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Watersaver Plant List
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Common Name	Scientific Name	Height	Remarks
TREES - Small: 15-25 Feet; Medium: 25-40 Feet; Large: 40 Feet and Higher (60'+)			
Anacacho, Orchid tree	Bauhania congesta	S-M	Semi-Evergreen, tree-shrub, white flower clusters
Anaqua, Sandpaper tree	Ehretia anacua	M-L	Evergreen broadleaf; white flower clusters
Arizona Cypress	Cupressus arizonica	M-L	Evergreen conifer; gray green foliage; pyrimidal shape
Ashe Juniper	Juniperus ashei	S-M	Evergreen conifer; green foliage, females fruit
Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum	L	Deciduous conifer; fine textured foliage; fall color
Bur Oak	Quercus macrocarpa	L	Deciduous; large acorns and leaves, good shade tree
California Fan Palm	Washingtonia filifera	L	Fan-leaved, full sun
Carolina Buckthorn	Rhamnus caroliniana	S-M	Semi-Evergreen; sun-shade, glossy leaves, reddish fruit
Cedar Elm	Ulmus crassifolia	M-L	Deciduous; more narrow canopy, good shade tree for R.O.Ws
Chinquapin Oak	Quercus muhlenbergii	M-L	Deciduous; round-topped tree; bold foliage
Condalia, Brazil Tree, Bluewood Condalia	Condalia hookeri, C. viridis	S-M	Evergreen; delicate foliage; drought tolerant; sun-shade, good shade tree
Crabapple, Texas	Mollis texana	S-M	Deciduous, full to partial sun, spring flowering tree
Crepe Myrtle	Lagerstroemia sp.	M	Deciduous, blooms, attractive bark, full sun
Deodar Cedar	Cedrus deodara	L	Evergreen; spreading pyrimidal shape
Desert Willow	Chilopsis linearis	S	Deciduous; pink tubular flowers; willow-like foliage, very drought tolerant
Ebony, Texas	Pithecellobium flexicaule	S	Evergreen; sun; white flowers
Escarpment Black Cherry	Prunus serotina var. eximia	M-L	Deciduous; sun to shade; fall foliage
Eve's Necklace	Sophora affinis	M-L	Deciduous; sun-shade; white to pink flowers
Goldenball Lead Tree	Leucaena retusa	S-M	Deciduous; delicate foliage; fragrant yellow flowers
Hackberry	Celtis spp.	M-L	Deciduous; prolific; wildlife favorite
Huisache	Acacia farnesiana	M	Deciduous; delicate foliage; fragrant yellow flowers
Kidneywood	Eysenhardtia polystachya	S	Deciduous; delicate tree-shrub; fragrant white flowers
Lacy Oak	Quercus laceyi	M	Deciduous; sun-partial shade; hill county native, good shade tree
Live Oak	Quercus virginiana	M-L	Evergreen-like; good shade tree
Loquat	Eriobotrya japonica	S	Evergreen, large tropical-looking leaves, fragrant flowers, fruit may follow
Mesquite	Prosopis glandulosa	S-M	Deciduous; lacy spreading form
Mexican Buckeye	Ungnadia speciosa	S	Deciduous; pink-red spring flowers
Pecan	Carya illinoensis	L+	Deciduous; needs lots of space; sensative to root impact
Persimmon, Texas	Diospyros texana	S-M	Deciduous; sun-shade, smooth bark; females has black pulpy fruit
Plum, Mexican	Prunus mexicana	S	Deciduous; sun to shade; white flowers, fruit
Possum Haw	Ilex decidua	S-M	Deciduous; sun-shade; female has red fruit
Red Oak, Shumard	Quercus shumardii	L	Deciduous; fall color, good shade tree
Red Oak, Texas	Quercus texana	M	Deciduous; fall color, good shade tree
Redbud, Texas, Oklahoma, Mexican	Cercis canadensis var texana	S-M	Deciduous; sun-shade, red/pink or white flowers
Retama, Paloverde	Parkinsonia texana	S-M	Deciduous; fast growing, yellow flowers
Rusty Blackhaw	Viburnum rufidulum	S	Deciduous; fall color, white flower clusters
Silk-tassle	Garrya ovata	S	Evergreen; sun-shade
