow Spring to Summer	1 ft.	spineless, great in pots or rock gardens. No water needed in winter. Many varieties available.
Candelilla <i>Euphorbia antisyphilitica</i>	10	S-PS	L	24" x 36"	M	M	Pink, white Spring	3 ft.	plant forms clusters of straight wax covered stems. Small pink flowers on upper stems

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Carpet weed <i>Cheiridopsis denticulata</i>	25	S-PS	L	6" x 9"	S	SP	Orange, gold, whiteish Winter	1 ft.	ground cover, great in rock gardens, dormant in summer, protect from frost.
Claret cup <i>Echinocereus triglochidiatus</i>	0	S	L	2' x 3'	S	M	Orange to red Spring to Summer	3 ft.	densely spiny, great in pots, rock gardens; spectacular blooms lasting several days.
Cobweb hen and chick <i>Sempervivum arachnoideum</i>	20	S-PS	L	1" x 5"	S	CR	Silver Summer	2 ft.	great in rock gardens, in pots. Compact rosettes of cobwebbed foliage.
Elephant's food <i>Portulacaria afra</i>	30	S-PS	L	4' x 4'	M	SP	White- pink Spring to Summer	4 ft.	does great in containers, cold sensitive, may need covering. Responds well to pruning
Giant Hesperaloe <i>Hesperaloe funifera</i>	10	RS	VL	6' x 5'	M	VS/U	White Spring	5 ft.	tall candelabra shaped flowering stalk up to 10 ft high. Narrow 4ft strap like leaves.
Hardy Ice Plant <i>Delosperma cooperi</i>	-10	S-PS	L-M	4" x 2'	F	SP	Bright Purple Summer and Fall	2 ft.	AKA Pink Carpet Ice Plant
Ice plant <i>Drosanthemum speciosum</i>	20	PS	L-M	1' x 3'	F	SP	Pinkish-purple Spring to Summer	3 ft.	ground cover forming a dense mat of sparkling color.
Moroccan Mound <i>Euphorbia resinifera</i>	20	S-PS	L	1.5' x 3'	M	M	Yellow Summer	3 ft.	has sap that can be irritating to eyes and mucous membranes. Wash with soap & water.
Ocotillo <i>Fouquieria splendens</i>	10	S	VL	15' x 10'	S	VS	Red, Orange Spring	8 ft.	succulent, tall, woody, leaf-circled branches. Beautiful accent plant. Foliage loss during dry spells. Re-leaves after rains.
Pencil Cactus or Milk Tree <i>Euphorbia tirucalli</i>	30	S-PS	L	8' x 5'	S	U	Yellow Summer	10 ft.	branches are redder in winter months and yellow-green in warmer weather. Great in containers.
Red Yucca <i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	0	RS	VL	4' x 6'	F	OR	Coral, red, yellow Spring to Summer	3 ft.	succulent, tolerates tough conditions. Attracts hummingbirds.
Rock Purslane <i>Calandrinia spectabilis</i>	20	S-PS	L	12" x 2'	M	SP	Magenta Spring to Fall	2 ft.	long spikes produce beautiful color. Little water needed in winter.
Slipper plant <i>Pedilanthus macrocarpus</i>	30	S	L	5' x 5'	S	U	Orange-red Fall	5 ft.	instead of leaves, has 1/2" thick lime green stems which taper at ends like a candle.

Grasses

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Bamboo Muhly <i>Muhlenbergia dumosa</i>	0	PS	L	4' x 4'	F	Insignificant	10'	D	light texture, feathery, clumps enlarge over years
Bear Grass <i>Nolina microcarpa</i>	0	S	L	4' x 4'	F	White Fall	20'	N	curly strands
Blue Grama <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	0	S-PS	M	2' x 2'	F	Tan Summer	20'	E	bunchgrass, large area needed, unique seedheads, allergenic
Bull Grass <i>Muhlenbergia emersleyi</i>	0	S	L	2' x 3'	M	Purple Summer	5'	N	Cut back in April.
Deer Grass <i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	0	S-PS	L	4' x 4'	F	White Fall	20'	E,N	interesting flowers
Mexican Feather Grass <i>Nassella tenuissima</i>	0	PS	M	18" x 2'	F	Whitish Fall	10'	D	feathery waving seedheads
Pink Muhly <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	0	S-SP	L	3' x 3'	F	Pink Fall	10'	E	gorgeous pink fall flowers
Sideoats Grama <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	0	S	L	2' x 2'	F	Tan Fall	20'	N	birds love seedheads, allergenic
Tanglehead <i>Heteropogon contortus</i>	0	S	L	2' x 4'	F	Yellow Summer	10'	N	Bent seedhead adds interest.

