



BexarMet Water District Water Friendly Plant List



Small Trees (15 to 35 feet tall)

Common Name / Scientific Name	Light	Comments
Anacacho Orchid Tree / <i>Bauhinia lunaroides</i>	Sun/part shade	Fast grower, small canopy, grayish-silver bark, white fragrant spring blooms.
Anaqua / <i>Ehretia anacua</i>	Sun/part shade	Native evergreen, clusters of white-star shaped flowers in spring followed by orange fruit.
Ashe Juniper / <i>Juniperus ashei</i>	Sun/part shade	Multi-stemmed, dark green leaves. Commonly referred to as cedar.
Carolina Buckthorn / <i>Rhamnus caroliniana</i>	Sun/part shade	Deciduous, slow growth rate. Good fall color. Upright oval growth form.
Chinese Pistache / <i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	Sun	Rounded growth habit with outstanding fall color. Grows rapidly, insect and disease-resistant.
Desert Willow / <i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	Sun	Airy appearance with willow like foliage. Very adaptable under various soil conditions.
Eve's Necklace / <i>Sophora affinis</i>	Sun/part shade	Deciduous native with fernlike foliage and attractive fruit that resembles a necklace in winter.
Goldenball Lead Tree / <i>Leucaena refusa</i>	Sun/part shade	Open, airy, fine textured foliage, yellow blooms spring to fall. Deciduous.
Loquat / <i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Sun	Fragrant flowers in fall followed by bright yellow edible fruit. Tropical looking foliage.
Mesquite / <i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>	Sun	Large spreading, airy canopy, multi-trunked. White spring blooms, gives filtered shade.
Mexican Buckeye / <i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>	Sun/part shade	Multi-trunked native noted for showy pink orchid-like flowers in the spring.
Mexican Plum / <i>Prunus mexicana</i>	Sun/part shade	Deciduous native with profuse white blossoms in the spring.
Redbud / <i>Cercis texensis</i>	Sun/part shade	Deciduous native with clusters of white to purple blooms in early spring.
Retama / <i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Sun	Native with drooping foliage, wide fragrant flowers form in late spring or early summer.
Shantung Maple / <i>Acer truncatum</i>	Sun/part shade	Spreading canopy with foliage that turns gorgeous red, red-orange in the fall.
Smoke Tree / <i>Cotinus obovatus</i>	Sun/part shade	Wispy pink to purple-pink flowers look like smoke, fall color is yellow, orange to scarlet.
Texas Mountain Laurel / <i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	Sun/part shade	Evergreen native, lush foliage, outstanding springtime flowers reminiscent of grape Kool-Aid.
Texas Persimmon / <i>Diospyros texana</i>	Sun/part shade	Attractive bark with small deep-green leathery leaves, birds enjoy the fruit when ripe.
Wild or Mexican Olive / <i>Cordia boissieri</i>	Sun/part shade	Evergreen, showy flowers that turn into white fleshy fruits.
Yaupon Holly / <i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	Sun/part shade	Evergreen, light colored bark and dense branch structure. Bright red fruits in winter.



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Large Trees (Over 35 feet)

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Bald Cypress / <i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Sun	Native, deciduous conifer with fine textured leaves. Fall color is deep rust.
Bigtooth Maple / <i>Acer grandidentatum</i>	Sun	Native deciduous with outstanding red and yellow fall foliage.
Bur Oak / <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Sun	Stately native with yellow fall color. Wildlife love the large golf-ball sized acorns.
Cedar Elm / <i>Ulmus crassifolia</i>	Sun	Irregular shaped native with glossy, rough leaves. Tolerant of variety of soils.
Cherry, Black Escarpment / <i>Prunus serotina</i>	Sun	Deciduous, white spring blooms. Oval foliage with good fall color.
Chinquapin Oak / <i>Quercus muhlenbergii</i>	Sun	Deciduous native with large rounded top. Large bright-green foliage.
Deodar Cedar / <i>Cedrus deodara</i>	Sun	Attractive blue-green foliage, shaped like a pyramid. Planted as a Living Christmas tree.
Fan-Tex Ash / <i>Fraxinus velutina</i> 'Rio Grande'	Sun	Deciduous, darker green leaves than Arizona Ash. Foliage turns yellow in fall.
Hackberry / <i>Celtis spp.</i>	Sun	Deciduous, brittle wood. Lindheimer Hackberry has soft hairs on underside for grayish cast.
Lacey Oak / <i>Quercus laceyi</i>	Sun	Native, extremely drought-tolerant. Bluish-gray leaves turn gold in the fall.
Live Oak / <i>Quercus virginiana</i>	Sun	Native with broad, spreading limbs. One of our best shade trees, long-lived and evergreen.
Monterrey Oak (Mexican White Oak) / <i>Quercus polymorpha</i>	Sun	Dark green leaves, deciduous in spring when new buds open. Grows faster than live oak.
Montezuma Cypress / <i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Sun	Evergreen, soft fernlike foliage, strong weeping branches. Tolerant of poor soil conditions.
Pecan / <i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Sun	State tree. Deciduous, valued for shade and nuts.
Shumard Red Oak / <i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Sun	Deciduous, large majestic with open branching habit. Red to yellow fall color.
Texas Ash / <i>Fraxinus sp.</i>	Sun	Deciduous, dark green foliage, fall color is pastel hues of red, gold, orange, and purple.
Texas Pistache / <i>Pistacia texana</i>	Sun	Single or multi-trunked, dark green foliage, small red seeds turn blue-black.
Texas Red Oak / <i>Quercus texana</i>	Sun	Deciduous, multi-trunked. Scarlet and orange foliage in the fall.
Texas Sycamore / <i>Platanus occidentalis v. glabrata</i>	Sun	Deciduous, native with white peeling bark. Tolerates most soil conditions.