



Spring **Plant** Sale

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Saturday, April 7, 2018

7th Annual

Spring Plant Sale

Proceeds for White Oak Butterfly & Hummingbird
Garden and Serenity Garden

9:00 Presentation by
Heidi Sheesley
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

7603 Antoine Drive, Houston, Texas 77088

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Improvement Corporation

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**White Oak Conference Center
Butterfly & Hummingbird Plant Sale
2018 Plant Sale List**

***Acalypha pendula* - Firetail Chenille** – An unusual & attractive groundcover for part shade that slowly carpets the ground & is covered with long 3"-6" crimson flowers tassels spring to fall. Evergreen in most Houston winters. Part shade. Moist, well-drained soil.

***Achillea filipendulina* - Coronation Gold Yarrow** – 'Coronation Gold' is an upright, clump-forming hybrid yarrow noted for its deeply dissected, fern-like foliage. The foliage is aromatic and silvery to gray-green in color. Lovely on its own! But, spring through fall, mustard-yellow flowers appear in dense, flattened, plate-like corymbs up to 4" across and rising up to 2'. 'Coronation Gold' tolerates hot, humid summers and drought. Full sun, good drainage. Tolerates poor soil as long as the drainage is good. Deadhead to promote additional blooming. Great cut flower. Perennial. Deer resistant.

***Achillea millefolium* 'Paprika' - Yarrow Paprika** – Think Yarrow won't grow here? This amazing Yarrow has been in our garden for over five years and shows no signs of slowing down. Grows in nearly any sunny situation even where there is poor soil. Plants are low mounds of fragrant ferny foliage with reddish colored clusters of flowers spring through fall and beyond! This stand of yarrow seems to always be in bloom. A fantastic cut flower! Attracts butterflies! Deer and rabbit resistant! Foliage is normally evergreen!

***Aerva sanguinolenta* - Red Velvet Plant** – Red Velvet adds color, texture and pizzazz to every garden. A leafy foliage plant that grows to about 2'x2' – trim often for a fuller plant. Likes morning sun best. May be root hardy in milder winters – otherwise grow in pots or protect in freezing winters.

***Aquilegia chrysantha* 'Hinckley' - Hinckley Columbine** – A gorgeous evergreen native Texas perennial for shade gardens. Forms 24" mounds of bright green parsley-like foliage all winter. Then in March-April, produces stalks of magnificent orchid-like yellow flowers for up to 6 weeks! Afternoon shade & good drainage.

***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 subshrub 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.

***Bulbine fruticosa* 'Shorty' - Yellow Shorty Bulbine** – New more compact yellow form! Evergreen clumping perennial for full sun. Green, narrow, aloe vera-type foliage 12"-15" tall. Forms dense, terminal racemes of small, star-shaped yellow flowers on slender 18" stems almost 11 months of the year! Sun, light shade. Drought tolerant, needs good drainage.

***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 gigantean* - 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 annum* 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.

***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.**

***Duranta* 'Cuban Gold' - Cuban Gold Duranta** – A little tropical shrub that comes to us by way of Jamaica. This is a very versatile plant that can be maintained at 12" or will make a 3' - 4' shrub. It can be used in low borders, as a small accent plant, can be sheared as a low hedge, and does equally well in containers. It will hold its dazzling chartreuse color even in the toughest of summer heat and humidity. Bears occasional sprays of light blue flowers. Performs best in full sun to partial shade. Root hardy; adaptable to many soils; drought tolerant once established.

***Echinacea purpurea* - Native Purple Coneflower** – Blooming spring to fall, Native Purple Coneflower is an outstanding perennial, cut flower, butterfly attractor & overall fantastic plant for the garden during our hot summers. The flower stalks can reach 2' tall or more. Coneflowers like sun to light shade, and good drainage. Their golden-brown seed heads remain on the flower stalk long after the petals fade and provide food for birds.

***Eupatorium greggii* - Greg's Blue Mist Flower** – A spectacular native that naturalizes readily and makes a fabulous ground cover. Flat-topped flower heads with dense clusters of fragrant, fluffy, lavender-blue flowers persist from mid-summer to early fall. Sun or light shade, tolerates a range of soil types. **Butterflies!**

***Gaura lindheimeri* 'Belleza Dark Pink' - Belleza Dark Pink Gaura** – Has an upright growth habit with loads of dark pink flowers on sturdy stems. Gaura is 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.

