



Spring **Plant** Sale

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Saturday, April 1, 2017

7th Annual
Spring Plant Sale.

9:00 Presentation by
Heidi Sheesly
Horticulture Expert
Treesearch Farms, Inc.

10:00 - 2:00 Plant Sale
(Or until sold out)

Featured Plants

Mexican Butterfly Vine, Pride of Barbados,
Hardy Gloxinia, St. Elmo's Fire Russelia,
Royal Purple Iochroma, Yellow-Eyed Grass

and a large variety of flowering plants,
tomatoes & herbs

Plant Information

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**White Oak Conference Center
Butterfly & Hummingbird Plant Sale
2017 Sale List**

***Adiantum capillus-veneris* – Southern Maidenhair Fern** – This fern thrives in soils that have lots of organic matter worked into the mix. They prefer shade to filtered sunlight. A great fern for detail shade plantings or containers. Looks delicate, but is quite tough. Keep soil moist. Can be evergreen most winters.

***Aristolochia fimbriata* - Fimbriata Dutchman's Pipe** – A smaller version of Dutchman's Pipe with 2" – 3" rounded green leaves that have a light-green pattern on the surface. It blooms in cycles from spring to fall in miniature burgundy and yellow flowers. Can be used as a little vine, or as a groundcover. **Host plant for the Pipevine Swallowtail Butterfly**. Moist, well-drained soil. **This plant is a MUST for butterfly garden.**

***Aristolochia gigantea* – Giant Dutchman's Pipe** – A vigorous, attractive vine with spectacular, large 8" ivory-mottled maroon flowers. The fascinating flower buds look like large "Dutchman's Pipes" & the beautiful heart-shaped foliage is gorgeous with or without flowers! This vine blooms many times from spring to fall & is a wonderful conversation piece for any landscape!!! Plant it on an arbor where the fascinating flower buds & flowers can hang from the ceiling. Sun, part shade.

***Artemesia X 'Powis Castle'* – Powis Castle Artemesia** – A 'Dusty Miller' that will thrive in humid Gulf Coast conditions! This gorgeous evergreen perennial is the perfect 'neutral' to showcase your perennial color. The silvery-gray foliage is delicately cut – like fine silver lace. It grows in a dense billowing mound 2' – 3' tall and 3' – 6' wide. The foliage has a sweet, herbal fragrance when disturbed. Prune in spring just as new growth is starting and do not prune in the fall. Full to part sun, well-drained.

***Asclepias curassivica* - Mexican Butterfly Weed** - Great perennial for butterflies and beautiful in the garden as well. Constantly blooming clusters of orange & yellow flowers on 3'-4' stalks. Responds well to pruning. **This is The Monarch Butterfly Plant!!!** It is their larval food as well as providing nectar. Do not use insecticides on this plant! Sun, part shade. Moist, well-drained soil.

***Asystasia gangetica variegata* - Variegated Ganges Primrose** – This variegated beauty is a tender perennial or shrub that sprawls out and is reminiscent of a large petunia plant. Bright variegated foliage and purple flowers that bloom off and on nearly all year long. Easy to grow – sun to part sun. Can be mowed or trimmed hard in any season and will re-sprout quickly from the roots. 1'-2'h x 3'-4'w. Tolerates coastal conditions.

***Caesalpinia pulcherima* - Pride of Barbados** - A subtropical, fragrant, multi-stemmed shrub or small tree topped with large panicles of spectacular orange and yellow blooms during the hot summer months. Averages 6'-8' tall & has been root hardy to 20 degrees. The stems are covered with attractive, feathery, compound foliage. Drought tolerant. Good drainage. Full sun. Butterflies and Hummingbirds!

***Calotropis gigantea* - Giant Milkweed** - This large shrub or small tree is native to India & Southern China, but has been extensively cultivated in tropical areas around the world. A member of the milkweed family, it typically grows 8'-15' tall. Lovely white crown-like flowers appear in clusters throughout the year, but primarily in the summer. Huge, glossy foliage 6"-8" long. Giant milkweed is an important larval plant for monarch butterflies. Great as a cut flower – used in leis in Hawaii. Tropical – would need to be protected from freezing weather.

***Capsicum annuum* var. *aviculara* - Chili Pequin** - This native perennial pepper makes a beautiful addition to the garden. It is a 2'– 3' mounding shrub that is covered with tiny white flowers & bright red, "bird's eye" peppers much of the year. Does well in containers. **Birds** love the fruits! Sun, light shade, & good drainage.

***Centratherum intermedium* - Brazilian Buttonbush** – The foliage of this tender perennial has a pineapple fragrance and is sometimes called Pineapple Sangria. It grows densely, creating a perfect backdrop for the non-stop show of 1" lavender-blue, fluffy, thistle-like blooms. It grows 1'–2' tall and will spread 2'–4' with a cascading habit. Easy to grow and pest-free. Well-drained soil. Drought-tolerant and heat-loving. Tender in severe winters, but may reseed. **Butterflies!**

***Cestrum nocturnum* – Night Blooming Jessamine** – No fragrance garden should be without 'Night Blooming Jasmine'! Its fragrance fills the evening air with heavenly, tropical sweetness. It has an informal habit – freestanding, but with long, vine-like stems. Small clusters of tubular, white flowers appear at the leaf axils all along the stems. The flowers are attractive but not showy. They are followed by shiny, bright white, fleshy berries. Averages 4'x4' in cultivation, but may grow larger if it is especially happy. Full sun to filtered sun. Root hardy in severe winters. Moist, well-drained soils.