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Creeping Germander <i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>	0	S	M	6" x 3'	M	SP	Pale pink Winter to Spring	4'	E	fragrant foliage, medium green in color, low litter
Damianita <i>Chrysactinia mexicana</i>	0	S/RS	VL	2' x 2'	S	M	Golden yellow Spring to Fall	2'	E	fragrant foliage, reseeds
Gooddings Verbena <i>Verbena gooddingii</i>	32	S	L	3' x 3'	F	M,SP	Purple Spring to Fall	4'	E	reseeds vigorously
Gray Ice Plant <i>Malephora crocea</i>	20	S	L	6" x 6"	M	SP	Orange to red Spring	4'	E	good container plant, low litter
Katie ruellia <i>Ruellia brittoniana</i>	28	S/PS	M	1' x 2'	M	M	Purple Spring to Fall	2'	E	good ground cover for a small area, low litter
Lantana <i>Lantana hybrids</i>	28	S	M	2' x 5'	F	SP,M	Various colors per hybrid Spring to Fall	4'	SE	can be deciduous in cold conditions, both trailing and prostrate available
Lemon dalea <i>Dalea capitata</i>	5	S/RS	L	8" x 3'	F	M	Yellow Spring and Fall	3'	D*	aromatic lemony fragrance, loses foliage around 20 degrees. Semi deciduous.
Mediterranean Carpet <i>Teucrium majoricum</i>	0	S	M	6" x 3'	M	SP	Pale pink Winter to Spring	3'	E	fragrant foliage
Myoporum <i>Myoporum parvifolium</i>	20	S/PS	L/M	8" x 6"	F	SP	Small white Spring	6'	E	good for slopes, if overwatered may die
Raspberry fuzzies <i>Acalypha monostachya</i>	10	S/PS	L	1' x 3'	M	SP	Red Spring to Fall	5'	D*	cutback in winter
Red Spike Ice Plant <i>Cephalophyllum alstonii</i>	20	S	L	6" x 6"	S	SP	Brilliant red Winter to Spring	1'	E	provides winter color, good for small places
Saltillo Primrose <i>Oenothera stubbei</i>	15	S/PS	L/M	6" x 4"	F	M	Butter yellow Spring to Fall	4'	E	flowers open from dusk to early morning
Trailing Acacia <i>Acacia redolens</i>	15	S	L	1' x 10'	F	SP	Small yellow Spring	10'	E	good for erosion control
Trailing Dalea <i>Dalea greggii</i>	15	S	L	2' x 6"	M	SP	Purple clusters Spring to Summer	6'	E	tolerates tough conditions, low litter, delicate appearance
Trailing Gazania <i>Gazania rigens</i>	15	S	L	8" x 18"	M	SP	Orange, bronze Winter to Spring	2'	E	brilliant flower colors, may die in summer if overwatered, reseeds
Trailing Lantana <i>Lantana montevidensis</i>	25	S	M	1' x 4'	F	M,SP	Lavender to white Spring	4'	E	attractive to butterflies, low litter

Ground Covers

Form Key: M = mounding, SP = spreading

Common name Botanical name	Cold hardy to °F	Sun	Water	Size: H x W	Growth rate	Form	Flower Color & Season	Distance from property line	Category	Comments
Trailing Rosemary <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	15	S	L	2' x 4'	M	SP	Blue Winter to Spring	4'	E	fragrant foliage, upright forms are available
Tufted Evening Primrose <i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>	10	S/PS	L/M	1' x 2'	M	M	White to pink Spring to Fall	2'	E	flowers open from dusk to early morning, fragrant
Yellow Dot <i>Wedelia trilobata</i>	30	S/SH	M	2' x 6'	F	SP	Yellow Spring to Summer	6'	E	can be invasive, good container plant

Palms

Common name Botanical name	Cold hardy to °F	Sun	Water	Size: H x W	Growth rate	Form	Flower Color & Season	Distance from property line	Category	Comments
Mediterranean Fan Palm <i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	5	S/PS	M	10' x 10'	S	U	Yellow Spring	8'	E	Bushy, multi-trunked shape, flowers are inconspicuous, good container palm
Mexican Blue Palm <i>Brahea armata</i>	15	RS/PS	M	15' x 8'	S	U	Cream Summer	5'	E	Thorns on leaf stems
Pigmy Date Palm <i>Phoenix roebelenii</i>	20	S/PS	M	8' x 4'	S	U	Cream Spring	8'	E	May take several years to flower, reddish fruit is not really edible
Pindo Palm <i>Butia capitata</i>	15	RS/PS	M	20' x 8'	S	U	Yellow to Orange-Red Spring	5'	E	Low, bushy shape, females grow clusters of pineapple flavored fruit