***Hemerocallis* 'Grape Ripples' - Grape Ripples Daylily** – This lovely daylily has rich purple flowers with a chartreuse throat. Sturdy, strong and easy to grow. Reaches about 24" at maturity. Full sun to partial shade. Good cut flower. **Butterflies!**

***Hemerocallis* 'Yellow Landscape Supreme' - Yellow Landscape Supreme Daylily** – an evergreen, hardy, tough daylily. Stunning yellow flowers!

***Hibiscus calyphyllus* - Mellow Yellow Hibiscus** – Showy, 5"-6" lemon yellow flowers with a dark maroon center make this a nice mallow to add to any landscape or container. Blooms spring to fall. Averages 3'x3'. Does best with some afternoon shade –moist, well-drained soil. Butterflies, bees. Perennial. Cut back periodically to keep a full, dense shape.

***Hibiscus coccineus alba* - White Texas Star Hibiscus** – Texas Star hibiscus are a great addition to the landscape. Attractive foliage on elegant 5'-6' tall plants that are topped with single 8" pure, bright white flowers. Tough, hardy and adapts well to wet, heavy ground. Performs best in full sun. Cut back the old stems after a hard freeze.

***Hibiscus coccineus* - Red Texas Star Hibiscus** – A native tough mallow that blooms spring through fall with large 6"-8" bright red flowers. Grows 6'-7' tall –likes full sun. Great for rain gardens, bog gardens or any difficult area in your yard! Can handle wet soil or dry. Not picky! Goes dormant.

***Hibiscus sp.* 'White Shirley Temple' - White Shirley Temple Hibiscus** – Many of our Treesearch customers are familiar with the pink version of this stunning hibiscus –well, now there's a pure white one that we have fallen in love with! Incredible 5" white blooms have a long white stamen that makes you feel like you're in the tropics. Blooms from spring until our first frost. Beautiful dark green glossy foliage with an upright growth habit. Can easily be pruned as a thick 3'x3' blooming shrub or shaped into a 6'-9' tree form. Tough, root hardy tropical hibiscus, may be evergreen in mild winters. Plant in sun or light shade.

***Hibiscus sp.* 'Peppermint Flare' - Peppermint Flare Hibiscus** – A hard-to-beat, root hardy hibiscus with a bushy, 4'x4' growth habit & a profusion of 9" flowers that emerge light pink and age to white with wild red flecks throughout. This tough, sun loving, pest resistant hibiscus blooms spring to fall! Look for the series of 'Flare' Hibiscus – easy care, gorgeous colors, & large flowers: 'Pink Flare', 'Rose Flare', 'Pink Parasol Flare', 'Passion Pink Flare', 'Peppermint Flare' & the original 'Flare'!

***Hibiscus x paramutabilis* - Terri's Baby Pink Hibiscus** – A new, lighter pink version of the original 'Terri's Pink' – a Treesearch Farms favorite. This new one is quickly becoming a standout!! A root hardy mallow that blooms soft, baby pink 6" flowers non-stop spring through first frost. The maple-like foliage always looks good, well into fall when other mallows start to defoliate. Terri's Baby Pink is clean looking and does not produce seed pods. Sun to part sun, moist, well-drained soil. 4'-6' tall.

***Hydrangea quercifolia* - Oakleaf Hydrangea** – Oakleaf - fall color – wow! 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.

***Iresine herbstio* - 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.

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.

***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!**

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

Liatris pycnostachya - Native Gayfeather – A striking architectural native perennial with multiple 3'-4' tall, elegant, bottle-brush looking flower stalks covered with frilly, rosy-purple flowers during the summer. It's a hardy native once established. Prefers full sun & a moist, well-drained soil. Butterflies.

Lilium hybrid longiflorum - Orange American Cheerleader Lily – A great naturalizing lily for Houston. Blooms late spring large "sunset" colored flowers. Their thick petals are durably weatherproof & are especially long lasting if you remove the pollen anthers after the flowers open. Fabulous cut flower! Plant grows up to 3' tall with thick stalks. Plant in sun with good drainage. Allow to die down naturally in the fall –bulblets will form along the stem below ground level to increase your clump size each year.

