

Firewise Plant List - Texas

This list was created as a reference and an aid in publishing other list. For that reason many features of a typical list such as flower color and growth rate or final size have been omitted since some characteristics vary greatly over the range that this list is intended to cover. The only two characteristics on this list are for the general form. In the form, "wildflower" is used for almost any plant that is not obviously a tree, woody shrub, groundcover, or vine (even in that regard, many list will disagree with others). Wildflowers include both annuals and perennials This column is not intended as a reference, just to aid in finding and grouping plants. For the most part, varieties were not separated.

Disclaimer: 1)There is no such thing as a fire-proof plant. 2)The properties pertaining to plants on this list were compiled from multiple resources regarding the flammability, thermal output, individual observations, and other characteristics.

Latin Name	Species Common Name	Secondary Common Name	Plant Form	Flammability - Firewise
<i>Crinum americanum</i>	swamp lily	seven sisters	Aquatic	Low
<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	Pickerselweed		Aquatic	Low
<i>Equisetum hyemale</i>	horsetail (contained)	scouringrush horsetail	Aquatic	Low
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	white water lily	American white waterlily	Aquatic	Low
<i>Nymphoides aquatica</i>	Floating Heart	banana lilly	Aquatic	Low
<i>Sagittaria</i> sp.	arrowhead		Aquatic	Low
<i>Saururus cernuus</i>	lizard's tail		Aquatic	Low
<i>Thalia dealbata</i>	Powdery Thalia	powdery alligator-flag	Aquatic	Low
<i>Andropogon gerardi</i>	big bluestem		Grass	High
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	broomsedge	broomsedge bluestem	Grass	High
<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Gulf Coast muhly		Grass	High
<i>Muhlenbergia lindheimeri</i>	big muhly (Lindheimer's)	blue muhly grass	Grass	High
<i>Nasella tenuissima</i>	Mexican feathergrass		Grass	High
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass		Grass	High
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indiangrass		Grass	High
<i>Spartina spartinae</i>	gulf cordgrass		Grass	High
<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>	eastern gammagrass		Grass	High
<i>Andropogon glomeratus</i>	bushy bluestem	bush beard grass	Grass	High
<i>Andropogon ternarius</i>	split-beard bluestem		Grass	High
<i>Bothriochloa barbinodis</i>	cane bluestem		Grass	High

Bouteloua curtipendula	Sideoats Grama		Grass	High
Chasmanthium latifolium	Indian woodoats	inland sea-oats	Grass	High
Chloris cucullata	hooded windmillgrass		Grass	High
Elymus canadensis	Canada wildrye		Grass	High
Paspalum monostachyum	Gulfdune Paspalum		Grass	High
Saccharum giganteum	sugarcane plumegrass		Grass	High
Schizachyrium scoparium	little bluestem		Grass	High
Bouteloua dactyloides	buffalograss		Grass	Low
Mitchella repens	Partridgeberry		Groundcove	Low
Cyrilla racemiflora	leatherwood	swamp cirilla, titi	Shrub	High
Ilex vomitoria	yaupon		Shrub	High
Morella cerifera	wax myrtle	Southern bayberry	Shrub	High
Sabal minor	dwarf palmetto		Shrub	High
Buddleia marrubiifolia	Butterfly Bush		Shrub	Low
Callicarpa americana	American Beautyberry		Shrub	Low
Cephalanthus occidentalis	common buttonbush	honeyberry	Shrub	Low
Crataegus spp.	Hawthorn		Shrub	Low
Dalea frutescens	black dalea	black prairie clover	Shrub	Low
Erythrina herbacea	Coralbean, Eastern	redcardinal	Shrub	Low
Euonymus americanus	Strawberry Bush		Shrub	Low
Halesia diptera	two-winged silverbell	Snowdrop Tree	Shrub	Low
Hamelia patens	Hummingbird Bush		Shrub	Low
Hibiscus laevis	halberdleaf rosemallow	rosemallow	Shrub	Low
Hibiscus lasiocarpus	rosemallow	wooly or woolly rosemallow	Shrub	Low
Hibiscus moscheutos	crimsoneyed rosemallow	swamp-rose mallow	Shrub	Low
Hydrangea quercifolia	oak-leaf hydrangea		Shrub	Low
Ilex decidua	Possumhaw	deciduous holly	Shrub	Low
Lantana camara	West Indian lantana		Shrub	Low
Lantana horrida	Texas lantana		Shrub	Low
Lantana sp.	lantana		Shrub	Low
Lindera benzoin	Spicebush		Shrub	Low