Perennials

Form Key: M = mounding, SP = spreading, U = upright, R = rosette

Common name Botanical name	Cold hardy to °F	Sun	Water	Size: H x W	Growth rate	Form	Flower Color & Season	Distance from property line	Category	Comments
Angelita Daisy <i>Tetraneuris acaulis</i>	10	S-PS	L	1' x 1'	F	M	Yellow Spring to Fall	3"	N, E	good for small spaces, reseeds
Arizona foldwing <i>Dicliptera resupinata</i>	25	S-PS	L/M	2' x 3'	M	M,SP	Purple Spring, Fall	3'	N	attracts birds
Autumn Sage <i>Salvia greggii</i>	10	S-PS	VL	2' x 2'	F	M	Red, pink or white Spring to Fall	5'	N, E	attractive to hummingbirds
Blackfoot Daisy <i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>	0	S-PS	VL	1' x 2'	F	M	White Year-round	2'	E	bright and colorful groundcover
Blanket Flower <i>Gaillardia X grandiflora</i>	10	S	VL	1' x 2'	M	M	Yellow/orange Spring to Fall	2'	D	many colors available in a variety of cultivars
Bulbine <i>Bulbine frutescens</i>	25	S	M	2' x 2'	F	M,SP	Yellow-orange Spring to Fall	5'	E	clumping, spreads, can be divided in spring
Bush Daisy <i>Euryops pectinstus</i>	20	S-PS	L/M	5' x 5'	F	M	Yellow Spring, Summer, Fall	5'	E	attracts butterflies
California Fuchsia <i>Epilobium canum</i>	0	S	M	1' x 3'	F	SP	Red Summer to Fall	5'	D	attracts hummingbirds, cut back in winter
Chaparral Sage <i>Salvia clevelandii</i>	15	S-PS	M	4' x 4'	F	M	Blue Spring to Summer	5'	E	very fragrant foliage
Chocolate Flower <i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>	10	S-PS	L	1' x 2'	F	R	Yellow Spring to Fall	5'	N	chocolate scent
Desert Marigold <i>Baileya multiradiata</i>	10	S	L	1' x 1'	F	M	Yellow Spring to Fall	5'	N, E	silvery foliage, reseeds
Desert Ruellia <i>Ruellia peninsularis</i>	20	S-PS	L/M	4' x 6'	M/F	M	Purple Spring, Summer, Fall	6'	E	attracts butterflies, hummingbirds
Desert Senna <i>Senna covesii</i>	5	S	VL	2' x 2'	F	R	Yellow Spring to Fall	5'	N	reseeds, attractive to butterflies
Firecracker Penstemon <i>Penstemon eatonii</i>	0	S-PS	L	1' x 2'	F	R	Bright orange Winter to Spring	5'	N, E	attractive to hummingbirds, reseeds
Foxtail Fern <i>Asparagus densiflora</i>	32	S-PS	L	2' x 3'	M	U,SP	Small white Spring to Fall	2'	E	flowers are insignificant, produces red berries
Garzania <i>Garzania.rigens</i>	25	S	L	1' x 1'	M	M	Red, orange or yellow Spring & Fall	1'	E	beautiful flowers attract bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, poisonous

Perennials

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Gaura <i>Gaura lindheimeri</i>	10	S-PS	L	1' x 2'	F	R	White or pink Summer to Fall	5'	D, N	flowers look like butterflies, on long spikes
Globe Mallow <i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>	5	S	VL	3' x 3'	F	R	White, orange, or pink Spring	5'	N, D	native plant
Golden Dysodia <i>Thymophylla pentachoeta</i>	10	S-RS	L	6" x 6"	F	M	Yellow Spring to Fall	6"	N	attracts butterflies, bees and birds
Gregg's Mistflower <i>Conoclinium greggi</i>	0	S-PS	L/M	2' x 2'	M/F	M,SP	Lavender/purple Spring-Fall	2'	N	attracts butterflies
Mexican Bush Sage <i>Salvia leucantha</i>	20	S	M	3' x 3'	F	R	Purple Spring to Fall	5'	N, SE	attractive to hummingbirds
Mexican Primrose <i>Oenothera speciosa</i>	-20	S/PS	L/M	1' x 3'	M/F	U,SP	Pink Spring-Fall	3'	N	fragrant flowers, can get invasive is generous with watering
Morning Glory <i>Convolvulus mauritanicus</i>	25	S	L	1' x 3'	F	SP	Blue Spring to Summer	5'	D	thrives on slopes and banks
Moss Verbena <i>Verbena tenuisecta</i>	20	S	M	1' x 3'	F	SP	Purple Spring to Fall	10'	SE	spreading, attractive to butterflies
Mount Lemmon Marigold <i>Tagetes lemmonii</i>	20	PS-S	M	3' x 4'	M	M	Yellow Fall	3'	N	fragrant flowers
Nodding Sage <i>Salvia nutans</i>	20	S/PS	M	5' x 1.5'	M	M	Purple Spring-Fall	2'	D	attracts bees, butterflies
Paperflower <i>Psilostrophe cooperi</i>	10	S-PS	L	1' x 2'	M	SP	Yellow Spring to Fall	5'	N, E	flowers following monsoon rain
Parry's Penstemon <i>Penstemon parryi</i>	15	S-PS	VL	2' x 2'	F	R	Pink Spring	5'	N, D	reseeds, best to spread seed in late winter, if no rain, water in
Pincushion Flower <i>Scabiosa columbaria</i>	0	S	M	2' x 2'	M	M	Purple Spring to Fall	5'	D	attractive to butterflies, insects
Prairie Zinnia <i>Zinnia grandiflora</i>	10	S-PS	M	1' x 1'	F	SP	Yellow-orange Summer to Fall	5'	N	attracts butterflies
Purple Ruellia <i>Ruellia brittoniana</i>	15	S	M	3' x 3'	M	R	Purple Spring to Fall	5'	SE	attractive to butterflies
Sacred Datura <i>Datura wrightii</i>	15	S	L	3' x 8'	F	M	White Summer	8'	N	deadly poisonous, large trumpet like flowers 6-8" diameter
Sandpiper verbena <i>Verbena rigida</i>	10	F	M	2' x 1.5'	M	M,SP	Purple, Lavender Fall, Summer	10'	D	Attracts songbirds, butterflys. Resistance to deer, drought, heat