Lilium hybrid longiflorum - Yellow American Hero Lily – A great naturalizing lily for Houston. Blooms late spring with 6" long, fragrant yellow flowers. Their thick petals are durably weatherproof & are especially long lasting if you remove the pollen anthers after the flowers open. Fabulous cut flower! Plant grows up to 3' tall with thick stalks. Plant in sun with good drainage. Allow to die down naturally in the fall –bulblets will form along the stem below ground level to increase your clump size each year.

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Muehlenbeckia axillaris - Creeping Wire Vine – Tiny, dark, glossy green leaves cover wiry stems on this evergreen "creeper". Great as a groundcover between stepping stones – very tolerant of foot traffic. Use in hanging baskets, containers, rock gardens or train to climb up a trellis for a unique dense screen. Drought tolerant, deer resistant. Sun or partial shade.

Neomarica caerulea 'Regina' - Giant Blue Walking Iris – This "cousin" of Blue Walking Iris creates a beautiful vertical accent, forming clumps that average 4' tall. Green sword-like foliage with 3" wide violet-blue flowers that appear above the leaves in early summer. Prefers light shade. Needs well-drained soil. Stunning in containers!

Nepeta faassenii 'Walker's Low' - Catmint 'Walker's Low' – An evergreen perennial ground cover with aromatic silver-green foliage blooms with upright soft blue flowers that stand 10"-12" tall in summer and fall. Adapts well to hot, dry conditions once established, great for borders and pots. Full sun, well-drained soil.

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.

***Patrinia scabiosaefolia* - Golden Lace** – A beautiful, long blooming summer-fall perennial with 3'-4' flower spikes topped with lacey clusters of small, bright yellow flowers forming an incredible "see-through" airy mass. Prefers well drained soil and full sun, but will tolerate a little shade.

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!

Ruby Glow – a stunning, rich red

White Upright – 'White' is a pure, clean white.

***Phlomis fruticosa* - Jerusalem Sage** – Jerusalem Sage is an evergreen perennial with soft grey-green leaves and beautiful yellow flowers from late spring through summer. Very drought tolerant – needs exceptionally good drainage & full sun. Jerusalem Sage can be used as a low maintenance, medium height shrub. Deer & rabbit resistant. Great nectar plant for bees and butterflies! Cold hardy into the low 20's. 2'h x 3'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!**

***Rudbeckia lanciniata* - Cutleaf Coneflower** – This tall yellow coneflower is native to most of the US. Grows in full or partial sun - prefers moist, well-draining soils. Blooms summer into fall. Bright yellow flowers with green cones. Give this butterfly and bee attractor room to shine! It can get at least 3'-4' tall or more!! It's fantastic!!!

***Ruellia brittoniana* 'Alba' - White Katie Ruellia** – Low, dwarf mounding plants 8"-12" tall. A heavy bloomer of pure white petunia-like flowers spring thru fall. Tough! Can take wet or dry. Sun or shade.

***Ruellia brittoniana* 'Katie Pink' - Pink Katie Ruellia** – Low, dwarf mounding plants 8"-12" tall. A heavy bloomer of pure pink petunia-like flowers spring thru fall. Tough! Can take wet or dry. Sun or shade.

***Salvia elegans* - Pineapple Sage** – A deliciously fragrant, super colorful, tough perennial with an open, airy structure of soft fuzzy green leaves and long terminal spikes of vivid red tubular flowers late summer thru fall. The fragrance of the foliage smells of pineapple! The leaves are used in fruit salads and teas, and the flowers are great in desserts and salads. It averages 3'-4' tall and grows in full sun or part shade in moist, well-drained soil. It responds well to pruning. **Hummingbirds and Butterflies!**

***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.

***Scadoxys natalensis* - Flaming Torch Scadoxys** – An absolutely stunning naturalizing bulb from South Africa that produces gorgeous, large globe-shaped torches of vibrant orange flowers – these are held high up on sturdy 20"-24" stalks in early spring. The flowers emerge before the foliage. Eventually 24"-30" glossy green foliage takes over once the flowers finish. Light shade or bright light and a moist, well-drained soil. Very slow to multiply. **Extremely rare.**

***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 sellowii* - 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!

