

Drought-Tolerant Plants for Deer Country

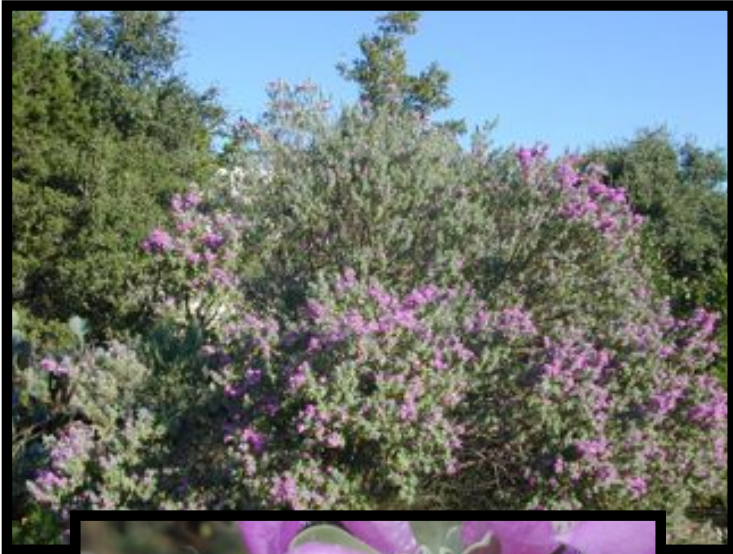
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Shrubs and Trees

Cenzio

Leucophyllum frutescens

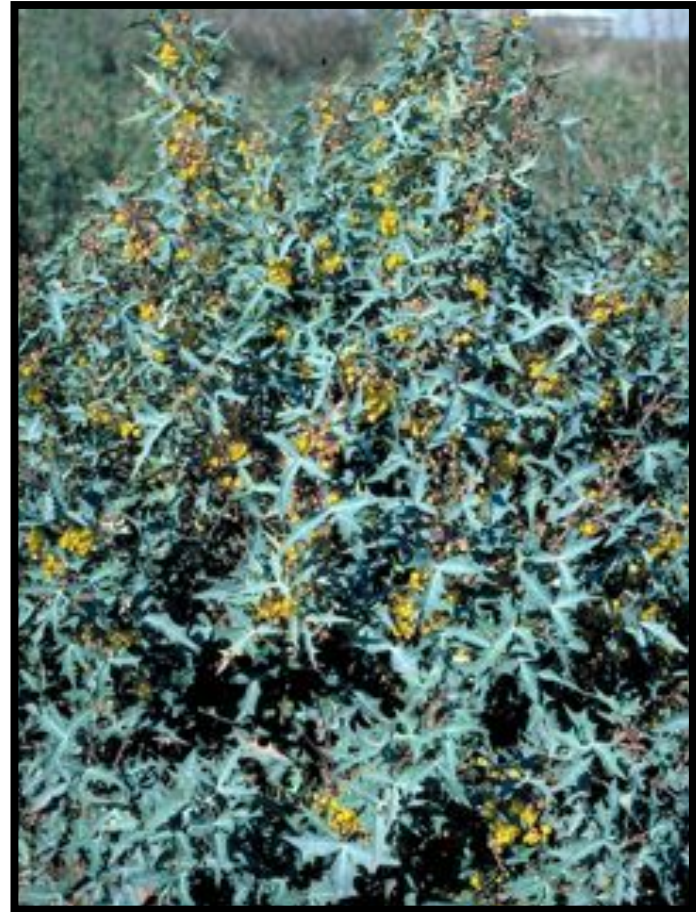


- Bloom: intermittently all year, esp. after rain
- Dry; Sun; Part Shade
- 3'-5' Tall
- Good nectar source for bees

Agarita

Mahonia trifoliolata

- Bloom: Feb-Mar
- Berries: Apr-May (edible)
- Evergreen
- Cover/Food for birds, early nectar source for bees



Anacacho Orchid

Bauhinia lunaroides



- Bloom: Mar-May and after summer-fall rains
- Part-shade
- Deciduous
- Fragrant nectar source

Desert Willow

Chilopsis linearis



- Bloom: Apr-Sep
- Many cultivars and flower colors
- Deciduous
- Medicinal- used for cough and bronchial problems in Mexico
- Attracts hummingbirds and pollinators

Woolly Butterfly Bush (Dry Year)

- *Buddleja marrubiifolia*

- Bloom: Jun-Nov
- DRY, Part Shade
- 3'-6' tall
- Attracts butterflies



Autumn Sage

Salvia Greggii



- Bloom: Mar-Nov
- Dry; Full Sun
- Semi-evergreen; 2'-3'
- Attracts hummingbirds & bees and butterflies
- Leaves and flowers are edible

Flame Acanthus

Anisacanthus quadrifidus var. wrightii



- Bloom: Jun-Oct
- Dry; Sun/Part Shade
- Deciduous
- Attracts hummingbirds & butterflies
- Aggressive spreader

Lantana

Lantana urticoides

- Bloom: Apr-Oct
- Dry; Full Sun
- Deciduous; 3'-6'
- Attracts butterflies & birds



White Mistflower

Ageratina havanensis



- Bloom: Oct-Nov
- Dry, well-drained; Full Sun
- Deciduous; 3'-6'
- Attracts butterflies & hummingbirds
- Good for woodland edge



Fragrant Mimosa

Mimosa borealis



- Bloom: Mar-Jul
- Sun / Part-Shade
- Dry, well-drained soil
- Deciduous; 3'-6'
- Nectar source for bees and butterflies
- Good for woodland edge

Mexican Honeysuckle

Justicia spicigera

- Bloom: Mar-Nov
- Dry/Moist; Sun/Part Shade
- Semi-evergreen, but will die to the ground in extreme cold; 4'-6' Tall
- Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies and bees



Pride of Barbados

Caesalpinia pulcherrima

- Bloom: Jun-Nov
- DRY; Full Sun
- 4'-8' Tall
- Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies



Perennials

Milkweed

Asclepias sp.

- Bloom: Jun-Nov
- Moist; Full sun
- Larval host for Monarch & Queen
- Host for beneficial insects



Turk's Cap

Malvaviscus drummondii



- Bloom: May-Nov
- Dry; Part Shade/Shade
- 3'-6' Tall
- Attracts birds, hummingbirds, & mammals



Blackfoot Daisy

Melampodium leucanthum



- Bloom: Mar-Nov
- Dry; Sun/Part Shade
- Honey-scented
- