Shades of Green's

Top 10 Native Perennials for Sun



Red Wine Cup - Callirhoe involucrata

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- 1 foot tall x 3 feet wide
- Plant in full sun
- Drought tolerant
- Blooms March-June (may go into dormancy in the summer)
- Hardy in Zone 4-8







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



Texas Primrose / Sun Drops - Calylophus berlanderi,

Calylophus hartwegii

- Native Texas evergreen perennial
- 8-15 inches tall x 18-24 inches wide
- Plant in full sun heat & drought tolerant
- Prefers well-drained soil
- Masses of yellow blooms in summer
- · Evergreen in winter
- Hardy in Zone 6-10



Mexican Feather Grass - Stipa tenuissima,

Nassella tenuissima

- Native Texas perennial grass
- Grows 18-24 inches tall & wide
- Plant in full sun
- Clumping habit with very fine, wispy look
- Must have well-drained soil
- Heat & drought tolerant
- Hardy in Zone 8-10



Gaura / Whirling Butterflies - Gaura lindheimeri

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- Grows 2-5 feet tall x 2-3 feet wide depending on cultivar
- Plant in full sun. Heat & drought tolerant.
- Blooms early summer to fall
- Delicate flowers resemble hovering butterflies
- Hardy in Zone 5-9

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Purple Coneflower - Echinacea purpurea SHADES of GREEN

- 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



Autumn Sage - Salvia greggii

- Native Texas deciduous perennial
- 2-3 feet tall & wide Zone 7-10
- Plant in full to part sun
- Masses of small flowers in red, white, salmon, or pink from late spring to frost
- Heat & drought tolerant
- Attracts hummingbirds & butterflies
- Also called Cherry Sage



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



Flame Acanthus - Anisacanthus quadrifidus var. wrightii

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial
- Grows 4 feet tall & wide
- Plant in full sun to part shade
- Heat & drought tolerant
- Orange-Red blooms in summer
- Also known as Hummingbird Bush
- Hardy in Zone 7-10



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