***Clerodendrum ugandense* 'Dark Blue' – Dark Blue Butterfly Flower** - an upright growing root hardy plant with stalks that can reach 6'-8' tall topped with panicles of beautiful two-toned blue flowers reminiscent of butterflies in shape. It's practically ever blooming! The height can easily be kept shorter with pruning. Pruning also creates a fuller plant & even more blooms. Sun, part shade. Butterflies & Hummingbirds!

***Clerodendron x speciosum* - Red Wine Bleeding Heart Vine** - A gorgeous, non-stop blooming root hardy vine that performs in sun OR shade! Large clusters of deep crimson flowers emerge from lavender, bell-shaped calyces. Glossy green leaves –butterflies & hummingbirds

***Coreopsis grandiflora* 'Early Sunrise' – Coreopsis Early Sunrise** – 'Early Sunrise' produces a profusion of brilliant golden-yellow semi-double flowers, each flushed orange-yellow in the center, bringing un-beatable color to perennial and butterfly gardens! This is one of the earliest *Coreopsis* to bloom, beginning in early spring and continuing into summer if spent flowers are removed. One of the easiest plants to grow. **BUTTERFLIES!** Full sun. **Great cut flower!**

***Cuphea ignea* - Pink Cuphea** - An incredible cuphea! Dainty looking, yet tough, this 2'-3' upright mounding cuphea forms a solid mass of small green leaves and is constantly covered with adorable tubular, pink flowers with lavender lips and white "ears" from spring to fall! It grows in full sun or light shade. Moist, well-drained soil. **Hummingbirds & Butterflies.**

***Cuphea ignea* 'David Verity' - David Verity Cuphea** - A compact and more refined version of the standard cigar plant. 'David Verity' grows into an upright, very full plant with tiny foliage and it is a non-stop bloomer of small, tubular, orange and yellow flowers spring through fall. It's an incredibly tough plant and doesn't seem to have any insect or disease problems. It's a great companion plant for the Mexican Butterfly Weed. Averages 3' tall. Sun, light shade. **Hummingbirds & Butterflies.**

***Cuphea ilavea* – Bat Face Cuphea** - This unusual & tough cuphea is a beacon of adorable, fluorescent red & purple "bat-face" tubular flowers throughout the heat of late spring through summer to fall. It forms an 18" mound of arching stems, grows in sun or light shade, & likes good drainage. Root hardy to the low 20's. Blends well at the front of a perennial bed or cascading over a wall or container. Also works well in hanging baskets. **Hummingbirds.**

***Duranta erecta* 'Alba' – White Duranta** – The Cockrell Butterfly Center's selection of an outstanding white version of this fabulous long blooming root hardy shrub. This version also is a more compact grower averaging 4'–6' & is thornless! Forms a large full "shrub" & is covered with tight clusters of milky white flowers in heavy cycles late spring through fall. It also produces dangling clusters of yellow berries – birds love them. Prefers full sun but will take light shade. **A must for any butterfly or bird garden!!!**

***Erigeron karvinskianus* - Daisy Fleabane** - This is a trailing groundcover that can spread 3'w, and grows to about 1' tall. Small white daisies, which at times have a tint of pink, bloom almost all year-round.

Sun to part sun. Can take poor soil and drought, and performs best if cut back periodically. Bees love the flowers. Perennial.

***Euphorbia 'Glitz'* – Glitz Euphorbia** - An absolutely amazing, tough, drought tolerant, attractive plant! Forms a 2' mound of tiny white flowers that, at a distance, looks like a soft white cloud. This normally bloom all year round! It adds a touch of softness to a garden and does well in pots. Full sun or light shade. Moist, well-drained soil.

***Evolvulus glomeratus* – Blue Daze** - Small gray-green leaves are a pleasing background for the 1" wide blue "morning glory" type flowers which close up at night. Beautiful in borders and works well in hanging baskets. Averages 18" in height. Sun or part shade. Moist, well-drained soil

***Gaillardia grandiflora 'Goblin'* - Blanket Flower** – 'Goblin' has beautiful bicolor flowers all summer long! Blooms feature yellow-tipped petals turning to red around a red eye with a yellow pupil. This very stable North American native offers little variation in height. It tolerated hot, humid summers and does well in pots. Plant in average, well-drained soil and deadhead to promote re-bloom. Sun. Somewhat mounding growth habit 10"-12".

***Gaura lindheimeri 'Belleza Dark Pink'* - Belleza Dark Pink Gaura** - Has an upright growth habit with loads of dark pink flowers on sturdy stems. Gaurais a very drought and heat tolerant plant, and of the longest blooming perennials if spent blooms are sheared. Full sun, 12"-18", fast grower. **Butterflies & hummingbirds!** Nice cut flower.