Spiny Hackberry	Celtis pallida	S	Evergreen; greenish white flowers, yellow orange fruit
Sycamore, Mexican	Platanus mexicana	L+	Deciduous; large leaves, good shade tree
Sycamore, Texas	Platanus glabrata	L+	Deciduous; large leaves, good shade tree
Texas Ash, Green Ash	Fraxinus sp.	M-L	Deciduous; fast growing
Texas Mountain Laurel	Sophora secundiflora	S	Evergreen, part shade to full sun; fragrant purple flowers
Texas Pistache	Pistacia texana	S	Semi-Evergreen; full sun to part-shade; red fruit

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Texas Sabal Palm	<i>Sabal texana</i>	M	Sun, slow growing, cold hardy palm
Texas Smoke Tree	<i>Cotinus obovatus</i>	M	Deciduous, mid-spring purple to pink, 12" panicles
Vitex, Chaste Tree, False Hemp Tree, Lavender	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	S-M	Deciduous; purple, pink, or white flower spikes
Wafer Ash, Hop tree	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	S	Semi-Evergreen; sun-shade; light green foliage
Western Soapberry	<i>Sapindus drummondii</i>	M-L	Deciduous; full to partial sun; good shade tree, cluster large yellow flowers
Wild Olive	<i>Cordia boissiereri</i>	S-M	Semi-Evergreen; large white flowers, hardy to ~14oF
Yaupon Holly	<i>Ilex vomitora</i>	S-M	Evergreen; sun-shade; female has red fruit
SHRUBS			
Large (Not Taller than Twenty-Five (25) Feet at Maturity)			
Bay	<i>Laurel nobilis</i>	6'-12'	Evergreen, sun-part sun, fragrant leaves
Buckeye	<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	6'-12'	Deciduous (even in dry weather), shade, yellow or red flowers
California Fan Palm	<i>Washingtonia filifera</i>	40'	Fan-leaved, full sun
Evergreen Sumac	<i>Rhus virens</i>	4'-15'	Evergreen, sun-shade, red fruit
Flameleaf Sumac	<i>Rhus lanceolata</i>	5'-15'	Sun-partial shade; deciduous; red berries in fall; fall color
Golden Ball Lead Tree	<i>Leucaena retusa</i>	12'-15'	Deciduous, part shade to full sun, 1" globes, fragrant
Lavender Tree	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	20'	Sun, lavender blue flowers
Mexican Buckeye	<i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>	8'-12'	Deciduous, part shade to full sun, bloom early spring, pink
Oleander	<i>Nerium oleander</i>	4'-20'	Sun, white, yellow, pink, salmon, red
Possumhaw Holly	<i>Ilex decidua</i>	15'	Deciduous, red or orange fruit ripens
Rose of Sharon	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>	15'	Sun, partial-shade, white, pink, lavender and red flowers
Rusty Blackhaw	<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>	12'-15'	Deciduous, leaves turn red, mauve, purple, orange and yellow in fall
Texas Persimmon	<i>Diospyros texana</i>	10'-15'	Deciduous, full sun, part shade, black fruit
Texas Pistache	<i>Pistacia texana</i>	6'-12'	Semi-evergreen, sun
Windmill Palm	<i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>	10'	Sun, partial-shade, slow growing, cold tolerant
SHRUBS			
Medium (Not Taller than Ten (10) Feet at Maturity)			
Agarita	<i>Mahonia trifoliata</i>	5'-9'	Holly-like evergreen foliage; yellow spring; red edible berries; sun-shade
Burford Holly	<i>Ilex cornuta</i>	6'	Sun, partial-shade, evergreen, dark green leaves, red berries
Cenizo, Texas Sage	<i>Leucophyllum sp.</i>	5'-9'	Dusty gray evergreen foliage; sun, purple - pink flowers
Chinese Horned Holly	<i>Ilex cornuta</i>	5'	Sun, red berry
Elbow Bush	<i>Forestiera pubescens</i>	3'-6'	Deciduous; sun-shade, small white flowers, black fruit
