

**Chrysactinia mexicana (Damianita)** - Low-growing and aromatic bushy shrub growing 1 to 2 feet tall and wide. Covered in bright yellow daisy-like flowers from spring through fall. Drought tolerant and loves full sun.

**Senna corymbosa (Flowering Senna)** - Deciduous shrub growing to 6 to 8 feet tall and wide. Native to Argentina and Brazil. Bright yellow flowers in summer. Drought tolerant. Full sun.

**Salvia madrensis (Forsythia Sage)** - Great salvia for shade. Large dark green leaves on upright stalks 5 to 6 feet tall and 2 to 3 feet wide. Large bracts of yellow tubular flowers in late fall. Very impressive!

**Hymenoxys acualis (Four Nerve Daisy)** - Very drought tolerant, blooms heavily in spring and fall and periodically through the summer. Compact grass-like foliage 8 to 12 inches tall with flowers standing about 1 foot above foliage. Full sun.

**Verbesina virginica (Frostweed)** - Large, dark green-leaved perennial is an attractor of Monarch butterflies with its sweet nectar inside white flowers that bloom in fall. Forms interesting ice crystals on its branches when it freezes, giving it its name. Grow in a shady spot.

**Salvia darcyi (Galeana Red Sage)** - This beautiful salvia has bright, coral red blooms from spring to fall. Is not evergreen and grows 2 to 3 feet tall and wide. Grows in sun to part shade.

**Rudbeckia maxima (Giant Coneflower)** - Silvery blue foliage gives way to tall flower stalks with yellow flower petals dangling from tall brown centers. Grows 4 to 6 feet tall and clumps to 2 to 3 feet wide in full sun.

**Bambusa multiplex 'Golden Goddess' (Golden Goddess Bamboo)** - Clumping bamboo 6 to 10 feet tall and wide. Perfect for smaller areas as a screen. Not invasive. Grows in full sun to part shade.

**Leucaena retusa (Golden Leadball Tree)** - 15 to 25 feet tall and 15 feet wide. Smooth gray bark with fine-textured small leaves. Showy and fragrant, dark yellow globe-like flowers in spring and summer. Full sun to part shade.

**Teucrium aroanium (Grey Creeping Germander)** - 4 to 6 inch tall groundcover that spreads 1 to 2 feet. Silvery foliage with lavender flowers late summer and fall. Drought tolerant and loves full sun.

**Opuntia cacanapa 'Ellisiana' (Spineless Prickly Pear)** - Yellow flowering prickly pear without spines. Red fruits in late summer/fall. Grows 3 to 4 feet tall and can spread to about 6 feet wide. Full sun to part shade.

**Kerria japonica (Japanese Rose)** - Shade-loving shrub grows 8 to 10 feet tall. Arching branches covered in bright yellow, rose-like blooms in the spring.

**Muhlenbergia lindheimeri (Lindheimer Muhly Grass)** - 3 to 5 feet tall and wide. Purpish flower heads that fade to tan rising above blue green foliage create quite a show late summer and fall. Full sun to part shade.

**Leonotis leonurus (Lion's Tail)** - Woody perennial shrub grows 4 to 6 feet tall and wide. Tubular orange blooms occur in whorls at spaced intervals up the branches. A very unique specimen. Full sun to part shade.

**Manfreda 'Macho Mocha' (Macho Mocha Manfreda)** - Striking agave with rosette-forming leaves growing 2 to 3 feet tall and clumping to 3 feet wide. Pale green leaves covered with brownish-purple spots. Sun or shade.

**Justicia spicigera (Mexican Honeysuckle)** - Drought tolerant shrub for sun with velvety green leaves and bright orange tubular flowers that attract hummingbirds. Grows 2 to 3 feet tall and spreads 3 to 4 feet wide.

**Calliandra eriophylla (Pink Fairy Duster)** - Drought tolerant shrub grows to 2 to 3 feet tall and wide with small delicate leaves. In spring it is covered in bright pink, fluffy balls of pink flowers with elongated stems - very unique. Full sun.