***Gaura lindheimeri 'Whirling Butterfly'* - Whirling Butterfly Gaura** - A lean, mean, blooming machine! Gaura is native to Houston & the southeast, thrives in hot, dry climates, & is unfazed by our humidity! In spring, the basal rosette gives rise to delicate looking 2'-3' stems covered with countless hundreds of shimmering white flowers resembling butterflies. Even with the cloud of flowers, the plant still gives an open see-through appearance. It blooms from spring to fall in heavy bloom cycles. Prefers full sun & good drainage, but will tolerate some wet.

***Hamelia patens 'Compacta'* – Compact Hummingbird Bush** - A tight, compact version of the Hummingbird Bush with semi-glossy, lance-shaped, green leaves tinged with burgundy. It blooms all season, producing terminal clusters of tubular, orange-red flowers, attracting hummingbirds from all over! Averages 3' tall. Full sun. **Hummingbirds!**

***Lochroma* - Royal Lavender lochroma** –

***Lochroma cyaneum* - Purple lochroma** - A striking upright, vase-shaped shrub that is covered with tubular purple flowers spring through fall. Averages 4-6'. Full sun. **Hummingbirds!**

***Iresine herbsti* – Iresine 'Purple Lady'** - An extremely showy groundcover with dark burgundy foliage. Tolerates heat and humidity extremely well. Small white flowers aren't very pretty & should be trimmed off so the groundcover is lush and full. Rock gardens, containers or flower bed edges are perfect for Purple Lady. Root hardy.

***Justicia brandegeana* - Red Shrimp Plant** - Native to Mexico, this wonderful hummingbird attractor forms a 3' mound of soft, apple-green leaves & produces 3" spikes of overlapping plum-red bracts with bright red & cream flowers. These spikes eventually lengthen to 6"-7" & resemble large red shrimp. Responds well to pruning, is root hardy, grows in sun or light shade, & a moist, well-drained soil. **Hummingbirds!**

***Justicia sp. 'Lemon Sorbet'* - Lemon Sorbet Shrimp Plant** – A shrimp plant with a new delicious color! It produces 4"- 6" shrimp-shaped spikes of overlapping pastel lemon-yellow bracts with white tubular flowers on a 3' mound of soft, apple-green leaves. This tough attractive plant is an extremely long bloomer, responds well to pruning, & is root hardy in the Houston & Gulf Coast area. It grows in sun or light shade & a moist, well drained soil. **Hummingbirds!!!**

***Justicia* sp. 'Orange Flame' - Orange Flame Justicia** – This is a knockout plant! Glossy foliage & striking upright clusters of bright orange flowers. It seems to bloom all the time. Averages 3' by 3'. **Hummingbirds!**

***Justicia* sp. 'Variegata' - Variegated Red Shrimp Plant** - Native to Mexico, this wonderful hummingbird attractor forms a 3' mound of soft, apple-green leaves with subtle variegation. Produces 3" spikes of overlapping plum-red bracts with bright red & cream flowers. These spikes eventually lengthen to 6"-7" & resemble large red shrimp. This is the MOST floriferous of the shrimp plants. Responds well to pruning, is root hardy, grows in sun or light shade, & a moist, well-drained soil. **Hummingbirds!**

***Lantana montevidensis* 'Imperial Purple' - Imperial Purple Trailing Lantana** – Another selection of trailing purple lantana. Beautiful dark lilac flowers with a distinct white eye. This variety has been designated as a *Texas Superstar*. Butterflies adore it. This native perennial grows in a low, trailing carpet & blooms in heavy cycle all year long. Drought tolerant – prefers sun and well-drained soil.

***Lantana* sp. 'New Gold' - New Gold Lantana** – A fabulous perennial for any sunny garden! Tough, low mounting, colorful & drought resistant once established. Forms a beautiful mound of color 18"-24" tall. Sun. Moist, well-drained soil. Butterflies!!!

Louisiana Iris - These colorful hybrids are derived from five species of iris that are indigenous to the wetlands of Louisiana and Southeastern Texas. Their common name as a group was coined by James Audubon when he began sketching the fauna and flora of Louisiana in the 1820's. Often known as A water plant, these irises perform equally well in normal garden bed conditions. They are available in a virtual rainbow of colors. Their attractive blue-green foliage is evergreen in mild winters. Plant in sun to part sun.

***Melochia tomentosa* - Tea Bush** - A small, shrubby perennial from the chocolate family. It averages 2' and is covered with clusters of beautiful, small, bright pink flowers that bloom practically non-stop spring through fall. It is drought tolerant, grows quickly & will provide color during summer heat. An excellent nectar source for butterflies!

***Monarda* sp. 'Peter's Purple' - 'Peter's Purple' Monarda** - Texas plantsman Greg Grant passed this plant along from Peter Loos' Nacogdoches garden. This incredible selection displays heads of bright purple tubular flowers that bloom throughout the summer on upright stalks. 'Peter's Purple' forms a 3- to 4-foot clump and the leaves have a minty-spicy fragrance. This variety is mildew resistant, enjoys full sun and moist, well-drained soils. **Butterflies and Hummingbirds!**

***Odontonema strictum* - Red Firespike** – A handsome, tropical-looking perennial for shade gardens! Rich, glossy green leaves on a 4' – 6' plant. Produces 12" spikes of bright red flowers in the fall & will bloom all winter if in a protected area. An absolute must for the fall hummingbird migration! Responds well to pruning. Prefers shade or part shade but will grow in full shade.