Eleagnus	<i>Eleagnus Fruitlandi</i>	6'-8'	Sun, partial-shade, evergreen, grey-green foliage
Forsythia	<i>Forsythia intermedia</i>	5'-7'	Deciduous, sun, partial-sun, brilliant yellow flowers
Fragrant Sumac	<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	3'-6'	Deciduous; part shade, fall color
Glossy Abelia	<i>Abelia grandiflora</i>	5'-9'	Bronze evergreen foliage; white or pink; sun, part shade
Gold Star Esperanza	<i>Tecoma stans</i>	4'	Sun, overblooming tropical shrub, golden-yellow flowers
Green Pittosporum	<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	8'	Sun, partial-shade, glossy foliage, clusters of fragrant creamy white
Hogplum	<i>Colubrina texensis</i>	4'-6'	Sun, partial-shade, fragrant blooms
Indian Hawthorne	<i>Raphiolepis indica</i>	2'-10'	Sun, partial-shade, pink, rose, white flowers
Italian Jasmine	<i>Jasminum humile</i>	4'-6'	Small dark glossy green leaves, yellow spring flowers
Juniper	<i>Juniperus sp.</i>	5'-10'	Tough evergreen; many varieties; sun, part shade
Mutablis Rose, Butterfly Rose, Old Blush	<i>Rosa chinensis x (Mutablis)</i>	3'-5'	Sun, large single petal flowers change color as ages
Nandina Heavenly Bamboo	<i>Nandina domestica</i>	6'	Sun, partial-shade, red, orange, purple, yellow foliage in fall, red berries
Pomegranate	<i>Punica granatum</i>	5'-10'	Sun, upright shrub; orange blooms; edible fruit; dwarf variety
Primrose Jasmine	<i>Jasminum mesnyi</i>	5'-8'	Evergreen, sun-shade, sprawling, yellow flowers

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Southern Wax Myrtle	Myrica cerifera	3'-8'	Evergreen, sun-shade, compact variety, available
Variiegated Pittosporum	Pittosporum tobira	10'	Sun, partial-shade, cluster of fragrant white flowers
White Brush	Aloysia gratissima	4'-8'	Delicate; fragrant white flower; suckers, can be used as a hedge
Winter Honeysuckle	Lonicera Fragrantissima	8'-10'	Sun, partial-shade, fragrant, clusters of white flowers in winter
SHRUBS			
<i>Small (Not Taller than Five (6) Feet at Maturity)</i>			
Agave, Century Plant	Agave americana	3'-5'	Sun, rosette, spine-tipped leaves
American Beautyberry	Callicarpa americana	3-4'	Deciduous, fruit in fall and winter, purple, part shade
Barbados Cherry	Malpighia glabra	2'-4'	Evergreen, pink flowers, red fruit, sun-shade
Barberry	Berberis thunbergii atropurpurea	3'-5'	Evergreen; sun-part shade, color foliage
Bridal Wreath Spirea	Spirea cantoniensis	2'-6'	Sun, partial-shade, white, pink, red flowers in spring and summer
China Rose	Chinensis sp.	2'-4'	Sun, partial-shade, multi-color pink, white
Dwarf Palmetto	Sabal minor	3'-5'	Shady, evergreen, white bloom clusters
Flame Acanthus	Anisacanthus wrightii	3'-4'	Deciduous, summer to frost orange to pumpkin yellow
Flowering Quince	Chaenomeles japonica	3'-6'	Deciduous, sun or part sun, variety of pink, white, rosy, red-orange
Glossy Abelia	Abelia grandiflora	6'	Sun or part sun, evergreen, white summer flowers, tinged pink
Grayleaf Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster glaucophylla	3'-5'	Sprawling evergreen shrub; dusty gray foliage; sun, part shade
Juniper	Juniperus sp.	2'-5'	Evergreen shrubs; many varieties available; sun
Mexican Butterfly Weed	Asclepias tuberosa	3'	Broad clusters of orange flowers
Mexican Oregano	Poliomentha longiflora	2'-3'	Evergreen, sun, pink flowers
Red Yucca	Hesperaloe parviflora	3'-4'	Sun, rosette, narrow leaves
