

West Texas Recommended Plants List

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The descriptions of the following plants are intended to serve as a basic guide for your selection. Even within the San Angelo area there are such significant variations in soil and weather that a plant may thrive in one area but not survive in another. Be sure to note soil types (i.e. thin, alkaline, clay, sandy, etc.) and whether the planting site has full sun, hot winds or cold northern exposures, etc.

Medium and Large Trees

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	GROWTH RATE	CHARACTERISTICS
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak	Medium	Large acorns
<i>Quercus texana</i>	Texas Red Oak	Medium	Fall leaf color, form
<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	Live Oak	Medium	Evergreen, dependable
<i>Quercus laceyi</i>	Lacey Oak	Medium	Bluegreen leaves
<i>Ulmus crassifolia</i>	Cedar Elm	Medium	Fall color, dependable
<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	Chinese Pistachio	Medium	Fall leaf color
<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>	Honey Mesquite	Medium	Fall leaf color
<i>Pinus elderica</i>	Afghan Pine	Fast	Use only as a screen
<i>Washingtonia filifera</i>	Desert Fan Palm	Medium	Distinct, cold hardy
<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	Panicled Golden Raintree	Fast	Flowers, fruit

Smaller Trees

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	GROWTH RATE	CHARACTERISTICS
<i>Cercis</i> spp.	Redbud	Medium	Flowers
<i>Crataegus</i> spp.	Hawthorn	Medium	Flower and fruit
<i>Diospyros texana</i>	Mexican Persimmon	Medium	Trunks, evergreen
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	Common Persimmon	Medium	Fruit
<i>Diospyros khaki</i>	Japanese Persimmon	Medium	Fruit
<i>Prunus mexicana</i>	Mexican Plum	Medium	Fragrant flowers
<i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	Texas Mountain Laurel	Fast	Evergreen, fragrant flowers
<i>Sophora affinis</i>	Eve's Necklace	Slow	Deciduous, flowering

Smaller Trees (cont.)

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	GROWTH RATE	CHARACTERISTICS
<i>Malus</i> sp.	Crabapple	Medium	Flowering
<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	Yaupon Holly	Medium	Berried, multitrunks
<i>Ilex decidua</i>	Possumhaw Holly	Medium	Berried, deciduous
<i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>	Mexican Buckeye	Medium	Flowering like redbuds
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	Desert Willow	Medium	Summer flowering
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Vitex	Medium	Summer flowering
<i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>	Windmill Palm	Slow	Contrasting texture

Large Shrubs (5-9ft.)

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	GROWTH RATE	CHARACTERISTICS
<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i>	Texas Sage	Medium	Evergreen, silver foliage
<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>	Shrubalthea	Medium	Flowers
<i>Rhus virens</i>	Evergreen Sumac	Medium	Evergreen, winter color
<i>Rhus lanceolata</i>	Flame-leaf Sumac	Medium	Fall color
<i>Abelia grandiflora</i>	Glossy Abelia	Fast	Fragrant fl., winter color
<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	Wax Myrtle	Fast	Evergreen
<i>Raphiolepis</i> (selections)	Indian Hawthorn	Fast	Spring Flowers
<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Sweet Bay	Slow	Evergreen
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	Fast	Summer Color
<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>	Japanese Privet	Medium	Evergreen, to 20 feet
<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Crepe Myrtle	Medium	Many fl. Colors & sizes
<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>	Japanese Yew	Slow	Full shade only
<i>Ilex</i> 'Nellie R. Stevens'	Nelle Stevens Holly	Moderate to 15'	Glossy green, red berries

Medium Shrubs(3-5ft.)

<i>Raphiolepis</i> (selections)	Indian Hawthorn	Fast, dense	Spring flowers
<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	First Lady Yaupon	Slow	Red berries, 5'X5'
<i>Nandina domestica</i>	Nandina (standard)	Steady	Winter color
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	Tam & Sea Green	Moderate	Hardy to heat & sun
<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Autumn Sage	Fast, not dense	Airy, colorful, hummers

Dwarf Shrubs(1-3ft.)

<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> “Nana”	Dwarf Yaupon Holly	Fast, very dense	Full sun or shade
<i>Nandina domestica</i>	Dwarf Nandina	Steady	Sun or shade
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	“Wheelers Dwarf” Pitt.	Moderate	South exposures only!
<i>Raphiolepis</i> (selections)	Dwarf Ind. Hawthorns	Fast	Full sun or shade
<i>Rosemary officinalis</i>	Rosemary	Fast	Dark green, blue blooms
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	Compact pfitzer	Moderate	Hardy to heat & sun
<i>Aspidistra elatior</i>	Cast Iron Plant	Moderate	Dark green, shade only

Local nurserymen, garden supply centers and County Extension Horticulturists will be happy to provide you with any further information on tree selection and planting.

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