Lonicera albiflora	Texas honeysuckle	white honeysuckle	Shrub	Low
Malvaviscus drummondii	Turk's Cap		Shrub	Low
Rhus aromatica	Sumac, Aromatic		Shrub	Low
Rhus aromatica	fragrant sumac		Shrub	Low
Salvia greggii	autumn sage		Shrub	Low
Symphoricarpos orbiculatus	coralberry	buckbrush	Shrub	Low
Opuntia spp.	pricklypear		Shrub	Low
Yucca spp.	yucca		Shrub	Low
Anisacanthus quadrifidus	flame acanthus	Wright anisacanthus	Shrub	Low
Aronia arbutifolia	Red Chokecherry		Shrub	Low
Berberis trifoliolata	Agarita		Shrub	Low
Capsicum annuum	Chile Pequin		Shrub	Low
Clethra alnifolia	Clethra, Summersweet		Shrub	Low
Hesperaloe parviflora	Red Yucca		Shrub	Low
Kosteletzkya virginica	salt marsh mallow hibiscus	Virginia saltmarsh mallow	Shrub	Low
Lagerstroemia indica	Common Crapemyrtle		Shrub	Low
Leucothoe racemosa	sweetbell leucothoe		Shrub	Low
Sophora tomentosa	Sophora, Coastal		Shrub	Low
Styrax americanus	Snowbell		Shrub	Low
Tecoma stans	yellowbells	yellow trumpetbush	Shrub	Low
Asimina parviflora	dwarf pawpaw		Shrub	Medium
Crataegus marshallii	Parsley Hawthorn		Shrub	Medium
Crataegus opaca	Mayhaw		Shrub	Medium
Viburnum acerifolium	Viburnum, Maple-leaf		Shrub	Medium
Viburnum dentatum	Viburnum, Arrowwood		Shrub	Medium
Amyris texana	Texas Torchwood		Shrub	Medium
Bauhinia congesta	Anacacho Orchid-tree		Shrub	Medium
Eysenhardtia texana	Texas Kidneywood		Shrub	Medium
Itea virginica	Virginia Sweetspire		Shrub	Medium
Ilex opaca	American Holly		Tree	High
Juniperus virginiana	eastern redcedar		Tree	High

Magnolia grandiflora	Southern magnolia		Tree	High
Magnolia virginiana	sweetbay	sweetbay magnolia	Tree	High
Persea borbonia	Red Bay		Tree	High
Pinus echinata	Shortleaf Pine		Tree	High
Pinus elliottii	Slash Pine		Tree	High
Pinus palustris	longleaf pine		Tree	High
Pinus taeda	loblolly pine		Tree	High
Prunus caroliniana	Carolina laurelcherry	cherry-laurel	Tree	High
Quercus virginiana	live oak	Encino	Tree	High
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust	Locust, Yellow Locust	Tree	High
Sabal texana	Texas Sabal Palm	Mexican Palmetto	Tree	High
Acacia wrightii	Wright Acacia	Wright Catclaw	Tree	High
Cordia boissieri	Anacahuite (Wild Olive)	Mexican-Olive	Tree	High
Cupressus arizonica	Arizona Cypress		Tree	High
Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis	Thornless Honeylocust		Tree	High
Juniperus ashei	ashe juniper	mountain cedar	Tree	High
Juniperus deppeana	Alligator Juniper		Tree	High
Juniperus scopulorum	Rocky Mountain Juniper		Tree	High
Melia azedarach	Chinaberry	China tree	Tree	High
Pinus cembroides	Mexican Pinyon Pine		Tree	High
Pinus edulis	Pinyon Pine		Tree	High
Pinus eldarica	Afghan Pine	Eldarica Pine	Tree	High
Pinus halapensis	Aleppo Pine		Tree	High
Pinus nigra	Austrian Pine		Tree	High
Pinus pinea	Italian Stone Pine		Tree	High
Pinus thunbergii	Japanese black pine		Tree	High
Sapium sebiferum	Chinese Tallow Tree	Popcorn Tree, Candleberry	Tree	High
Sophora secundiflora	Texas Mountain-Laurel	Mescalbean	Tree	High
Trachycarpus fortunei	Windmill Palm		Tree	High
Washingtonia filifera	California Washingtonia	California Fanpalm	Tree	High
Aesculus pavia	red buckeye		Tree	Low