***Stachytarpheta jamicensis* 'Blue' - Blue Porterweed** – A 2' - 4' tall bushy herbaceous plant with long, elegant flower spikes of indigo blue 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!!!**

***Stemodia tomentosa* - Woolly Stemodia** – A native perennial found in the South Texas Plains, Gulf Prairies & Marshes and the Trans Pecos regions of Texas, growing mostly in deep coastal sands in nature. Mat forming groundcover that has soft, silver grey foliage, similar to Lambs Ears, and small purple flowers early spring to frost. It is a tough, fast growing groundcover that is tolerant of high temperatures and high humidity, and will tolerate poor soils if given good drainage. Root hardy, deer resistant and also looks great in mixed containers. Full sun.

***Stokesia laevis* 'Divinity' - Divinity Stokesia** – This somewhat new stokesia has beautiful feathery flowers that 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. **Excellent cut flower and butterfly attractor.**

***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!**

***Tagetes lucida* - Mexican Mint Marigold** - A wonderful fall blooming perennial that bears clusters of golden-yellow, single flowers on attractive, 2'-3' upright, many-branched mounds. The aromatic foliage has a pleasing, anise-like scent & is popular as a substitute for tarragon. It grows best in a sunny, well-drained bed.

***Thelypteris decursive-pinnata* - Japanese Beech Fern** – Absolutely beautiful! The lush foliage of this fern produces large, graceful colonies and stays constantly dark green throughout the growing season & through the first frosts of autumn, until a hard freeze finally puts it to rest for the winter. Its vigorous growth makes it an excellent choice for a ground cover. Hardy zones 4-10. 12"-24" high. Plant in shade.

***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.

***Viguiera stenioloba* - Skeleton Leaf Golden Eye** – Tough Texas native makes a mound of deep-yellow daisies that stay in flower spring through late fall. Slender needle-like leaves give it a delicate look but this is an **extremely drought-tolerant** perennial. Grows 2' tall, Cut in half once a year to promote denser

growth and more flowers. Full sun, needs good drainage. **Butterflies!!**

***Viola hederacea* - Australian Violet** – An outstanding evergreen groundcover for shade gardens! Forms a lush carpet, 1" - 2" tall, of bright green foliage & is almost constantly blooming adorable white & blue violet flowers in heavy cycles spring, summer, & fall. Must have under-story conditions & especially afternoon shade. Also looks great cascading out of containers. Moist, well-drained soil.

***Vitex agnus-castus* - Montrose Purple Vitex** – Slightly larger foliage & magnificent blooms that are 3 times larger than the standard Vitex & a richer, darker blue color. A drought tolerant, sun-loving, small, single or multi-trunk tree up to 18' tall. Butterflies!

Trees & Shrubs

***Brugmansia* sp. Double White - Double White Angel Trumpet** – Fantastic double, milky white trumpet shaped flowers. Velvety blue-green foliage. Large shrub or small tree. Summer-fall bloomer. Sun or light shade. Root hardy. 6'-10' tall.

***Buddleia davidii* 'Attraction' - Attraction Butterfly Bush** – A new, spectacular 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* 'Orange Sceptre' - Orange Sceptre Butterfly Bush** – A buddleia hybrid – *B. stachyoides* and *B. tubiflora* fell in love and produced this orange blooming, 8' tall, deer resistant butterfly bush that flowers virtually all year – peaking fall through early summer – a butterfly & hummingbird magnet. The 1' long spikes of bright orange flowers open from bottom to top. 11" long fuzzy gray-green leaves are attractive all on their own. It was evergreen into the low 20's. Sun/partial sun.

***Calliandra emarginata* - Dwarf Fairy Duster** – This beautiful root hardy shrub is great for both garden and containers. Growing to about 2' – 3' tall, Dwarf Fairy Duster is covered with red "powderpuff" flowers that are attractive to **hummingbirds, butterflies and bees**. This shrub is spectacular in bloom. It has a very tropical look, but this is a very tough little shrub. Calliandras are known for having very low amounts of airborne pollen. Sun or light shade.