Rock rose	Pavonia lasiopetala	2'-4'	Deciduous; sub-shrub, pink or purple flowers
Rosemary, Upright	Rosmarinus officinalis	3'-5'	Evergreen, sun-part shade; blue flowers
Turk's Cap	Malvaviscus drummondii	4'-5'	Sun or part sun, flowers with bright red petals
White Boneset	Eupatorium havense	1'-2'	Deciduous, sun, partial-shade, fragrant white to pale pink
Yucca	Hesperaloe parviflora	3'-4'	Sun, rosette, narrow leaves, white flowers
ANNUALS			
Mexican Sunflower	Tithonia rotundifolia	3'-4'	Sun, vivid scarlet orange flowers
Moss Rose	Portulaca grandiflora	1'	Sun, red, pink, white, yellow, orange flowers
Pentas	Pentas lanceolata	1'-2'	Part shade, full sun; pink, violet, red, white flowers
Periwinkle	Vinca minor	1'	Shade, lavender blue flowers
Purslane	Portulaca oleracea	1'	Sun, pink, lavender, white, yellow, orange flowers
Zinnia	Zinnia hybrida 'Profusion'	1'-2'	Sun, red, orange, pink, yellow, white flowers
VINES			
Autumn Clematis	Clematis sp.	n/a	Evergreen; fragrant white fall; sun, part shade
Carolina Jessamine	Gelsemium sempervirens	n/a	Evergreen; yellow spring; sun, part shade
Confederate Jasmine	Trachelospermum jasminoides	n/a	Evergreen; fragrant white spring; sun, part shade
Coral honeysuckle	Lonicera sempervirens	n/a	Almost Evergreen; red blooms; part shade to full sun
Coral vine, Queen's wreath	Antigonon leptopus	n/a	Pink flowers in late summer and fall; sun
Fig Ivy	Ficus pumila (repens)	n/a	Evergreen; clings to walls; sun, part shade
Improved Trumpet Vine	Campsis radicans	n/a	Sun, partial-sun, large orange flowers
Lady Banks Rose	Rosa banksiae	n/a	Sun, clusters of miniature yellow double blooms
Mermaid Rose	Rosa x Bracteaeta	n/a	Sun, fragrant white flowers, vigorous climber
Rosa X	Fortuniana Rosa x	n/a	Sun, fragrant white flowers, vigorous climber
Scarlet Clematis	Clematis texana	n/a	Sun, partial-shade, spring and summer blooms; red, rust, maroon, rose-pink

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Silverlace Vine	Polygonum ambertii	n/a	Fluffy masses of white; sun, part shade
Virginia Creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	n/a	Deciduous, sun, partial-shade, clings to walls, fall color
GROUND COVER			
Asiatic Jasmine	Trachelospermum asiaticum	n/a	Evergreen; green or variegated foliage; sun, part shade, no flowers
Blue Shade	Ruellia sp.	n/a	Deciduous, sun, partial shade, blue flowers
Confederate Jasmine	Trachelospermum jasminoides	n/a	Evergreen; fragrant, white spring flowers; sun, part shade
English Ivy	Hedera helix	n/a	Shade, climbs walls and fences 15'-20', dark green foliage
Frogfruit	Phyla incisa	n/a	Semi-evergreen, creeper, sun-part sun, white flowers
Katie' Ruellia	Ruellia spp.	n/a	Evergreen, sun-shade, rosette with purple or pink flowers
Lantana purple, gold	Lantana sp.	n/a	Deciduous, sun, purple, white or yellow flowers
Liriope	Liriope muscari	1'-2'	Partial-shade, dark green grass-like foliage, lilac-purple flowers
Monkey Grass	Ophiopogon japonicus	n/a	Shade, leaves are dark green and grassy
Pigeonberry	Rivina humilis	n/a	Semi-evergreen shrub
Rosemary, prostrate	Rosmarinus officinalis	n/a	Evergreen sub-shrub, sun to part sun, blue flowers
Santolina	Santolina sp.	n/a	Species with green or silver foliage; sun
Texas Columbine	Aquilegia spp.	1'-2'	Partial-shade, tall blue gray plant with large bright yellow flowers
Trailing Juniper	Juniperus sp.	n/a	Several varieties available; not suitable for wet, humid areas; sun