Aralia spinosa	Devil's Walking Stick		Tree	Low
Carya texana	black hickory	Buckley Hickory, Pignut hickory	Tree	Low
Celtis laevigata	sugarberry	sugarberry hackberry	Tree	Low
Cercis canadensis	eastern redbud		Tree	Low
Chionanthus virginicus	Fringetree		Tree	Low
Cornus drummondii	Dogwood, Roughleaf		Tree	Low
Cornus florida	Dogwood, Flowering		Tree	Low
Fagus grandifolia	American Beech	beech	Tree	Low
Juglans nigra	black walnut		Tree	Low
Liquidambar styraciflua	sweetgum		Tree	Low
Maclura pomifera	Bois d'Arc	Horse-apple, Oasage-orange	Tree	Low
Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore	American planetree	Tree	Low
Populus Deltoides	Eastern Cottonwood	Cottonwood	Tree	Low
Sambucus canadensis	American Elderberry		Tree	Low
Taxodium distichum	baldcypress		Tree	Low
Taxodium mucronatum	Montezuma Baldcypress	Montezuma Cypress	Tree	Low
Ungnadia speciosa	Mexican-buckeye		Tree	Low
Celtis occidentalis	Hackberry		Tree	Low
Celtis reticulata	Netleaf Hackberry		Tree	Low
Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgo	Maidenhair Tree	Tree	Low
Platanus mexicana	Mexican Sycamore		Tree	Low
Sophora affinis	Eve's-necklace	Texas sophora	Tree	Low
Acer barbatum	Florida Maple	Southern Sugar Maple	Tree	Medium
Acer negundo	Boxelder	Ashleaf maple	Tree	Medium
Acer palmatum	Japanese maple		Tree	Medium
Acer rubrum	Red Maple		Tree	Medium
Asimina triloba	pawpaw	custard apple	Tree	Medium
Betula nigra	river birch		Tree	Medium

Bumelia lanuginosa	Gum Bumelia	wooly buckthorn, chittamwood	Tree	Medium
Carpinus caroliniana	American Hornbeam	Blue-beech, Water-beech	Tree	Medium
Carya aquatica	Water Hickory		Tree	Medium
Carya cordiformis	Bitternut Hickory	BitternutHickory , Pignut hickory	Tree	Medium
Carya illinoensis	pecan		Tree	Medium
Carya ovata	Shagbark Hickory		Tree	Medium
Carya tomentosa	Mockernut Hickory		Tree	Medium
Catalpa bignonioides	Southern catalpa	Catawba	Tree	Medium
Crataegus viridia	Green Hawthorn		Tree	Medium
Diospyros virginiana	common persimmon		Tree	Medium
Frangula caroliniana	Carolina Buckthorn		Tree	Medium
Fraxinus americana	White Ash		Tree	Medium
Fraxinus berlandierana	Berlandier ash	Mexican ash	Tree	Medium
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green Ash		Tree	Medium
Hamamelis virginiana	witch-hazel		Tree	Medium
Morus rubra	red mulberry		Tree	Medium
Nyssa sylvatica	blackgum	black tupelo	Tree	Medium
Ostrya virginiana	Eastern Hophornbeam	Ironwood	Tree	Medium
Prunus angustifolia	Chickasaw plum		Tree	Medium
Prunus gracilis	Oklahoma plum		Tree	Medium
Prunus mexicana	Mexican plum		Tree	Medium
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry		Tree	Medium
Prunus umbellata	flatwoods plum		Tree	Medium
Quercus alba	white oak		Tree	Medium
Quercus falcata	Southern red oak		Tree	Medium
Quercus falcata var. pagodifolia	cherrybark oak		Tree	Medium
Quercus incana	bluejack oak	Sandjack Oak,	Tree	Medium
Quercus lyrata	overcup oak		Tree	Medium
Quercus macrocarpa	bur oak	Mossycup Oak	Tree	Medium