***Cephalanthus occidentalis* - Native Buttonbush** – Very fragrant, white, globe-shaped, summer flowers that are a must for any butterfly garden! Grow as a large shrub or small tree up to 10' tall. Grows more shrubby in standing water - the fruit attracts more than 25 species of waterfowl. Full sun to afternoon shade.

***Hibiscus* sp. 'Shirley Temple' - Shirley Temple Hibiscus** – Incredible 5" pale pink blooms with coral-red centers and a long coral-red stamen make you feel like you're in the tropics! Blooms from spring to fall. Beautiful dark green glossy foliage with an upright growth habit. Can easily be kept pruned as a thick 3'-6' blooming shrub or shaped into a 6'-9' tree form. Tough, root hardy tropical hibiscus, may be evergreen in mild winters. Full sun or light shade.

***Prunus* sp. 'Hirome' - Hirome Dwarf Cherry** – A dwarf flowering & producing cherry grown as a 3'-4' "shrub". In very early spring, every stem is covered with pink flowers & later in the year it produces ½" red cherries that are actually edible! Tart, but edible. The fruit is also very ornamental & a great bird attractor! Full sun to light shade & a moist, well-drained soil.

***Rosa* 'Ducher' - Ducher Rose** – What can we say about this spectacular shrub rose except we LOVE it! Ducher seems to be blooming all the time, is disease and insect free, is fragrant, has lovely reddish new growth and white double flowers – it is thought to be the only white China rose. Grows 3'-4' x 3'-4'. Likes sun, but is surprisingly tolerant of partial sun as well. Practically maintenance free, Ducher is a favorite among landscapers and rosarians simply because it is one of the best roses grown.

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. '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. 'Coral Drift' - Coral Drift – Drift® Roses are repeat blooming, compact roses perfect for any size garden –easy to grow! Coral Drift® has bright coral-orange blooms on a small, mounding bush. Plant in full sun. Grows 1½'hx2½'w. Disease resistant, drought tolerant. No need to dead head – self-cleaning. As with other roses, cut back every year in early spring.

Vines

Bignonia capreolata 'Tangerine Beauty' - Tangerine Beauty Crossvine – A strong, vigorous semi-evergreen to evergreen native vine that produces a spectacular display of bright orange-red trumpet flowers in spring. Crossvine grows well in full sun or light shade & has little tendrils that cling tightly to walls, fences, trees, & other surfaces. Will tolerate drought & occasional flooding conditions. Hummingbirds.

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 'Pura Vida Purple' - Pura Vida Purple Passionflower – Deep crimson flowers with recurving petals and a distinctive purple and white-tipped corona. Flowers all year. Passion vines are easy to grow and will tolerate a wide range of conditions. Sun or light shade and preferably a moist, well-drained soil. Host plant for Gulf Fritillary Butterflies.

Tomatoes, Fruit & Herbs

Tomatoes

Better Boy – Giant. A spectacular, midseason variety with plump, juicy, deep red tomatoes that often weigh more than one pound. And once they arrive they just keep on coming! Fruits are extremely flavorful with flesh that's juicy, yet firm. Heavy foliage protects fruits from sun-scald. A highly adaptable variety that thrives in nearly any climate. Demonstrates excellent disease resistance. Indeterminate.

Big Beef – Combines combining traditionally delicious flavor with today's disease resistance. Old-fashioned, rich flavor with colossal fruit size and yield, uniformity and a full spectrum of disease resistance. Smooth fruits are globe-shaped, weighing 9 oz. to one pound. Indeterminate.

Black Krim – A most unusual novelty. Fruits are a dark, deep red (almost a shiny black) with heavy green shoulders. Interior is a deep, reddish-green color. Sweet and tasty. Matures extremely early. Indeterminate.

Brandywine – An Amish heirloom that dates back to 1885 and is generally considered to be the world's best-flavored tomato. Plants look like potato vines with good yields of extra-large (weighing up to 1-1/2 lbs.), firm, and clear-skinned, light rosy-pink fruits. Indeterminate.