***Orthosiphon* sp. 'Alba' - White Cat Whiskers** – Super showy! Tender, shrubby, "mint" with terminal white flowers in heavy bloom cycles spring to fall. Responds well to pruning. Another **butterfly & hummingbird** nectar plant. 3'-4' tall. Part shade.

***Orthosiphon stamineus* - Purple Cat Whiskers** – Super showy! Tender, shrubby, "mint" with terminal lavender flowers in heavy bloom cycles spring to fall. Responds well to pruning. Another **butterfly & hummingbird** nectar plant. 3'-4' tall. Part shade.

***Oxalis* sp. *Purpurea* - Purple Oxalis 'Frances'** - 'An incredibly showy little clumping Shamrock' with spectacular maroon-purple foliage topped with clusters of bright pink flowers in heavy bloom cycles spring thru fall. This is a must for shade gardens! Plant it as an accent or as a purple & pink "carpet". Averages 6". Grows in light shade. Moist, well-drained soil.

Penta lanceolata - These "uprights" are the heirloom, pass-a-long originals that still carry all the sweet nectar that hummingbirds and butterflies love. The self-cleaning *lanceolatas* bloom non-stop with no dead-heading. They can reach up to 3' tall and their flower clusters are 3" across thereby adding both height and color to sun, part-sun or light shade gardens. Each plant will carry dozens and dozens of

clusters at one time. Normally root hardy in harsh winters – if not, cut back hard in early spring for a full plant with year-round beauty. Easy to grow and makes a decent cut flower!

Starburst - pink blossoms with a dark pink center.

White – pure, clean white – great for gardens that you can enjoy at night!

Pteris cretica Albo-lineata – **Variegated Cretan Brake Fern** - This attractive clump-forming fern with spectacular variegated white and green fronds. Shade or filtered light in well-draining soil – doesn't like to stay moist or wet like some ferns. Fairly cold hardy too. Great in pots or the ground. One of our favorite ferns!! Grows about 18"-24" h x 12"-16" w.

Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm' - **Goldsturm Rudbeckia** - A compact variety of the yellow black-eyed susan. It blooms heavily in the summer with a mass of 2" yellow flowers about 18"-24" tall. Sun. A wonderful, long lived perennial! **Butterflies!**

Russelia X St. Elmo's Fire - **St. Elmo's Fire Coral Fountain** - What sets St. Elmo's Fire apart is that it has a more upright form and the flowers are a darker, showier red. Maturing to 4' – 6' in height and 6' – 8' wide. Sun, moist, well-drained soil. Hummingbirds!

Salvia greggii 'Raspberry' - **Raspberry Autumn Sage** - A shrubby, evergreen, native salvia with small oval leaves & an abundance of bright colorful flowers spring thru fall. They come in a range of colors – this one is raspberry pink. An absolute must for **Hummingbirds!** Sun, well-drained. 2' - 3'

Salvia hybrid 'Indigo Spires' - **Indigo Spires Salvia** - A large, 3'–4' salvia that is almost constantly in bloom with long, dark blue spikes of flowers. Responds well to pruning – cutting it back occasionally makes an even fuller plant with more blooms. Likes full sun and well-drained soil.

Salvia miniata – **Red Miniata Salvia** - Bright red, tubular flowers summer to fall on a tropical-looking salvia 2' – 3' tall. Responds well to pruning; gets fuller and more floriferous! This salvia thrives in partial shade. **Hummingbirds!**

Salvia nemorosa 'May Night' – **'May Night' Salvia** – An outstanding salvia with a compact growth habit, profuse deep purple flower spikes and a tolerance for heavy clay soils. **Foliage is evergreen** in winter – very cold hardy! Blooms nearly year round. Dead head occasionally. Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds love 'May Night'. **Deer and rabbit resistant.** 12"-16" high including the flower spikes. Full sun to partial sun.

Salvia officinallis x Salvia fruticosa - **Sage Newe Ya'ar'** – Newe Ya'ar' is a great sage for the south. It will tolerate the hottest, most humid, wettest weather our area can produce. It is a tender perennial and can be long lived – Madalene Hill had plants 9 or 10 years old! It has excellent flavor and aroma - not the harsh aroma and flavor of some sages. Most sages don't like our hot humid summers, but Newe Ya'ar' has won over southern gardeners and cooks. Unlike most sages, it is a repeat bloomer – lovely lilac-blue flowers. Cut back after it blooms to keep a nice bushy plant. Full sun, well-drained soil.

Salvia oxyphora - **Fuzzy Bolivia Sage** – This unique and beautiful salvia is winning us over with its dark green, ridged foliage topped with spikes of fuzzy, deep pink flowers. Each flower has a "lip" just inviting the hummingbirds to come get a drink! Prefers some afternoon shade. Prune regularly to maintain fullness. Can reach 3' x 2'. Hardy zones 8a -10 and beyond! Bloom spring thru frost. Perennial.