Quercus marilandica	blackjack oak	Blackjack, Jack Oak	Tree	Medium
Quercus michauxii	swamp chestnut oak	cow oak	Tree	Medium
Quercus muehlenbergii	chinkapin oak		Tree	Medium
Quercus nigra	water oak	pin oak	Tree	Medium
Quercus oblongifolia	Mexican blue oak		Tree	Medium
Quercus phellos	willow oak		Tree	Medium
Quercus shumardii	shumard oak		Tree	Medium
Quercus stellata	post oak		Tree	Medium
Quercus texana	Nuttall oak		Tree	Medium
Rhamnus caroliniana	Carolina Buckthorn		Tree	Medium
Rhus copallina	shining sumac	winged sumac	Tree	Medium
Rhus lanceolata	Sumac, Flameleaf	Prairie Sumac	Tree	Medium
Salix nigra	black willow	Swamp Willow, Gulf Black Willow	Tree	Medium
Sassafras albidum	Sassafras		Tree	Medium
Tilia caroliniana	Carolina Basswood	Linden	Tree	Medium
Ulmus alata	Winged Elm		Tree	Medium
Ulmus americana	American elm	white elm	Tree	Medium
Ulmus crassifolia	cedar elm		Tree	Medium
Ulmus parvifolia	Lacebark Elm	Chinese Elm	Tree	Medium
Vaccinium arboreum	farkleberry	sparkleberry, tree huckleberry	Tree	Medium
Viburnum rufidulum	rusty blackhaw		Tree	Medium
Zanthoxylum clava-herculis	Hercules-club	Toothache Tree, Southern Pricklyash	Tree	Medium
Acacia farnesiana	Huisache	Sweet Acacia	Tree	Medium
Acer grandidentatum	Bigtooth Maple	Canyon Maple	Tree	Medium
Acer saccharium	Silver Maple		Tree	Medium
Ailanthus altissima	Tree-of-Heaven		Tree	Medium
Albizia julibrissin	Silktree/mimosa		Tree	Medium
Arbutus texana	Texas Madrone	Madrono	Tree	Medium

Bumelia celastrina	La Coma	Saffron-Plum	Tree	Medium
Chilopsis linearis	Desert-Willow		Tree	Medium
Condalia hookeri	Bluewood	Brasil	Tree	Medium
Cotinus obovatus	American Smoketree	Chittamwood	Tree	Medium
Diospyros texana	Texas Persimmon	Chapote	Tree	Medium
Ehretia anacua	Anaqua	Knockaway, Sandpaper Tree	Tree	Medium
Fraxinus cuspidata	fragrant ash	flowering ash, fresno	Tree	Medium
Fraxinus texensis	Texas ash		Tree	Medium
Jacaranda mimosifolia	Jacaranda		Tree	Medium
Juglans microcarpa	Texas Walnut	Littleleaf Walnut, Nogalito	Tree	Medium
Koelreuteria paniculata	Goldenraintree		Tree	Medium
Leucaena retusa	Goldenball Leadtree	Littleleaf Leucaena	Tree	Medium
Malpighia glabra	Barbados cherry	wild crapemyrtle	Tree	Medium
Malus ionensis	Prairie Crabapple		Tree	Medium
Malus spp.	Crabapple		Tree	Medium
Parkinsonia aculeata	Jerusalem-Thorn	Retama	Tree	Medium
Pistacia chinensis	Chinese Pistache		Tree	Medium
Pistacia texana	Texas Pistache		Tree	Medium
Pithecellobium flexicaule	Texas Ebony	Ebony Blackbead	Tree	Medium
Prosopis glandulosa	Honey Mesquite		Tree	Medium
Prosopis pubescens	Screwbean Mesquite	Tornillo	Tree	Medium
Prunus serotina var. eximia	Escarpment Black Cherry		Tree	Medium
Pyrus calleryana	Callery Pear		Tree	Medium
Quercus buckleyi	Texas oak	Spanish oak	Tree	Medium
Quercus glaucoides	lacey oak	Blue Oak	Tree	Medium
Quercus gravesii	graves oak	Chisos Red Oak	Tree	Medium
Quercus polymorpha	Mexican White Oak	Monterrey Oak	Tree	Medium
Sapindus drummondii	Western Soapberry		Tree	Medium
Sideroxylon lycioides	buckthorn bully		Tree	Medium

