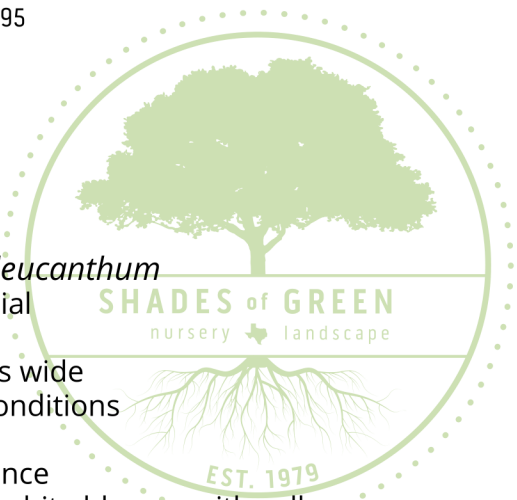


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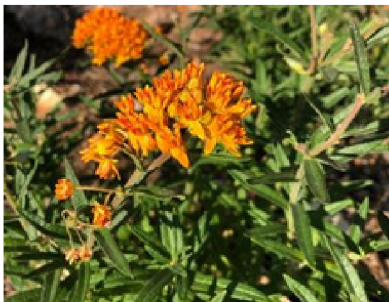
Blackfoot Daisy - *Melampodium leucanthum*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- Hardy in Zone 5-11
- Grows 6-12 inches tall x 24 inches wide
- Plant in full sun. Loves hot, dry conditions
- DOES NOT like wet feet!
- Extreme heat and drought tolerance
- Masses of honey-scented, small, white blooms with yellow centers spring through fall



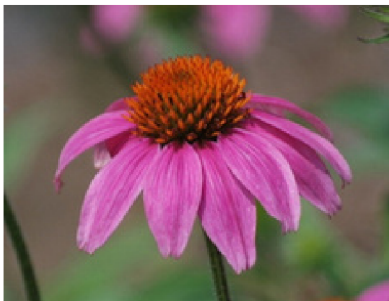
Prairie Verbena - *Verbena bipinnatifida*, *Glandularia bipinnatifida* var. *bipinnatifida*

- Native Texas perennial groundcover
- 4-6 inches tall x 12-24 inches wide
- Plant in full to part sun
- Pale purple / pink flowers bloom spring through fall
- Very prolific blooming groundcover
- Drought tolerant
- Hardy in Zone 6-10



Butterfly Weed - *Asclepias tuberosa*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- Grows 2 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun in well-drained soil
- Larval host for Queen, Grey Hairstreak & Monarch butterflies
- Orange blooms in summer
- Also known as Butterfly Milkweed
- Hardy in Zone 3-9



Purple Coneflower - *Echinacea purpurea*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- 18-36 inches tall x 12-18 inches wide
- Plant in full sun to part shade
- Large, rose-purple, daisy-like flowers bloom late spring to mid-summer
- Attracts butterflies & re-seeds freely
- Hardy in Zone 3-9



Zexmenia - *Wedelia texana*, *Wedelia acapulcensis* var. *hispida*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- Grows 2-3 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun, part sun, or part shade
- Prefers hot & dry conditions
- Yellow-orange flowers late spring to fall
- Great for pollinators
- Hardy in Zone 7-10

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Yarrow - *Achillea millefolium*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- 18-30 inches tall x 18-24 inches wide depending on cultivar^{ape}
- Plant in full sun
- Summer bloomer
- Prefers well-drained soil
- Attracts bees & butterflies
- Hardy in Zone 3-8



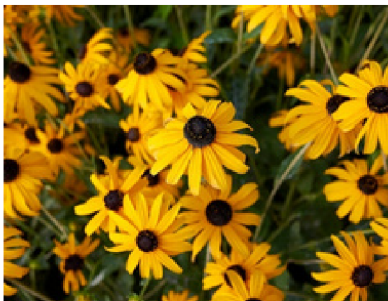
Aromatic Aster - *Aster oblongifolius*, *Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- Grows 1-3 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun. Heat tolerant.
- Blooms late summer to fall
- Fall nectar source for butterflies
- Can become top heavy – prune in June for fuller look in fall
- Hardy in Zone 3-8



Gregg's Blue Mistflower - *Conoclinium (Eupatorium) greggii*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- Grows 1-2 feet tall and spreads by rhizomes (can be invasive!)
- Plant in full to part sun
- Lavender-blue flowers bloom all summer and into fall and attract butterflies like crazy, especially Queen butterflies
- Hardy in Zone 7-10



Black-Eyed Susan - *Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldstrum'*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- Grows 24-30 inches tall & wide
- Plant in full sun in soil with good drainage
- Blooms summer through fall
- Attracts butterflies and birds
- Hardy in Zone 3-9



Texas Lantana - *Lantana horrida*, *Lantana urticoides*

- Native Texas deciduous perennial
- Grows 3-6 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun
- Red, orange, yellow blooms all summer
- Very heat & drought tolerant
- Attracts butterflies, bees, & birds
- Hardy in Zone 8-11