**Ilex decidua (Possumhaw Holly)** - 15 to 20 feet tall tree drops green glossy foliage in fall. Bright reddish-orange berries cover the white bark creating quite a show during the winter. Birds love them! Full sun to part shade.

**Odontonema strictum (Red Firespike)** - Native to Central America this shrub is cold hardy here. Large dark-green leaves give way to bright red flowers in late summer and fall. Grows in shade and gets 2 to 3 tall and wide.

**Galphimia gracillis (Shower of Gold Flowers)** - Striking deciduous shrub with reddish branches and bright green leaves. Covered in yellow flowers late spring to fall. Can grow 4 to 6 feet tall and wide. Full sun to part shade.

**Bouteloua curtipendula (Sideoats Grama Grass)** - Our official state grass, likes dry areas and grows to about 2 feet in height. Orange and purple flowers hang down one side of the stem during the summer. Birds love the seeds throughout winter. Full sun to part shade.

**Scutellaria indica 'Dorata Blue' (Skullcap Dorata Blue)** - Mounding to about 18 inches, this deciduous perennial provides color in the shade. Purple flowers throughout the summer contrast against the large glossy leaves.

**Polygonatum biflorum (Solomon's Seal)** - A shade loving perennial that grows up to 3 feet tall and about a foot wide. It has an upright and arching habit with bold foliage that adds unique texture. It prefers moist soil and colonizes by rhizomes.

**Agave bracteosa 'Calamar' (Squid Agave)** - Perfect for small spaces and containers, this evergreen succulent has arching, spineless green leaves. Slow growing up to 2 feet tall and wide. Drought tolerant, will grow in sun to partial shade and is hardy to 10 degrees.

**Panicum virgatum (Switch Grass)** - A beautiful, native, specimen selection. This grass will tolerate dry soil as well as poor drainage. Performs well in both sun and shade. 'Dallas Blues' is a favorite variety for its blue blades, large flowering panicles, fall color and columnar form.

**Caesalpinia gilliesii (Texas Bird of Paradise)** - Large, deciduous shrub with airy structure known for its interesting yellow flowers with red stamens. It will grow up to 10 feet tall depending on our winter and prefers full sun and dry, well-drained soil. It also attracts hummingbirds!

**Eysenhardtia texana (Texas Kidneywood)** - Reaching up to 9 feet tall, this native can be used as a shrub or small tree. It is extremely drought tolerant and loves the sun. The fragrant, white, flower spikes attract multiple beneficial insects and persist all summer and fall.

**Trycirtis sp. (Toad Lily)** - This unique fall blooming delight produces small, orchid-like flowers in a shady location. It reaches 3 feet tall and slowly spreads in a moist, woodland habitat. Can also be grown indoors.

**Cheilanthes (Astrolepis) sinuata (Wavy Cloak Fern)** - Uncharacteristic for most ferns, this one prefers well-drained and drier soil. Semi-evergreen, it grows to about a foot tall and wide. The contrasting coral undersides of the fronds create visual interest. Perfect for rock gardens. Part sun to shade.

**Stemodia tomentosa (Woolly Stemodia)** - Lush, silver, native groundcover that spreads to three feet wide and stays under a foot tall. Will grow in full sun to partial shade and is semi-evergreen. It also tolerates saline.

**Euphorbia 'Ruby Glow', 'Ascot Rainbow', 'Tiny Tim'** - These cool season euphorbias shine when winter approaches. All are drought tolerant and will grow in full sun to partial shade. These are smaller specimens that add visual interest with their colorful foliage to beds or containers.

**Engelmannia peristenia (Engelmann Daisy)** - Native perennial that produces yellow daisy-like flowers from early spring through fall. Rosette mounds to about 18 inches tall and stays evergreen. Drought tolerant because of its taproot, it also reseeds. Sun to part shade.