Salvia sinaloensi - **Salvia sinaloensis** - A low mounding 8" tall salvia with bright blue flower spikes, and burgundy tinted foliage. Blooms non-stop spring through fall. Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds love this salvia! Full to partial sun, good drainage. Foliage turns amethyst with first cool snap! Perennial.

Salvia splendens 'Burgundy Van Houttei' - **Burgundy Van Houtte Salvia** - 'A practically non-stop blooming salvia! This 3'x3' plant produces 10"-12" spikes of burgundy-wine flowers in late summer and fall. It's a tender perennial north of zone 8. Color is best with some shade. Moist, well drained soil. Responds well to pruning. **Hummingbirds!**

***Salvia vanhouttei* 'Dancing Flames' – Dancing Flames Salvia** – This plant really lives up to the name - it is a riot of color!! Bright, golden variegated leaves are topped with spikes of brilliant tomato-red flowers in the fall. This is great used in borders and along walkways, and is dynamite in mixed containers with purples, yellows and oranges. Sun, but appreciates afternoon shade. **Hummingbirds and Butterflies!**

***Scutellaria costaricana* 'Red Fountains' - Red Fountains Skullcap** - Colorful, low mounding perennial with small glossy green foliage covered with clusters of red tubular flowers through late spring and summer. These skullcaps mound or slightly "carpet" an area and well gently cascade over edges of raised beds. Average 8"-10" tall. Sun or light shade. Moist, well-drained soil.

***Scutellaria sp.* - Fuschia Fountains Skullcap** - A wonderful, tough, dynamite perennial from Northern Mexico. Forms a 6" to 8" tall mound of tiny foliage and is smothered with small snapdragon-like fuschia flowers spring to fall in heavy bloom cycles. Sun, good drainage. A very long-lived perennial.

***Sinningia sellovii* - Hardy Red Gloxinia** - This fascinating, wonderfully textured hardy gloxinia forms a 20" clump composed of thick green sandpaper-like leaves on slightly arching stems. From late spring to fall 30" spikes of pendant scarlet-orange 1" bell-shaped flowers emerge from the tips of the stems. This hardy perennial grows in full sun or light shade & does beautifully whether in rock gardens, perennial borders, or as a specimen container plant. Needs moist but well drained soil. Goes dormant in winter & flushes out in mid spring into a full gorgeous plant!

***Sisyrinchium sp.* 'Suwannee' - Suwannee Blue-Eyed Grass** - Found on the banks of the Suwannee River, this selection produces clouds of 3/4" sky-blue flowers in April. Sisyrinchiums are not actually grasses, they're part of the iris family. Suwannee has a compact growth habit and the dense, evergreen foliage grows to 8". Fast-multiplying. Shade or sun, able to take wet conditions.

***Stachytarpheta jamaicensis* 'Coral' - Coral Porterweed** - A 2'-4' tall bushy herbaceous plant with long, elegant flower spikes of coral flowers almost constantly blooming from spring to fall. The flowers appear in clusters moving upward along the long narrow flower spikes. Prefers part shade. Tender in a hard winter. Responds well to pruning. **Hummingbirds & butterflies!!!**

***Stachytarpheta jamicensis* 'Purple' - Purple Porterweed** - A 2' - 4' tall bushy herbaceous plant with long, elegant flower spikes of purple flowers almost constantly blooming from spring to fall. The flowers appear in clusters moving upward along the long narrow flower spikes. Prefers part shade. Tender in a hard winter. Responds well to pruning. **Hummingbirds & Butterflies!!!**

***Stokesia laevis* 'Divinity' PPAF - Divinity Stokesia** - This new stokesia is as heavenly as its namesake, Divinity, a sugary Southern confection. The beautiful feathery flowers open with subtle yellow centers, soon mellowing to a pure celestial white, beginning in mid-spring. Evergreen in mild winters, this is a forgiving, low-maintenance, native perennial that likes a little afternoon shade. 'Divinity' stands 12"-14" tall and spreads to about 18" wide in a season. **Cut flower extraordinaire! Butterflies!**

***Stokesia laevis* 'Peachies Pick' – Peachies Pick** – Stunning! Considered the best Stoke's Aster available. Tight evergreen rosette of foliage. A multitude of compact upright flower spikes are topped with dozens of large, lavender-blue flowers in early summer. Averages 18"-24". Sun or part shade. **Butterflies!**

***Tecoma stans* 'Gold Star' - Gold Star Yellow Bells** – An outstanding selection of 'Yellow Bells' that's extremely floriferous even as a young plant! This 4' – 6' shrubby perennial produces a stunning display of 2" bright yellow trumpet-shaped flowers all summer on large terminal panicles. Blooms late spring into fall in heavy bloom cycles. Responds well to pruning. Sun **Hummingbirds.**

***Thunbergia battiscombei* - Mercer Blue Thunbergia** - Impossible to pass up! This eye-catching herbaceous perennial "vine" with its 5"-7" heart shaped leaves produces 15" racemes constantly covered with 2" velvety royal purple trumpet-shaped flowers with deep yellow throats. Use as a 2' x 3' perennial or as a short 3' x 4' climber in sun or light shade. It's easy to grow, virtually pest free, heat resilient, and a non-stop bloomer spring to fall. Root hardy. Moist, well-drained soil.