Vitex agnus-castus	Vitex	Chastetree	Tree	Medium
Zelkova serrata	Japanese Zelkova		Tree	Medium
Vitis Mustangensis	mustang grape		Vine	High
Vitis rotundifolia	muscadine grape		Vine	High
Rosa arkansana	prairie rose		Vine	High
Toxicodendron radicans	poison ivy		Vine	High
Aristolochia tomentosa	Pipevine		Vine	Medium
Aristolochia tomentosa	wolly pipevine	woolly dutchman's pipe	Vine	Medium
Bignonia capreolata	crossvine		Vine	Medium
Campsis radicans	Trumpet Creeper		Vine	Medium
Clematis crispa	Purple Leatherflower (Clematis)		Vine	Medium
Clematis vitalba	old man's beard	evergreen climatis	Vine	Medium
Gelsemium sempervirens	Carolina Jessamine		Vine	Medium
Lonicera sempervirens	coral honeysuckle	trumpet honeysuckle	Vine	Medium
Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Virginia creeper		Vine	Medium
Passiflora incarnata	purple passionflower	Maypop	Vine	Medium
Passiflora lutea	yellow passionvine	yellow passionflower	Vine	Medium
Amorpha fruticosa	Indigo Amorpha		Wildflower	Low
Asclepias currassavica	Butterfly Weed, Mexican		Wildflower	Low
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Weed, Native Orange		Wildflower	Low
Asclepias tuberosa	butterfly-weed	butterfly milkweed	Wildflower	Low
Aster patens	Purple Aster		Wildflower	Low
Callirhoe involucrata	Winecup		Wildflower	Low
Castilleja indivisa	Indian Paintbrush		Wildflower	Low
Coreopsis tinctoria	plains coreopsis (Goldenwave)		Wildflower	Low
Echinacea spp.	purple coneflower		Wildflower	Low
Eupatorium serotinum	late boneset	lateflowering thoroughwort	Wildflower	Low
Eustoma grandiflorum	Texas bluebells	showy prairie gentian	Wildflower	Low
Gaillardia amblyodon	maroon blanketflower		Wildflower	Low

Gaillardia pulchella	blanketflower	firewheel, gaillardia, Indian blanket	Wildflower	Low
Helianthus maximiliani	Maximilian sunflower		Wildflower	Low
Hymenocallis lirusme	spider lily	spring spiderlily	Wildflower	Low
Liatris spp.	Gayfeather		Wildflower	Low
Lupinus texensis	Texas Bluebonnet		Wildflower	Low
Oenothera drummondii	beach evening-primrose		Wildflower	Low
Penstemon tenuis	Gulf Coast penstemon	sharpsepal beardtongue	Wildflower	Low
Phlox divaricata	Louisiana phlox		Wildflower	Low
Phlox drummondii	Drummond phlox		Wildflower	Low
Physostegia spp.	Obedient Plant (Fall - Spring)	false dragonhead	Wildflower	Low
Rivina humilis	Pigeonberry	bloodberry, small pokeweed	Wildflower	Low
Rudbeckia hirta	blackeyed Susan		Wildflower	Low
Rudbeckia triloba	browneyed Susan		Wildflower	Low
Salvia leucantha	Mexican bush sage		Wildflower	Low
Aquilegia canadensis	Columbine, Wild	red columbine	Wildflower	Low
Aquilegia chrysantha	Columbine, Hinckley's Yellow	golden columbine	Wildflower	Low
Conoclinium coelestinum	Wild Ageratum	blue mistflower, blue boneset	Wildflower	Low
Coreopsis lanceolata	lance-leaf coreopsis		Wildflower	Low
Delphinium carolinianum	prairie larkspur	Carolina larkspur	Wildflower	Low
Dracopis amplexicaulis	Clasping-leaf Coneflower		Wildflower	Low
Engelmannia pinnatifida	Engelmann Daisy		Wildflower	Low
Glandularia bipinnatifida	prairie verbena		Wildflower	Low
Ipomopsis rubra	standing cypress		Wildflower	Low
Lobelia cardinalis	cardinalflower		Wildflower	Low
Monarda citriodora	horsemint (lemon mint)		Wildflower	Low
Monarda fistulosa	wild bergamot	lavender bee balm	Wildflower	Low
Oenothera speciosa	showy evening primrose		Wildflower	Low

Pentas sp.	Pentas (Egyptian Star)		Wildflower	Low
Phlox pilosa	Prairie phlox		Wildflower	Low
Sabatia campestris	Texas star	meadow pink	Wildflower	Low
Salvia azurea	pitcher sage		Wildflower	Low
Salvia coccinea	scarlet sage	tropical sage	Wildflower	Low
Salvia farinacea	mealy blue sage		Wildflower	Low
Salvia lyrata	lyre-leaf sage		Wildflower	Low
Stachys coccinea	Texas betony	scarlet hedgenettle	Wildflower	Low
Stachys drummondii	Drummond betony	Drummond hedgenettle	Wildflower	Low
Tagetes lemonii	Copper Canyon Daisy		Wildflower	Low
Tagetes lucida	Mexican Mint Marigold		Wildflower	Low
Thelesperma filifolium	greenthread		Wildflower	Low
Viola spp.	Violets		Wildflower	Low
Wedelia texana	Zexmenia		Wildflower	Low