Verbena	Verbena spp.	n/a	Sun, partial-shade, pink, purple, white, red flowers
Vinca	Vinca major	n/a	Sun, partial-shade, rose, pink, white flowers
GRASSES, TURF			
Bermuda grass	Cynodon dactylon	n/a	Excellent drought tolerance; poor shade tolerance; sun
Buffalogras	Buchloe dactyloides	4" -6"	Excellent drought tolerance; poor shade tolerance; sun
Prairie mix	n/a	8" -12"	Mixture of Texas native Bunch, can add wildflowers
Zoysia	Zoysia sp.	2"	Sun, limited shade, dense turf, slow grower, drought tolerant
PERENNIALS			
Autumn Sage	Salvia greggii	2'-3'	White, red, pink, salmon; spring to fall flowers; sun
Baby sun	Coreopsis grandiflora	1'-2'	Sun, partial-sun, spring and summer golden yellow blooms
Bearded Iris	Iris xiphoides	1'-2'	Sun, partial-sun, purple, lavender, blue, white, yellow, rust-red orange flowers
Blackfoot Daisy	Melampodium leucanthum	1'	Sun, slight shade, low spreading plant, narrow gray leaves, white daisy-like
Blue Plumbago	Plumbago auriculata	3'	Sun, partial-shade, Blue, white; summer to fall flowers
Bouncing Bet	Sapinaria officinallis	1'	Sun, partial-shade, clear pink flowers in late spring resemble phlox
Butterfly Gaura	Gaura lindheimeri	2'-3'	Sun, partial-shade, fragrant white flowers, dormant in winter
Butterfly Weed	Asclepias spp.	3'	Semi-hardy perennial, orange flowers
Cigar Plant	Cuphea micropetala	3'-4'	Red, yellow; summer to fall flowers; sun
Daylily	Hemerocallis sp.	1'-4'	Sun, partial-shade, yellow, orange, red, pink, purples, near whites, black
Fall Aster	Aster spp.	2'-3'	Semi-evergreen, sun-part sun, blue or white
Firebush	Hamelia patens	3'-5'	Reddish orange; summer to fall flowers; sun
Garden Canna	Canna x Generalis	1'-3'	Sun, partial sun, red, orange, yellow, pink, white, salmon flowers
Gayfeather	Liatris sp.	2'-3'	Sun, partial-sun, upright floral spikes, orchid-pink or creamy white
Goldstrum Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia fulgida	1'-4'	Sun, golden-yellow daisy-like flowers, blackish-brown disks bloom
Hinckley's Columbine	Aquilegia hinckleyana	18"	Yellow; spring flowers; shade
Indian Blanket	Gaillardia sp.	1'	Sun, partial sun, red, orange, flower with a yellow scalloped edge
Indigo Spires Sage	Salvia spp.	2'-3'	Semi-evergreen, sun, dark blue flowers
Lantana	Lantana sp.	1'-6'	Many colors; spring to fall flowers; sun
Louisiana Iris	Iris spp.	1'-3'	Sun, partial-shade, large yellow, white and red flowers

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Maximillian Sunflowers	Helianthus maximiliani	4'-6'	Sun, partial-shade, yellow flowers, dormant in winter
Mealy Cup Sage	Salvia farinacea	3'	Sun, partial-shade; blue, white, purple flowers
Mexican Milkweed	A. curassavica	1'-3'	Sun, partial-shade, two-toned red and orange flowers
Mexican Oregano	Poliomenantha longiflora	1'-3'	Evergreen; pink; summer flowers; sun
Mexican Petunia	Ruellia sp.	1'-3'	Evergreen; tolerates shade; purple, pink, white flowers, suckers
Mexican Sage	Salvia leucantha	3'-4'	Semi-evergreen; blue; spring to fall flowers; sun
Mist flower, Boneset	Eupatorium spp.	2'-4'	Hardy perennial, white to blue flowers
Muhly Grass	Muehlenbergia lindheimeri	1'-3"	Sun, partial-shade, feathery deep pink in the fall, dormant in winter
Pavonia, Rockrose	Pavonia lasiopetala	2'-3'	Sun, partial-shade, pink flowers, almost evergreen
Perennial verbena	Verbena sp.	6"-1'	Many colors; spring to fall flowers; sun
Pigeonberry	Rivina humilis	1'-2'	Semi-evergreen shrub
