

Native Landscape Plants for Harris County

by Karen Breneman, Harris County Master Gardener, Master Naturalist
edited May 2009

Vines

Cross vine

Bignonia capreolata S, PS, SH

Carolina jessamine

Gelsemium sempervirens S, PS

Coral honeysuckle

Lonicera sempervirens PS, SH

Passionflower

Passiflora incarnata, *P. incense* (native cross)
P. foetida S, PS, SH

Cypress vine (annual)

Ipomoea quamoclit S

Mexican flame vine

Senecio confusus (Northern Mexico native)
S, PS

Butterfly pea vine

Centrosema virginianum PS, SH

Leatherflower

Clematis pitcheri SH

Dutchman's pipe

Aristolochia fimbriata S, PS, SH

Ground Covers

Horseherb

Calyptocarpus vialis PS, SH, #

Widow's tears, dayflower

Commelina sp. S, PS, SH

Fleabane

Erigeron sp. S, PS, #

Pink evening primrose

Oenothera speciosa S, PS

Christmas fern

Polystichum acrostichoides SH

Wood fern

Thelypteris kunthii SH

Pigeonberry

Rivina humilis PS, SH

Coralberry

Symphoricarpos orbiculatus PS, SH

Spiderwort

Tradescantia micrantha PS, SH

Frogfruit

Phyla incisa S, PS, SH

Grasses

Inland sea oats

Chasmanthium latifolium PS, SH

Big bluestem

Andropogon gerardii S, PS, #

Switch grass

Panicum virgatum S, PS

Plains love grass

Eragrostis intermedia S, PS, #

Little bluestem

Schizachyrium scoparium S, PS, #

Annuals

Lazy daisy

Aphanostephus skirrhobasis S, PS

Partridge pea

Cassia fasciculata S, PS

Clasping-leaf coneflower

Dracopis amplexicaulis S, PS

Indian blanket

Gaillardia pulchella S, PS

Bluebonnet

Lupinus texensis S

Horsemint

Monarda punctata S, PS

Plains horsemint or beebalm

M. citriodora S, PS

Datura, thorn apple, angel's trumpet

Datura wrightii S, PS

Plains coreopsis

Coreopsis tinctoria S, PS

Evening primrose*Oenothera sp.* S**Dahlberg daisy***Thymophylla tenuiloba***Yellow cosmos-Klondyke mix** *Cosmos sulphureus* S, PS, # (Mexico native)**Perennials****Black-eyed Susan***Rudbeckia hirta* S, PS, SH**Prairie verbena***Verbena hipinnatifida* S**Yellow columbine***Aquilegia hinckleyana* SH**Butterfly weed***Asclepias sp.* S, PS, SH**Lanceleaf Coreopsis***Coreopsis lanceolata* S, PS, SH**Wild blue aster***Aster sp.* S, PS, SH**Purple coneflower***Echinacea purpurea* S, PS, SH**Bonset, wild ageratum***Eupatorium sp.* PS, SH**Heartleaf hibiscus***Hibiscus cardiophyllus* S, PS, SH**Hallberd-leaf hibiscus***Hibiscus militaris* S, PS**Gulf Coast penstemon***Penstemon tenuis* S, PS, SH**Fall obedient plant***Physostegia virginiana* S, PS, SH**Mealy blue sage***Salvia farinacea* S, PS**Indigo spires salvia***Salvia* x 'Indigo Spires' S, PS**Mexican bush sage***S. leucantha* S, PS**Lyre-leaf sage***S. lyrata* S, PS**Autum sage***S. greggii* S, PS**Texas sage***S. coccinca* S, PS, SH**Maximilian sunflower***Helianthus maximiliani* S, PS**Cutleaf daisy***Engelmannia pinnatifida* S, PS**Giant cone flower***Rudbeckia grandiflora* S**Wild honeysuckle***Guara suffulta* S, PS**Texas star hibiscus***Hibiscus coccineus* (Southern U. S. native not Texas) S**Shrubs****Swamp rose***Rosa palustris scandens* S**American beautyberry***Callicarpa americana* PS, SH**Coralbean***Erythrina herbacea* S, PS**Texas lantana***Lantana horrida* S, PS**Cenizo***Leucophyllum frutescens* S, #**Prickly pear***Opuntia spp.* S, PS, #**Dwarf barbados cherry***Malpighia glabra* S, PS, SH**Turk's cap***Malvaviscus arboreus* var. *drummondii* S, PS, SH, #**Rockrose***Pavonia lasiopetala* S, PS, SH, #**Mock orange***Philadelphus spp.* S, PS, SH**Palmetto, dwarf palmetto***Sabal minor* S, PS, SH**Flame acanthus***Anisacanthus quadrifidus* S, PS, SH**Yellow bells***Tecoma stans* S, PS, #**Sotol***Dasyllirion leiphyllum* S, PS, SH, #**Red yucca***Hesperaloe parviflora* S, PS, SH, #**Medium Trees****Anachacho orchid tree***Bauhinia congesta* S, PS, SH**Redbud***Cercis* var. *canadensis*, var. *texensis*, var. *mexicana* S, PS, SH**Desert willow***Chilopsis linearis* S, PS, #**Fringe tree***Chionanthus virginica* PS, SH

Texas persimmon*Diospyros texana* **S, PS****Two-winged silverbell***Halesia diptera* **PS, SH****Possumhaw***Ilex decidua* **S, PS, SH, #****Yaupon holly***Ilex vomitoria* **S, PS, SH, #****Wax myrtle***Myrcia cerifera* **S, PS, SH, #****Mexican plum***Prunus mexicana* **S, PS, SH****Texas mountain laurel***Sophora secundiflora* **S, PS, SH, #****Mexican buckeye***Ungnadia speciosa* **S, PS****Rusty blackhaw viburnum***Viburnum rufidulum* **S, PS, SH****Buttonbush***Cephalanthus occidentalis* **S, PS****Rough-leaf dogwood***Cornus drummondii* **S, PS, SH****Texas ebony***Pithecellobium flexicaule* **S, PS, #****Large Trees****Eastern red cedar***Juniperus virginiana* **S, PS, SH****Bald cypress***Taxodium distichum* **S, PS****Pecan***Carya illinoensis* **S****Hackberry***Celtis laevigata* **S, PS****Sweetgum***Liquidambar styraciflua* **S, PS****Southern magnolia***Magnolia grandiflora* **S, PS****Oak***Quercus* *sp.* Many different oaks do well in Houston area **S, PS****Maple***Acer* *sp.* Several different maples do well in area, but check drainage requirements **S, PS****Elm***Ulmus* *sp.*winged elm - *U. alata*American elm - *U. americana*cedar elm - *U. crassifolia*slippery elm - *U. rubra* **S****S**-sun; **PS**-sun/part shade; **SH**-shade tolerant; **#**-drought tolerant*Improving Lives. Improving Texas.*