Perennials

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Sundrops <i>Calylophus berlandieri</i>	20	S-PS	L	20" x 1'	F	R	Yellow Spring to Fall	2'	N, D	good for rock gardens
White Rain lily <i>Zephyranthes candida</i>	20	S-PS	M	1' x 1'	M	U,SP	White Summer	1'	SE	dark green foliage, many other varieties. Check other <i>Zephyranthes</i>

Shrubs

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Apache Plume <i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	30	S/RS	L	8' x 8'	F	M	White Spring to Fall	7'	N	flowers produce nonedible fruit which displays feathery pink plume
Arizona Rosewood <i>Vauquelinia californica</i>	15	S/RS	L	10' x 8'	S	U	White Summer	6'	E,N	can be grown as a small tree, consider as an alternative to Oleander
Arizona Yellow Bells <i>Tecoma stans v. angustata</i>	25	S	L	6' x 6'	F	U,O	Yellow Spring to Fall	5'	SE,N	attracts hummingbirds, good summer color
Baja Ruella <i>Ruellia peninsularis</i>	28	S	L	3' x 4'	M	R	Purple Spring to Fall	4'	E,N	attracts hummingbirds, can tolerate some shade
Barberry <i>Berberis trifoliolata</i>	15	S	VL	5' x 5'	S/M	R	Yellow Winter to Spring	5'	E	red berries will attract birds
Beebrush <i>Aloysia gratissima</i>	15	S/RS	VL	6' x 6'	M	U,O	White to Purple Spring to Fall	5'	SE	has small thorns, attracts butterflies,
Bird of Paradise-Mexican <i>Caesalpinia mexicana</i>	15	S	M	10' x 8'	M/F	U,O	Yellow Spring to Fall	6'	E	attracts butterflies
Bird of Paradise-Red <i>Caesalpinia pulcherrima</i>	30	S	M	6' x 6'	F	U,O	Orange & Yellow Spring to Fall	6'	D	attracts hummingbirds and butterflies
Bird of Paradise-Yellow <i>Caesalpinia gilliesii</i>	5	S	M	6' x 5'	M	U,O	Yellow Spring to Fall	5'	SE	attracts hummingbirds and butterflies
Blackfoot Daisy <i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>	0	S/PS	L	1' x 2'	F	M	White Spring & Fall	2'	E,N	attracts butterflies and birds, deer resistant
Blue Emu <i>Eremophila hygrophana</i>	20	S	S	3' x 4'	S	M	Blue All year	4'	E	attracts hummingbirds, very tough plant
Brittlebush <i>Encelia farinosa</i>	25	S/RS	L	3' x 4'	F	M	Yellow Winter to Spring	4'	N,E	good for naturalistic landscape, has seeds that will attract birds
Chihuahuan Sage <i>Leucophyllum laevigatum</i>	10	S/PS	L	4' x 5'	M	R	Lavender Summer to Fall	5'	E	low litter, fragrant flowers
Chuparosa <i>Justicia californica</i>	25	S	L	4' x 4'	M	Sp	Orange-Red Winter to Spring	5'	SE,N	can be grown as an informal hedge, attracts butterflies
Cordia-Little Leaf <i>Cordia parvifolia</i>	18	S/RS	VL	6' x 6'	M	R,O	White Spring to Fall	7'	SE,N	can be useful as an informal hedge
Creosote Bush <i>Larrea tridentata</i>	5	S/RS	VL	6' x 6'	M	U,O	Yellow Spring to Fall	6'	E,N	foliage has a distinctive scent
Dalea-Bush <i>Dalea pulchra</i>	10	S/RS	L	4' x 5'	M/F	R,O	Violet Winter to Spring	5'	E,N	provides winter color, attracts butterflies, requires well drained soil