Purple Cone Flower	Echinacea purpurea	2'	Sun, hardy perennial, rosette with pink or white flowers
Rain Lily	Zephyranthes sp.	1'	Sun, partial-shade, yellow, white, pink, rose tubular flowers
Rock rose	Pavonia lasiopetala	2'-4'	Deciduous; sub-shrub, pink or purple flowers
Rosemary	Rosmarinus officinalis	1'-4'	Sun, part shade; blue flowers
Shrimp Plant	Justicia spp.	1'-2'	Hardy perennial, sun-part sun; orange, red flowers
Skullcap	Scutellaria frutescens	1'	Evergreen sub-shrub; pink or purple flowers
Standing Cypress	Lpomopsis rubra	2'-4'	Sun, partial-shade, red, yellow spires
Sweet Violet	Viola odorata	1'	Sun, partial-shade, purple, deep blue sweet violets
Texas Betony	Stachys coccinea	1'-2'	Evergreen, gray-green; red tubular flowers
Texas Gold Columbine	Aguilegia spp.	1'-3'	Sun, partial-shade, large, bright yellow flowers bloom in late spring
Tropical Sage	Salvia coccinea	2'-3'	Evergreen, red, pink blooms; part shade to full sun
Turk's Cap	Malvaviscus drummondii	1'-4'	Shade; red flowers
White Rain Lily	Zephyranthes candida	1'	Ephemeral; sun, part shade; white
Yarrow	Achillea spp.	1'-3'	Sun, partial-shade, bright yellow, white, red, pink, salmon, lavender flowers
Zexmenia	Wedelia hispida	1'-2'	Sun, partial-shade, orangy yellow daisies, evergreen to dormant in winter
PALMS			
California Fan Palm	Washingtonia filifera	15'-60'	Tree-like palm; sun. Hybrids with W. robusta can be taller
Butia or Jelly Palm	Butia capitata	10'-15'	Feather palm with blue-green leaves; sun
Canary Island Date Palm	Phoenix canariensis	40'	Beautiful feather palm; may be damaged in very cold winters
Dwarf Palmetto	Sabal minor	3'-7'	Trunkless, bushy palm; sun, part shade
European Fan Palm	Chamaerops humilis	6'-12'	Tough, clumping fan palm with spiny petioles
Mazari Palm	Nannorrhops ritchiana	6'-25'	Slow growing fan palm with blue-green leaves
Mexican Blue Palm	Brahea armata	12'-25'	Fan palm with blue-green leaves; sun
Needle Palm	Rhapidophyllum hystrix	5'-6'	Clumping shrublike palm foliage for sun to part shade
Silver Saw Palmetto	Sorenoa repens	3'-6'	Clumping low palm in both blue and green forms
Texas Palmetto	Sabal texana	10'-25'	Tall, native Texas palm; sun
Windmill Palm	Trachycarpus fortunei	10'-35'	Tree-like; sun; not considered a canopy; good foundation plant
ORNAMENTAL GRASSES			
Big Bluestem	Andropogon gerardii	3'-8'	Full sun, partial-shade, three-toed turkey foot shape of flowering spikelets
Eastern Gamagrass	Tripsacum dactyloides	2'-3'	Dense, part shade, full sun, dormant in winter, sharp edges
Fountain Grass	Pennisetum ruppelii	3'-5'	Sun, densely clumped growth form
Inland Seaoats	Chasmanthium latifolium	2'-3'	Shade, dappled shade, part shade
Little Bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	3'	Sun, partial-shade, bunchgrass, bluegreen in summer, copper Oct.-March
Muhly Grass	Muehlenbergia lindheimeri	3'	Evergreen, part shade, full sun

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Pampas Grass	<i>Cordaderia selloana</i>	7'	Coarse, full sun, makes good border
Purple Fountain Grass	<i>Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum'</i>	5'	Delicate color accent; full sun
Sideoats Grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	2'-3'	Dappled shade, part shade, full sun
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	3'	Sun, partial-shade, stands out in tall grass prairie by turning a rich gold in fall