**Orbexilum sp. (Mountain Pea)** - Dense, spreading groundcover that thrives in variable soils. Full sun to part shade. Good alternative to Asian jasmine. Stays under 6 inches, is semi-evergreen and produces purple flowers in warm weather.

**Dyschoriste linearis (Snake Herb)** - Native perennial groundcover prefers full sun and well-drained soil. Drought tolerant and averages about a foot tall. Purple flowers appear late spring through summer depending on moisture availability.

**Calylophus sp. (Sundrops)** - Bright lemon yellow flowers adorn this native perennial starting in spring. Grows up to a foot tall and wide. Foliage stays evergreen in mild winters. Makes an excellent rock garden accent. Full sun.

**Euonymus americanus (Strawberry Bush)** - Native, airy, upright understory shrub that grows to 6 feet tall and 3 feet wide. Beautiful fall color with interesting red fruits that persist into winter if the birds don't eat them first. Prefers full shade to part shade.

**Zexmenia hispida (Zexmenia)** - Extremely versatile native perennial mounding to 2 feet tall. Will grow in sun and shade as well as wet or dry conditions. Covered in golden daisy-like flowers summer through fall.

**Rhus aromatica (Aromatic Sumac)** - Popular with wildlife, this native shrub grows in a variety of light and soil conditions. Dainty leaves turn red and orange in the fall. Can grow anywhere from 3 to 8 feet tall. Great for erosion control if colonized or as a specimen.

**Sorghastrum nutans (Indian Grass)** - Native to the tall grass prairie, it is a good specimen choice because of its blue blades and golden inflorescence. Grows 3 to 5 feet tall in variable soils and will thrive in full sun to dappled shade.

# redenta's 50

We wanted to give some beautiful plants the credit they deserve, so we made a list of our 50 favorites. Perennials, grasses, groundcovers, trees, shrubs, natives, adaptive natives, sun, shade, dry, wet. All types of plants for all types of situations. We believe many of these will make your list as well.

**Aloysia virgata (Almond Verbena)** - Extremely fragrant, ever-blooming deciduous shrub that grows to 8 feet tall and 4 feet wide in full sun. Attracts bees and butterflies.

**Muhlenbergia dumosa (Bamboo Muhly)** - Upright, arching grass grows 4 to 6 feet tall and clumps 3 to 4 feet wide in full sun and part shade. Wispy leaves give a soft, fluffy texture in the landscape.

**Carex tumulicola (Berkeley Sedge)** - Evergreen grass-like sedge that grows 12 to 18 inches tall and 12 to 24 inches wide. Great for sun or shade. Tiny brown flowers in late spring.

**Dalea frutescens (Black Dalea)** - Native Texas shrub with feathery foliage and bright purple flowers. Low, mounding shrub grows 2 to 3 feet tall and 3 to 4 feet wide in full sun. Drought tolerant.

**Bouteloua gracilis 'Blonde Ambition' (Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass)** - Fine-textured gray green leaves grow to 18 to 24 inches tall. Striking 'blonde' flowers held like horizontal flags rise 1 to 2 feet above foliage in summer and hold through fall. Grows in full sun to part shade.

**Hesperaloe parviflora 'Brakelights' (Brakelights Red Yucca)** - Compact yucca growing 2 feet tall and wide with show-stopping dark red flowers. Drought tolerant and evergreen, the flowers are attractive to hummingbirds. Loves the full sun.

**Leucophyllum frutescens (Cenizo, Texas Sage)** - Silver-leaved native Texas shrub with bright pink/lavender blooms. Can grow 6 to 8 feet tall and 4 to 6 feet wide. Drought tolerant and loves full sun.

**Berlandiera lyrata (Chocolate Daisy)** - Perennial, 18 inches tall and 2 feet wide with bright yellow flowers opening at night and highly fragrant with the smell of chocolate in the morning. Full sun to part shade.

**Myrtus communis compacta (Compact Sweet Myrtle)** - Compact evergreen shrub tightly branched with fragrant white flowers in spring. Great as a hedge. Grows 2 to 3 feet tall and wide in full sun and part shade.

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