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Dalea-Weeping <i>Dalea versicolor</i>	20	S/RS	L	3' x 4'	M	S	Purple Fall to Spring	5'	E,N	provides winter color, requires well drained soil
Desert Cassia <i>Senna nemophila</i>	10	S/RS	VL	6' x 6'	F	U,O	Yellow Winter to Spring	5'	E	remove seed pods after bloom, AKA Desert Senna
Desert Hackberry <i>Celtis pallida</i>	10	S	VL	8'10'	M	U,D	Yellow-green Spring	7'	E	orange berries attract birds, butterflies may lay eggs in foliage
Desert Lavender <i>Hyptis emoryi</i>	25	S	VL	6' x 4'	M	U,O	Lavender Spring	5'	N	fragrant, attracts hummingbirds
Easter Egg Emu <i>Eremophila racemosa</i>	20	S	L	5' x 5'	M	U	Orange-Yellow-Pink Winter to Spring	5'	E	orange buds turn to yellow blooms that transition to pink
Fairy Duster-Baja <i>Calliandra californica</i>	20	S	M	6' x 6'	M	U	Orange & Yellow Spring to Fall	5'	SE	attracts hummingbirds and butterflies
Fairy Duster-Pink <i>Calliandra eriophylla</i>	5	S	L	3' x 4'	M	U,O	Pink Spring to Fall	5'	SE	attracts hummingbirds
Feathery Cassia <i>Senna artemisioides</i>	20	S/RS	VL	6' x 6'	F	U,O	Yellow Winter to Spring	5'	E	remove seed pods after bloom, AKA Green Feathery Senna
Firecracker Bush <i>Hamelia patens</i>	25	S/RS	M	5' x 5'	M	U,O	Red/Orange Summer	5'	SE	bright green foliage with colder temperatures
Firethorn <i>Pyracantha</i>	15	S	M	1' x 20'	M	Sp	White flower Orange Fall fruit	10'	E	thorns, birds eat fruits, shrub form available
Flame Honeysuckle <i>Aniscanthus quadrifidus</i>	5	S	L	3' x 4'	M	Sp	Orange-Red Summer to Fall	5'	D	attracts butterflies and hummingbirds
Flattop Buckwheat <i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	15	S	VL	1' x 2'	F	R	Pale pink White to Spring	2'	E,N	good for a small space, seeds attract birds
Golden euonymus <i>Euonymus japonicus 'Microphyllus Aureovariegatus'</i>	0	S/PS	M	6' x 4'	F	M,O	White (inconspicuous) Spring	3'	E	colorful addition to foundation plantings
Goodwin Creek Gray Lavender <i>Lavandula x ginginsii</i>	15	S/PS	L	3' x 4'	M	U,S	Purple Late Winter to Fall	3'	E	attracts birds, butterflies
Green Feathery Senna <i>Senna artemisioides v. filifolia</i>	20	RS	VL	6' x 6'	F	R,O	Yellow Winter to Spring	5'	E	nice winter color
Guayacan <i>Guaiacum coulteri</i>	25	S/RS	L	5' x 5'	S/M	R,O	Violet-Blue Summer	5'	N	vivid flower color, can be grown as a tree with time

Shrubs

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Hop Bush <i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	15	S/RS	L	10' x 8'	M	U,D	Yellow-green Spring	7'	E	nonshowy flowers, interesting seed pods attract birds
Indian Hawthorn <i>Rhaphiolepis indica</i>	0	S/PS	L	4' x 4'	M	R	Pink Spring	3'	E	attracts bees, butterflies and birds
Jerusalem sage <i>Phlomis fruticosa</i>	23	S	L	3' x 3'	F	R	Yellow Spring-summer	3'	E	attracts butterflies and hummingbirds
Jojoba <i>Simmondsia chinensis</i>	20	RS	VL	6' x 6'	S	M	Yellow-green Spring	5'	E,N	nonshowy flowers, good as a screening plant or informal hedge
Little John Bottlebrush <i>Callistemon "LittleJohn"</i>	20	S/PS	L/M	3' x 5'	S/M	M	Red Spring & Fall	4'	E	attracts hummingbirds
Mexican Bush Sage <i>Salvia leucantha</i>	20	S/PS	L/M	4' x 4'	M/F	R	Purple/Blue Late Spring to Fall	3'	E	attracts hummingbirds and butterflies, deer resistant
Mexican honeysuckle <i>Justicia spicigera</i>	20	S/PS	L/M	4' x 4'	M/F	M	Red/Orange Fall to Spring	3'	SE	attracts hummingbirds and butterflies
Mexican oregano <i>Poliomintha maderensis</i>	10	S/PS	L/M	3' x 3'	M/F	Sp	Purple Spring to Fall	3'	SE	attracts birds, butterflies
Mormon Tea <i>Ephedra nevadensis</i>	0	S	L	3' x 3'	S	U,O	Green Spring	3'	E	flowers are nonshowy, leaves are very small, AKA Mormon Tea
Myrtle <i>Myrtus communis</i>	20	S/RS	M	5' x 4'	M	U,D	White Spring	5'	E	fragrant flowers and foliage
Oleander <i>Nerium oleander</i>	20	RS	L	6' x 4'	F	U,D	White/Pink/Red Summer to Fall	5'	E	excellent screening plant, sap irritates skin, plant parts are poisonous
Photinia <i>Photinia fraseri</i>	15	S/PS	L	8' x 8'	M	U,D	White Spring	7'	E	bright red new foliage, can be pruned as a tree, good as a screening plant'
Pineapple guava <i>Feijoa sellowiana</i>	10	S/PS	M	12' x 12'	S	U	Pinkish white Spring	8'	E	produces edible fruit, attracts birds, bees and hummingbirds
Pineneedle milkweed <i>Asclepias linaria</i>	15	S/PS	L	3' x 3'	M/F	M	White Spring to Fall	3'	N,E	attracts butterflies AKA Pineleaf Milkweed
Pomegranate <i>Punica granatum</i>	10	S/RS	M	8' x 6'	M	U,D	Orange to Red Spring	5'	D	edible fruit is colorful, flowers attract hummingbirds
Red Justicia <i>Justicia candicans</i>	25	RS	M	3' x 3'	M	Sp	Red Fall and Spring	3'	SE,N	attracts hummingbirds, good container plant
Sago Palm <i>Cycas revoluta</i>	15	PS/S	M	5' x 4'	S	U/R	Yellow/brown cone Spring	5'	E	good container plant, cone color determined by sex, not a true palm