***Turnera sp* - Creeping Yellow Turnera** - Buttery yellow blooms cover this groundcover form of turnera nearly all year long. Flowers will open in the morning and close before dusk to be replaced **in** abundance

the next day. Does best with morning sun and late afternoon shade –plant in a well-drained soil. Great for rock gardens, containers or borders. Stays about 12” or less. Evergreen in mild winters. Reseeds.

Butterflies!

***Verbena tenuisecta* ‘Lavender Moss’ - Lavender Moss Verbena** - Broad, flat clusters of 2”-3” deep lavender flowers from early summer to frost. Hardy, native perennial groundcover to about 12” tall with lacy fern-like foliage; lacier foliage than the standard verbena but with the same growth habit and cultivation. Drought-tolerant, but grows best in moist, well-drained soil in full sunlight to part shade. A great butterfly nectar plant.

***Verbena tenuisecta* ‘Pink Moss’ - Pink Moss Verbena** - Native form of the Great Plains Verbena colors the garden with 1”-2” magenta-pink flowers in spring and summer. Finely textured foliage spreads to form a carpet 4”-6” tall. Tough in summer heat and drought conditions. Sun. **Butterflies!**

***Verbena tenuisecta* ‘Purple Moss’ - Purple Moss Verbena** - Broad, flat clusters of 2”-3” royal purple flowers from early summer to frost. Hardy, native perennial groundcover to about 12” tall with lacy fern-like foliage; lacier foliage than the standard verbena but with the same growth habit and cultivation. Drought-tolerant, but grows best in moist, well-drained soil in full sunlight to part shade. A great **butterfly** nectar plant.

***Verbena tenuisecta* ‘White Moss’ - White Moss Verbena** -

Trees & Shrubs

***Buddleia davidii* ‘Attraction’ – Attraction Butterfly Bush** – A spectacular new Buddleia with large panicles of highly fragrant, cranberry-red flowers that bloom summer to fall on full 6’ shrubs. ‘Attraction’ is considered the reddest of any Butterfly Bush and is an absolute magnet for **butterflies!** It provides rich color at the back of a perennial bed or makes a bold statement as a single specimen. Great cut flower. It’s tough, can tolerate heat, drought, cold, and is deer resistant! Full sun, moist, well-drained soil.

***Buddleia sp.* ‘Compact White’ – Compact White Buddleia** – A gorgeous, tough buddleia that withstands our heat and humidity. Its silvery foliage provides contrast in the garden. Prolific, fragrant white panicles cover the plant spring through fall. Butterflies & hummingbirds. Sun to part sun. Grows 3’-4’ x 3’-4’. Keep dead-headed to encourage more blooms.

***Buddleia sp.* ‘Lochinch’ - Butterfly Bush** - Gorgeous! Blueish purple panicles cover this butterfly bush spring through fall. Frequent dead heading will keep this beauty blooming and robust! Plant in partial sun –afternoon shade is appreciated. 3’x3’. Perennial. Butterflies galore!!!!

***Hydrangea quercifolia* – Oakleaf Hydrangea** – A native shade loving shrub with spectacular large foliage and lovely panicles of creamy-white flowers in spring. Striking red-orange fall foliage color. Deciduous. Needs moist, well drained soil, but is much more tolerant of heat and dry conditions than a “mophead” hydrangea. Grows 6’-8’. Prefers some morning sun and afternoon shade. Nice cut flower.

***Itea virginica* ‘Morning Star’ – Morning Star Sweetpire** - Pendulous white racemes of fragrant white flowers in spring. Native shrub growing 3’-4’ tall and up to 4’ wide with arching limbs. Outstanding coloring on the foliage in the fall. Useful in mass plantings, hedges, wet areas, and for anti-erosion purposes. Sun to part shade.

***Rosa* ‘Mutabilis’ – Mutabilis Rose** – An outstanding China rose that never seems to stop blooming! A large, full shrub covered with single roses of yellow, orange, rich pink and crimson. Almost evergreen in mild winters. Sun, averages 4’-6’.

***Rosa sp.* ‘Belinda’s Dream’ – Belinda’s Dream Rose** – A garden favorite because it is almost constantly in bloom with tidy, high-centered, richly fragrant, full double, medium pink blooms. Upright. Beautiful blue-green foliage. Full sun, good drainage. 3’-4’ x 3’– 4’ average. **Texas Superstar™**.

Rosa sp. 'Coral Drift – Coral Drift Rose – Bright coral-orange blooms cover this small mounding shrub from mid-spring to mid-fall. Coral Drift® Rose has the most vibrant flowers that catch your eye and wow. Fully winter hardy and disease resistant.

Rosa sp. 'Julia Child' – Julia Child Rose – This floribunda rose has old-fashioned blooms of **buttery gold color** and a **licorice candy fragrance**. Rounded habit, super glossy foliage and great disease resistance. Medium size rose 2'-3' tall and wide. A consistent, hardy and super floriferous rose!!

Rosa 'Radsunny' pp 16562' – Sunny Knock Out® Rose – A bright yellow color at opening and turning a creamy white when fully open. Great disease resistant, dark attractive foliage and a slightly upright habit. 3'-5' x 3'-4'. Plant in full sun, well-drained soil.

