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





















Plant List Recommendations for Monarch Gardens Communities near Austin, TX

This area is located in the Texas Blackland Prairie and Edwards Plateau within the Great Plains Ecoregion.

The following plant recommendations can be used to achieve the 80% native plant requirement to obtain Monarch Garden Certification.

| Plant Category | Common Name Scientific Name | Bloom Time | Bloom Color | Height | Spread | Light Conditions | Cover | Host | Nectar/ Pollen | Wildlife Value |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------------|--------|---------------|------------------|-------|------|-------------------|----------------|
| Milkweed *Required | <i>Asclepias incarnata</i> Swamp Milkweed | summer | pink | 3-4' | 2-3' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> Butterfly Milkweed | summer | orange/ yellow | 1-3' | 0.5- 1.5' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Asclepias verticillata</i> Whorled Milkweed | summer | purple/ cream | 1-2.5' | 1-2' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Asclepias viridis</i> Spider Milkweed | spring- summer | cream/ green/ purple | 1-2' | 1-2' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Flowering Perennials | <i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i> ^ Blue Mistflower | summer- fall | blue/ purple | 2-3' | 2-3' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Coreopsis sp. (tinctoria, lanceolata)</i> Coreopsis - Plains (annual) and Lance-leaf | spring | yellow/ red | 1.2.5' | 1-1.5' | | | | ✓ | |
| | <i>Echinacea angustifolia</i> Blacksamson Echinacea | spring- summer | purple/ pink | 2-3' | 0.75- 1.5' | | | | ✓ | |





























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| <i>Eupatorium serotinum</i> Lateflowering Thoroughwort | fall | white | 1-6' | 3-4' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| <i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> Indian Blanket (annual) | spring- summer | red/ yellow/ brown | 1-2' | 0.5-2' | | | | ✓ | |
| <i>Glandularia bipinnatifida</i> Dakota Mock Vervain | spring- fall | purple | 1' | 1-3' | | | | ✓ | |
| <i>Helianthus angustifolius</i> ^ Narrow-leaved Sunflower | summer- fall | yellow | 5-7' | 1-3' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| <i>Helianthus maximiliani</i> Maximilian Sunflower | summer- fall | yellow | 3-10' | 2-4' | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| <i>Liatis sp. (punctata, elegans)</i> Blazing Star - Dotted and Pink-Scale | summer- fall | purple/ pink | 1-5' | 1-1.5' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> ^ Cardinal Flower | spring- summer | red | 3-5' | 1' | | | | ✓ | |
| <i>Monarda sp. (fistulosa, punctata, citriodora)</i> Wild Bergamot, Spotted and Lemon Beebalm (annual) | spring- summer | purple/ pink/ yellow | 0.5-4' | 0.75-3' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| <i>Phlox pilosa</i> Downy Phlox | spring | pink | 1-2' | 1-1.5' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| <i>Phyla nodiflora</i> ^ Frogfruit/Fogfruit | spring- fall | white/ purple | 0.5' | 4'+ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| <i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i> Narrowleaf Mountain Mint | summer | white | 2-3' | 2-3' | | | | ✓ | |
| <i>Ratibida columnifera</i> Mexican Hat | spring- fall | red/ yellow | 1-3' | 1-1.5' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> Blackeyed Susan (sometimes annual) | summer- fall | yellow | 1.5-3.5' | 1-2' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |

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| <i>Salvia azurea</i> Azure-Blue/ Pitcher Sage | summer-fall | blue | 2-5' | 2-4' |  | | ✓ | ✓ |  |
| <i>Salvia coccinea</i> ^ Tropical Red Sage | spring-fall | red/ pink/ white | 0.5-6' | 0.5-2' |  | | | ✓ |  |
| <i>Salvia lyrata</i> ^ Lyreleaf sage | spring | blue/ purple | 1-2' | 0.5-1' |  | | | ✓ |  |
| <i>Solidago gigantea</i> Late/Giant Goldenrod | fall | yellow | 3-7' | 2-6' |  | | ✓ | ✓ |  |
| <i>Solidago nemoralis</i> Gray Goldenrod | summer-fall | yellow | 1-2.5' | 0.5-2' |  | | ✓ | ✓ |  |
| <i>Solidago odora</i> ^ Anise-Scented Goldenrod | summer-fall | yellow | 2-4' | 1-2' |  | | ✓ | ✓ |  |
| <i>Symphotrichum lateriflorum</i> ^ Calico Aster | summer-fall | white/ purple | 2-3' | 2-3' |  | | ✓ | ✓ |  |
| <i>Symphotrichum oblongifolium</i> Aromatic Aster | summer-fall | purple/ lavender | 2-3' | 2.5-3' |  | | | ✓ |  |
| <i>Trichostema dichotomum</i> ^ Forked Blue Curls (annual) | summer-fall | purple | 2-3' | 1-2' |  | | | ✓ |  |
| <i>Verbesina virginica</i> Frostweed | summer-fall | white | 3-6' | 2' |  | | ✓ | ✓ |  |
| <i>Vernonia baldwinii</i> Western Ironweed | summer-fall | purple/ pink | 2-5' | 1-1.5' |  | | ✓ | ✓ |  |

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| Vines | <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i> Carolina Jessamine | winter- spring | yellow | 10-20' | 20-30' | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> Trumpet Honeysuckle | summer | red | 10-15' | 3-9' | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Shrubs | <i>Amorpha fruticosa</i> False Indigo Bush | spring | purple | 6-12' | 6-10' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Baccharis halimifolia</i> ^ Sea Myrtle | summer- fall | white | 6-15' | 3-6' | | | | ✓ | |
| | <i>Callicarpa americana</i> Beautyberry | spring- summer | pink/ white/ lavender | 4-8' | 3-6' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Ceanothus americanus</i> New Jersey Tea | spring- summer | white | 3-4' | 3-5' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> Buttonbush | summer- fall | white/ cream | 6-20' | 3-15' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Cornus drummondii</i> Rough-leaf Dogwood | spring | cream/ white | 12-20' | 15-20' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Dalea frutescens</i> Black Prairie Clover | summer- fall | purple | 1-3' | 1-5' | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Forestiera pubescens</i> Elbow Bush | spring | white | 4-6' | 4-5' | | | ✓ | | |
| | <i>Ilex decidua</i> Possumhaw/ Deciduous Holly | spring | white | 12-20' | 12' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Ilex vomitoria</i> Yaupon Holly | spring | white | 12-20' | 10-15' | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |

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| | <i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i> Texas Sage | spring-summer | purple/ pink/ white | 5-8' | 4-5' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Rhus aromatica</i> Fragrant Sumac | spring | green/ yellow | 3-8' | 3-8' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Rosa foliolosa</i> White Prairie Rose | spring-summer | white/ pink/ red | 4-7' | 4' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Sabal minor</i> Texas Dwarf Palmetto | spring | white | 3-5' | 4-6' | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| | <i>Viburnum rufidulum</i> Rusty Viburnum | spring | white | 10-20' | 6-10' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Trees | <i>Acer negundo</i> Box Elder | spring | white | 40-60' | 35-50' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Aesculus pavia</i> Red Buckeye | spring | red/ pink | 6-40' | 12-15' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Carya illinoensis</i> Pecan | spring | yellow/ green | 50-120' | 25-40' | | | ✓ | | |
| | <i>Celtis reticulata</i> Net-Leaf Hackberry | spring | green | 15-35' | 25-30' | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | <i>Cercis canadensis</i> Redbud | spring | pink | 10-30' | 25-35' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> Desert Willow | spring-summer | white/ pink/ purple | 20' | 15-20' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Diospyros texana</i> Texas Persimmon | spring | white | 12-20' | 8-12' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Populus deltoides</i> Eastern Cottonwood | spring | yellow/ green | 50-80 (190)' | 35-60' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |

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| | <i>Prosopis glandulosa</i> Honey Mesquite | spring- fall | cream/ white | 25-40' | 25-30' | | | | ✓ | |
| | <i>Prunus serotina</i> Black Cherry | spring- summer | white | 60-90' | 30-60' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Quercus sp. (virginiana, macrocarpa, muhlenbergii, stellata, incana)</i> Oak - Live, Bur, Chinkapin, Post, and Blackjack | spring | yellow | varies by species | varies by species | | | ✓ | | |
| | <i>Salix nigra</i> Black Willow | spring | yellow/ green | 30-60' | 30-60' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Tilia americana</i> American Basswood | spring | white/ yellow/ green | 60-80' | 40-60' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Ulmus crassifolia</i> Cedar Elm | summer | green | 50-75' | 25-35' | | | ✓ | | |
| | <i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> Tree Sparkleberry | summer- fall | white | 12-15' | 4-10' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Grasses/ Grass-like | <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> Sideoats Grama | summer- fall | red/ orange/ yellow | 1-3' | 1' | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | <i>Carex sp.</i> Sedge | spring | green | 1-4' | 2' | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | <i>Panicum virgatum</i> Switchgrass | summer | green | 3-6' | 2-3' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| | <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> Little Bluestem | summer- fall | yellow/ green | 2-4' | 1.5-2' | | | ✓ | ✓ | |

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| Ferns and Fern-Allies | <i>Osmundastrum cinnamomea</i> Cinnamon Fern | n/a | n/a | 5' | 2-3' |  | | ✓ | |  |
| | <i>Osmunda regalis/ regalis var. spectabilis</i> Royal Fern | n/a | n/a | 6' | 2-3' |  | | ✓ | |  |
| Cacti/ Succulents | <i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i> Red Yucca | spring-summer | red/orange | 2-4' | 4' |  | | | ✓ |  |
| | <i>Nolina lindheimeriana</i> Nolina | spring-summer | tan/cream | 10-12' | 4-5' |  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |    |
| | <i>Nolina texana</i> Basket Grass | spring-summer | cream | 2' | 3' |  | | ✓ | ✓ |   |
| | <i>Opuntia engelmannii</i> Cactus-Apple | spring-summer | yellow | 3-5' | 5-8' |  | | ✓ | ✓ |     |
| | <i>Opuntia humifusa</i> Prickly Pear/ Devil's Tongue | spring-summer | yellow | 1' | 3' |  | | ✓ | ✓ |    |
| | <i>Yucca pallida</i> Twist-leaf Yucca | summer | white | 1' | 2' |  | | ✓ | ✓ |   |
| | <i>Yucca rupicola</i> Texas Yucca | spring | white | 1-2' | 2' |  | | ✓ | ✓ |   |

Additional Resources:

NWF Native Plant Finder Host Plants: [Great Plains](#)

Monarch Nectar Plants Guide: [Southern Plains](#)

[The Biota of North America Taxonomic Data Center Query Page](#)

[Ecoregional Revegetation Application \(ERA\)](#)











Texas AgriLife Ext. and City of Austin's [Native and Adapted Landscape Plants](#) (an Earthwise guide for Central Texas)

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center [Native Plants Database](#)

Native Plant Society of Texas [Plant Lists by Region](#)

Missouri Botanical Garden [Plant Finder](#)

Key to Wildlife Details:

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| | Cover | Plant provides place for wildlife to rest or nest, often evergreen leaves or needles |  | Keystone species supporting butterflies, moths, and/or pollinator specialist bees critical to maintaining a healthy ecosystem |
| | Host | Host plant to butterfly and/or moth species supporting their caterpillars |  | Foliage eaten by butterfly and/or moth caterpillars as food source necessary for survival |
| | Nectar/ Pollen | Plant provides nectar and/or pollen as a food source |  | Nectar used by adult butterflies and/or moths |
|  | | Tolerates full sun 6+ hours of sun |  | Pollen used by bees |
|  | | Tolerates part shade 2-6 hours of sun |  | Nectar used by hummingbirds |
|  | | Tolerates full shade <2 hours of sun |  | Seeds or fruits used by birds and/or plant provides nesting or cover to birds |
| | | ^ newly added species Species sold by Garden for Wildlife |  | Seeds or fruits used by small mammals |