Shrubs

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San Marcos Hibiscus <i>Gossypium harknessii</i>	25	S	L	3' x 4'	M	R	Yellow-red center Summer to Fall	5'	N,E	glossy heart shaped leaves, remove frost damaged stems in spring to promote new growth
Shrubby Cassia <i>Senna wislizeni</i>	10	S	VL	4' x 6'	M	U	Bright Yellow Spring	5'	D	remove seed pods after bloom, AKA Shrubby Senna
Shrubby Sienna <i>Senna wislizeni</i>	10	S	VL	4' x 6'	M	U	Bright Yellow Summer	5'	D	attractive summer color
Silvery Cassia <i>Senna phyllodinea</i>	20	S/RS	L/M	6' x 6'	F	U	Yellow Spring	5'	E	remove seed pods after blooming, AKA Silvery Senna, Silver-leaf Senna
Sugar Bush <i>Rhus ovata</i>	10	S/RS	M	6' x 6'	S	R,D	Cream Spring	5'	E,N	red buds appear before flowers, good as an informal hedge or screen
Superstition Mallow <i>Abutilon palmeri</i>	20	S/PS	L	4' x 3'	F	U,O	Orange & Yellow Spring to Fall	3'	E,N	heart-shaped velvety leaves
Texas Mountain Laurel <i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	5	S	L	8' x 6'	S	U,D	Purple Spring	5'	E	fragrant flowers, can be trained as a small tree
Texas Olive <i>Cordia boissieri</i>	20	S	M	10' x 10'	S/M	U	White Spring to Fall	7'	E	can also be grown as a small tree, short dormant period in winter, recovers nicely in spring
Texas Sage (Texas Ranger) <i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>	10	RS	VL	6' x 6'	F	U	White,Pink, or Purple Summer to Fall	5'	E	grayish foliage, flowers in response to monsoon rains
Triangle Bursage <i>Ambrosia deltoidea</i>	22	RS	VL	1' x 2'	M/F	M	Green Winter to Spring	2'	SE,N	flowers are non-showy, highly drought tolerant
Turpentine Bush <i>Ericameria laricifolia</i>	5	S	VL	2' x 3'	M	M	Yellow Summer to Fall	3'	E	fragrant foliage, seeds attract birds
Valentine Emu (Red Eremophila) <i>Eremophila maculata vbrevisfolia</i>	25	S	M	4' x 5'	M	R	Red Winter to Spring	5'	E	outstanding winter color, attracts hummingbirds, most growth occurs in summer to fall
Violet Silverleaf <i>Leucophyllum candidum</i>	10	RS	VL	3' x 3'	M	M	Deep Violet Summer to Fall	5'	E	silvery leaves, no supplemental water in winter
White Plumbago <i>Plumbago scandens</i>	20	S/RS	M	3' x 3'	F	Sp	White Summer to Fall	3'	E,N	foliage turns to a maroon color in winter
Wolfberry <i>Lycium fremontii</i>	20	S	VL	8' x 8'	M	M	White/Lavender Winter to Spring, Fall	7'	D,N	berries attract birds
Woolly Butterfly Bush <i>Buddleia marrubifolia</i>	15	RS	L	5' x 5'	M	U,D	Orange Spring to Summer	5'	E	attracts butterflies, fine white hairs on leaves give the plant a soft, fuzzy look