Rosa sp. 'Peggy Martin' - Peggy Martin Rose – This is the incredible rose that survived Hurricane Katrina, continuing to live in the salt water flooded yard of Peggy Martin in Plaquemines Parish, near New Orleans. Long arching canes give this rose a graceful rambling form and clusters of showy, bright pink flowers make it a stunning accent in any garden. Covered with clusters of flowers each spring from mid-March through May, it starts blooming again in late summer and repeat blooms until a frost slows it down in winter. Thornless and disease resistant. Full sun. Moist, well-drained soil. *Cooperating Growers are donating \$1 of each purchase of the Peggy Martin Rose to a fund managed by the Greater Houston Community Foundation to restore parks, gardens, and green space in New Orleans.*

Rosa sp. 'Pink Drift' – Pink Drift – Has a dark pink color compared to the Peach and Coral. They also have a larger flower that is not filled in the middle with other petals. This bloom opens up wide and is flat.

Rosa sp. 'Red Drift' – Red Drift - Red Drift® Rose has the most petite flowers of all the Drift® Roses. It is perfect for use in front of border plantings and makes a beautiful statement when it drapes naturally over a rock wall or edge. Great flower power and disease resistance.

Rosa sp. 'Valentine' – Valentine Rose - 'Valentine's' long pointed buds open to velvety, semi-double flowers of rich scarlet that can be 3 or 4 inches across on a mature plant. The nearly thornless bush is slightly open. The foliage is very full and rich and is rarely affected by heat, humidity, insects, or disease. This is a rose grown for show and will attract considerable attention. 3 to 4 feet

Rosa sp. 'White Drift' – White Drift Rose – The White Drift® Rose is the newest addition to the Drift® series. It has bright white, fully double blooms perfectly shaped like a miniature rose flower. It has a true ground cover habit; with the superior disease resistance you would expect from a Drift® Groundcover Rose.

Vines

Antigonon leptopus - Dark Pink Coral Vine - Trailing sprays of hot rose pink flowers from mid-summer to fall. Beautifully veined, heart shaped leaves with an open, airy look. Climbs by tendrils, fast growing to 40 feet. Zone 9. Sun or part shade and moist, well drained soil. Drought tolerant. A root hardy deciduous vine to grace any arbor, fence or porch.

Gmelina philippensis - Parrot's Beak or Hedgehog Vine - Gmelinaphilippensis, pronounced with a silent G, produces flowers that resemble a parrot's beak or hedgehog. The leaves are ivy shaped and the bright yellow flowers are comprised of yellow petals which emerge at the end of a tube-like structure of overlapping bracts. Can be trained as a "vine" or large sprawling shrub. Hardy to the low 30's –has been root hardy/deciduous in colder temps. Blooms off and on in the summer into fall. Full sun.

Mascagnia macroptera - Mexican Butterfly Vine - An evergreen, sun loving vine that is covered with clusters of bright yellow orchid-like flowers summer through fall. Its name comes from the 2"-3" chartreuse butterfly shaped seed pods that form after the blooms and hold on the vine for weeks! Great for covering arbors and trellises.

***Passiflora x Incense* - Incense Passion Vine** - The longest blooming, easiest growing, & most fragrant of the root hardy passionvines! A hybrid that is one of the hardiest of all the passionflowers. This vigorous vine produces 3"-4" exotic looking, royal purple flowers with an absolutely heavenly fragrance late spring, summer, & fall in heavy cycles. It will grow almost anywhere & is one of the best host plants for the Gulf Fritillary Butterfly. **A must for butterflies!**

Tomatoes, Fruit & Herbs

Tomatoes

Chef's Choice Green Tomato - This award-winning tomato has all the flavor and wonderful texture of its orange and pink counterparts, but also offers an interesting treat for the eyes! Impress your friends with this one-of-a-kind color and flavor sensation that is sure to become a staple in all your favorite dishes.

Cherokee Purple - Large open pollinated: A reliable producer of unusual, medium pink-purple fruits that appear brown in color, and average 8 to 12 oz. apiece. Fruits are round to oblate, with no cracking. Exhibits tolerance to mild drought as well as to common diseases. Indeterminate.

Early Girl - When gardeners talk about the "first" tomatoes, Early Girl is always there. This may be the most all-round popular hybrid to satisfy that itch for the first fresh tomato of the season. Use them for slicing on a plate, into a salad, or on a sandwich. This a proven all-round early hybrid.

Juliet Tomato – This All-American Selection winner looks like a miniature Italian plum tomato, but it's a cherry – juicy & sweet & packed with flavor! Big vines produce grape-like clusters of petite sweeties. Best of all, it's the most crack-resistant cherry tomato ever! Indeterminate.

Kellogg's Breakfast - These beefy slicers are plenty big enough for breakfast, lunch, and dinner! Easily reaching 4-5 inches across or larger, the brilliant, orange fruit are rich, meaty, and full-flavored.

Sun Sugar – All the flavor of an heirloom in cherry size! These orangey-yellow fruits are bursting with terrific tomato tang & a high sugar content for a touch of **sweet**. These luscious fruits appear in clusters all over a very vigorous vining plant. Indeterminate.