Celebrity – Med-Large Hybrid. Semi-determinate: This AAS Award Winner established a new standard for main-crop hybrids requiring multiple disease resistance. Highly adaptable from Canada to the South. Medium sized, globe-shaped fruits are crack-resistant and average 7 oz.

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.

Estiva – Classic round red slicer. 6-7 oz. tomatoes resist cracking and are remarkably uniform. High production and premium flavor. Estiva produces over a long season, and responds well to heat and drought stress. Good disease resistance. Indeterminate.

Gold Medal – Bi-colored fruits are orange-yellow with red, and flesh is streaked with red and flavorful. The 1-3 lb fruits are flattened. The firm flesh is sweet and mild, with little acid; great for fresh eating. Indeterminate.

Igleheart Yellow Cherry – Sweet, rich, half-inch fruit. Taste test award winner. Early maturing. Indeterminate.

Mr. Stripecy – Large open pollinated. Red and yellow-striped heirloom variety that adds color to any gourmet salad bar. Large, ridge-shouldered fruits are mild-flavored and low in acid. Indeterminate.

New Girl – Early, but bigger than Early Girl. Improved disease resistance. Great tart "real tomato" flavor. Bright red fruits that hold well on the vine. Indeterminate.

Sungold – Very early. Fruity or tropical flavor. Thin-skinned bright apricot-orange fruits are 1¼" across and grow on long, 10-15 fruit, grape-like trusses. Indeterminate.

Sweet Million – Early-producing sweet-tasting cherry tomato that continues on through the growing season, producing many clusters of small, bright red fruit. Crack-resistant. Plants need to be staked or caged. Indeterminate.

Herbs

***Foeniculum vulgare* 'Rubrum' - Bronze Fennel** – Soft feathery aromatic foliage with yellow blooms against delicate bronze-green leaves. It has a very distinct flavor of licorice. Great plant for **supporting beneficial insects** as well as **butterfly larvae** and a great host plant for the **swallowtail butterfly**. Grows to 4' and needs full sun to part shade with soil that is loose rich and well drained.

***Mentha x gracilis* - Ginger Mint** – Mints are fragrant, edible, easy to grow and just down right lovely. They like sun or partial sun. Mints get a bad rap for their ability to spread in the garden –but, this can be a plus if you plant them in areas where nothing else grows! They are wonderful in pots also. Mints like to be cut back –they'll stay fuller and produce more and more leaves the more you cut them. Last for days in a vase as well. Ginger mint has a wonderful minty fragrance with just a hint of spicy ginger.

***Mentha x piperita var. citrata* - Zesty Orange Mint** – Orange mint has a citrus aroma and flavor –a nice addition to the mint family. Grows in shade or sun. Blooms are tiny lavender colored flowers –blooms best when grown in sun. Needs ample water in full sun. As mints can "run" in the garden, thin regularly or grow in containers. Easy to pull up. Perennial. Bees & butterflies! Cut and use mint often for a tidier appearance. Tolerates almost any soil type. Will grow around fountains where splashing may occur.

***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.

***Petroselinum crispum* - Curly Parsley** – Parsley – a beautiful and edible edition for every garden! Cold hardy & can make it through our summers with a bit of shade. Biennial. Host plant for the black swallowtail butterfly. Makes a nice border for flower beds. A great filler for cut flower arrangements.

***Rosemarinus officinallis* - Upright Rosemary** – An evergreen shrub with aromatic foliage that is also a culinary herb! Forms a 3' x 3' mound. 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.

***Rosemarinus sp. 'Prostrata'* - 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.

Fruit

***Citrus limon x meyeri* - Improved Meyer Lemon FD** – The Meyer lemon tree is considered the world's gourmet lemon. The fruit is sourest in August, and sweetest in January. Although it bears heavily November through April, the tree is ever bearing - flowers and fruit are present on the tree at the same time. Meyer grows to about 10' tall and 8'-10' wide and produces heavy crops year after year. Allowed to ripen on the tree, the rind turns golden. Meyer tolerates temperatures down to 29°F. If Meyer freezes to the ground in hard freeze (every 20 years) it will grow and produces again in 18 months. The tree is believed a hybrid between *Citrus limon*, the lemon, and *Citrus reticulata*, the mandarin orange.

***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!!