Trees

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Acacia Mulga <i>Acacia aneura</i>	15	S	VL	15' x 20'	S	U,R	Yellow Fall	10'	E	low maintenance, wood is very brittle so larger trees may be susceptible to wind damage
Anacacho Orchid Tree <i>Bauhinia lunarioides</i>	15	S/PS	L	8' x 6'	S/M	Sh	White/pink cluster Spring to Summer	5'	SE	butterfly shaped leaves, may be pruned as a shrub, tree or patio plant
Blackbrush Acacia <i>Vachellia rigidula</i>	20	S	VL	12' x 12'	S	Sh	Golden Yellow Winter to Spring	8'	E	thorns,gray bark, dark green leaves, effective as barrier or screen
Canyon Hackberry <i>Celtis reticulata</i>	0	S	M	25' x 25'	M	U,S	Green Spring	12'	D	after flowering small reddish fruits attract birds, no the most attractive of trees, but tough
Cascalote <i>Caesalpinia cacalaco</i>	20	S	L	15' x 15'	S/M	VS	Yellow spikes Winter to Spring	10'	SE	showy winter color with colorful seed pods
Chaste Tree, aka Monks Pepper <i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	15	S/PS	M	50' x 25'	F	Sh	Cream/White Summer to Fall	12'	SE	fragrant flowers and dark green leaves attract butterflies, may be pruned as a small tree
Chinese Date Tree <i>Ziziphus jujuba</i>	0	S	L	20' x 15'	M	U	White-yellow Spring to Summer	8'	D	small thorns but thornless varieties available, fruit is edible
Coolibah Tree <i>Eucalyptus microtheca</i>	10	S/RS	VL	30' x 24'	F	U,Ir	Yellow Spring to Summer	14'	E	bluish green leaves smell of menthol, dappled shade, withstands high winds
Crape Myrtle <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	10	S	L	20' x 20'	M/F	U,R	Multiple colors Summer	10'	D	final size will depend on cultivar, grey bark peels to reveal red color in winter
Crimson Bottlebrush <i>Callistemon citrinus</i>	20	S/PS	L/M	20' x 15'	S/M	U,R	Red Spring to Fall	10'	E	citrus scent, attracts hummingbirds
Desert Olive <i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>	15	S/PS	L	25' x 25'	S/M	U,Ir	Tiny cream puffballs Spring	15'	E	fruitless,provides dappled shade,single or multi-trunked, provides a Mediterranean look
Desert Willow <i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	0	S	L	25' x 20'	F	U,Ir	White, pink, purple Spring to Fall	15'	D,N	irregular shape with open canopy, flower and seed pod litter,attracts butterflies and hummingbirds
Feather Bush <i>Lysiloma microphylla v. thornberi</i>	25	S/PS	M	15' x 15'	M	U,Ir	Cream puffballs Spring to Summer	8'	SE	prune as tree or bush, leaves can yellow and drop during cold spell
Foothills Palo Verde <i>Parkinsonia microphylla</i>	15	S/RS	VL	20' x 20'	S	Sh	Yellow Spring	15'	SE	more drought tolerant than Blue Palo Verde
Guajillo <i>Acacia berlandieri</i>	15	S/PS	L	12' x 12'	M	VS	White Spring	8'	E	fragrant flowers, no thorns, gray foliage, moderate litter
Ironwood <i>Olneya tesota</i>	20	S	L	25' x 25'	S	U,R	Lavender Late Spring	15'	E,N	low litter, has thorns, branches that produce flowers may drop leaves
Kidneywood <i>Eysenhardtia orthocarpa</i>	15	S/RS	L	15" x 10"	M	Sh	White Summer	5'	D,N	good for naturalistic setting, shrub or small tree with pruning
Leather-Leaf Acacia <i>Acacia craspedocarpa</i>	15	S/PS	M	10' x 8'	M	U,R	Yellow puffballs Spring to Summer	5'	E	good for small sunny space, can tolerate reflected sun

Trees

Form Key: U= upright, VS= vase shaped, MT= multi-trunk, R= rounded, S= spreading, Ir= irregular, WC= wide crown, Sh= shrub like, OC= open crown