Tycoon Tomato - Declared a Texas Superstar® plant by Texas A&M University, this determinate variety produces an abundance of superior, 10–12 oz red fruits. Plants are touted for their excellent resistance to pests and diseases.

Herbs

***Lavandula 'Goodwin Creek'* – Godwin Creek Lavender** - A lovely vigorous plant that forms a compact, fragrant shrub to about 2' x 2'. Silvery-grey, tooth-edged leaves topped with soft blue lavender whorled spikes on short stems. Blooms nearly year-round – this lavender is heat and humidity tolerant. Grow in full to part sun in a well-drained soil. Fragrant foliage and flowers –great pollinator.

***Ocimum 'African Blue'* – African Blue Basil** - The green leaves have burgundy veins and is a tasty, beautiful herb. The purple flowers have a slight fragrance and attract butterflies and bees. Full sun. 2'x 2-4'.

***Origanum vulgare* – Jim Best Oregano** – This perennial oregano has marbled green and gold leaves and a lovely trailing habit. It works well in pots or at the edge of a garden – especially nice in rock gardens. Easy to grow –tolerates full sun, but holds its color best with a bit of afternoon shade. **Attracts bees and butterflies.** Needs good drainage. Edible.

***Rosmarinus sp. 'Prostrata'* – Blue Lady Prostrate Rosemary** - One of those very special herbs that's a must in any sunny landscape. Prostrate Rosemary is an evergreen cascading shrub that mounds to about 2' tall eventually and cascades over anything; walls, landscape timbers, rock, out of containers, etc. Use it near walkways where you can enjoy the fragrance of the foliage. Rosemary is covered with small

blue flowers in the winter & early spring. Drought tolerant. Full sun or light shade & must have good drainage. Great for cooking.

***Thymus citriodorus* - Lemon Thyme** – Looks like English thyme, grows like English thyme, but that is where the similarity stops. Lemon thyme's **lemony fragrance** and flavor make it ideal for any recipe calling for lemon juice, lemon zest or lemon flavoring. Low growing, easy to grow, blooms light pink flowers. Sun to part sun – evergreen in mild winters – perennial most years. Great in rock gardens or between stepping stones. Cut often for continued growth of edible foliage.

***Thymus serpyllum* - Mother of Thyme** – Also known as creeping thyme – a staple for every herb garden. Used in cooking for centuries, it is also a great border plant, between stepping stones, in rock gardens and containers. Low growing, easy to grow, pink flowers. Sun to part sun. Evergreen in mild winters – perennial many years. Cut often for continued growth of edible foliage.

Fruit

***Ficus* - Improved Celeste Fig** – The best for our area. Purple-brown skin, pink flesh. Medium fruit, excellent flavor. Closed eye. This is the “sugar fig” of heirloom gardens. Very cold hardy.

***Ficus* – LSU Gold Fig** - Large fruit. Exceptionally sweet. Gold skin with strawberry pulp. Closed eye. Heavy producer. Ripens in June. Good resistance to splitting. Very cold hardy.

***Orange* - Midnight Valencia** - Large, thin-skinned fruit with high juice content. Excellent for eating or juicing. Vigorous, highly productive, seedless cultivar of Valencia orange.

***Orange Navelate* – Navel Orange** - Very juicy! Vigorous and highly productive tree. Skin is thinner and the navel structure less pronounced than in other navel oranges. The fruit holds well on the tree for several months without loss of flavor.

***Rubus* ‘Kiowa’ - Kiowa Blackberry** - Sweet, LARGE berries are produced for about 6 weeks on Kiowa. Thorned, fast-growing, erect 5'-6' canes with 4'-8' spread. Superb quality blackberry for our area – blackberry cobbler is a must!!

Sweet Charlie Strawberry - Just as the name implies, Sweet Charlie strawberries are very sweet! The plants are vigorous & produce an abundance of large fruit. One of the most widely grown strawberries due to its high yields and natural resistance to disease. Early-season bearer. Sun, well-drained soil.

Near Northwest Management District

The State of Texas created the Near Northwest Management District in 2001 to address concerns about public safety and economic development in our area. The District's mission is to promote and coordinate economic growth, the creation and beautification of area green spaces and promote and supplement public security within our boundaries.

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Near Northwest Community Improvement Corporation

The Near Northwest Community Improvement Corporation coordinates with the Near Northwest Management District to promote economic growth, cultural activities and the public welfare of the near northwest area of Houston by supporting existing programs and/or creating programs that will benefit the Near Northwest community.

www.nnmd.org/Program

Local nurseries that carry Treesearch plants:

- | The Arbor Gate – 15635 FM 2920 Rd., Tomball, TX 77377 - (281) 351-8851
- | Buchanan's Native Plants – 611 East 11th Street, Houston, TX 77008 - (713) 861-5702
- | Joshua's Native Plants – 502 West 18th Street, Houston, TX 77008 - (713) 862-7444
- | Nature's Way Resources – 101 Sherbrook Circle, Conroe, TX 77385 – (936) 321-6990
- | Nelson's Water Gardens – 1502 Katy Fort Bend Road, Katy, TX 77493 - (281) 391-4769