Common name Botanical name	Cold hardy to °F	Sun	Water	Size: H x W	Growth rate	Form	Flower Color & Season	Distance from property line	Category	Comments
Mastic Tree <i>Pistacia lentiscus</i>	20	S	L	15' x 20'	S	Sh	Green Spring	10'	E	flowers are nonshowy, very low maintenance
Mexican Buckeye <i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>	5	S/PS	L	10' x 10'	S	Sh	Rose/Pink Spring	5'	D	fragrant flowers, can be a large shrub or small tree, seeds are toxic
Mexican Redbud <i>Cercis canadensis v. mexicana</i>	0	S	L/M	10'28'	M/F	U,R	Deep rose clusters Spring	14'	D	edible flowers, can have brown pods, needs good drainage or roots may die
Palo Blanco <i>Mariosousa willardiana</i>	25	RS	L/M	20' x 10'	S/M	U,OC	Cream spikes Spring	12'	SE, N	white peeling bark, attracts butterflies
Purple Leaf Plum <i>Prunus cerasifera</i>	0	S	L	20' x 20'	S/M	U,R	Whitish pink Spring	10'	D	attracts butterflies, some varieties produce small fruit, vibrant purple foliage
Red-Cap Gum <i>Eucalyptus erthrocorys</i>	24	S	VL	25' x 15'	F	U	Red buds/Yellow flowers Summer	8'	E	smooth cream colored bark, colorful flowers
Screwbean Mesquite <i>Prosopis pubescens</i>	0	S	VL	20' x 20'	M/F	U,S	Pale green Spring	12'	D,N	unusual spiral shaped seed pods, requires supplemental water in summer
Southern Live Oak (Heritage Oak) <i>Quercus virginiana</i>	10	S	M	35' x 35'	M/F	U	Green (non-showy) Spring	17'	E	initial fast growth then moderate, size of Heritage cultivar suited for SB/SBR, extremely salt tolerant
Sweet Acacia <i>Vachellia Famesiana</i>	10	S	M	20' x 20'	S	VS	Yellow puffballs Winter to Spring	12'	E	dappled shade, moderate litter, small thorns
Tenaza <i>Havardia pallens</i>	10	M	L	25' x 12'	M	U,Sh	Cream Summer	8'	SE	thorns, seasonal litter, fragrant flowers
Texas Ebony <i>Ebenopsis ebano</i>	20	S	VL	20' x 15'	S	U,Ir	Cream to yellow Spring	10'	E	provides ample shade, bark may burn if exposed by pruning, twisty interesting form, thorns
Texas Mountain Laurel <i>Dermatophyllum secundiflorum</i>	5	S	L	10' x 10'	S	U,Mt	Purple clusters Spring	5'	E	multiple trunks, fragrant flowers, seeds are poisonous, can be planted as a large shrub
Velvet Mesquite <i>Prosopis velutina</i>	0	RS	VL	25' x 25'	M/F	U,WC	Pale yellow Spring	15'	D,N	seasonal seed pod litter, has thorns, fern-like leaves, limit irrigation to reduce rapid growth
Weeping Bottlebrush <i>Melaleuca viminalis</i>	20	S	L	20' x 10'	F	U	Red Spring	5'	E	stake when young, need to raise crown to obtain tree form, attracts bees and hummingbirds
White Thorn Acacia <i>Vachellia constricta</i>	5	S	VL	10' x 15'	S	U,MT	Lemon clusters Spring to Summer	10'	E	fragrant flowers, brown twisty pods, may drop leaves and thorns if very cold
Wilson fruitless olive <i>Olea europaea "Wilsonii"</i>	15	S/PS	L	25'x25'	S/M	U/R	Cream (nonshowy) Spring	15'	E	rounded crown, provides a Mediterranean look

Vines

Form Key: SP = sprawling, TW = twining

Common name Botanical name	Cold hardy to °F	Sun	Water	Size: H x W	Growth rate	Form	Flower Color & Season	Distance from property line	Category	Comments
Baja Passion Vine <i>Passiflora foetida</i>	25	S-PS	M	10' x 10'	M	TW	Pinkish Summer to Fall	5'	N,D	tendrils on trellis, host plant for Gulf Fritillary butterflies, semi-evergreen
Bougainvillea <i>Bougainvillea spectabilis</i>	28	RS	L	15' x 20'	M	SP	Color varies Year-round	5'	D	high litter, thorns, requires support
Cape Honeysuckle <i>Tecomaria capensis</i>	28	S-PS	M	5' x 15'	M	SP	Orange-red Late Summer	5'	D	tie to support, grows as container plant, shrubby in form
Carolina Jessamine Vine <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	10	S-PS	M	15' x 15'	F	SP	Yellow Late Winter to Spring	5'	E	requires a trellis or support, can be grown as ground cover
Common Trumpet Creeper <i>Campsis radicans</i>	0	S	H	20' x 20'	F	SP	Orange Summer	10'	D	requires strong trellis, deciduous in winter, spreads by suckering roots
Coral honeysuckle <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	5	S-PS	L/M	20' x 20'	F	TW	Red/Orange/Yellow Spring to Fall	10'	E	attracts butterflies, hummingbirds
Coral Vine <i>Antigonon leptopus</i>	30	S	H	20' x 20'	M	TW	Pink Summer	10'	D	vigorous grower, cut back in early Spring
Lady Banks Rose <i>Rosa banksiae</i>	10	S	M	20' x 15'	F	SP	White Year round	5'	E	no litter, no thorns, evergreen
Primrose Jasmine <i>Jasminum mesnyi</i>	15	S-PS	M	5' x 10'	M	SP	Yellow Winter	10'	E	shrubby, tie to trellis to create vine form
Star Jasmine <i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i>	25	PS	H	10' x 15'	M	SP	White Spring	5'	D	fragrant, cut back if winter damaged
Tangerine Crossvine <i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	28	S-PS	M	20' x 30'	M	SP	Orange Summer	5'	D	self climbing
Yellow Orchid Vine <i>Mascagnia macroptera</i>	22	S-PS	L/M	15' x 15'	M/F	SP	Yellow Spring to Fall	10'	D	attracts butterflies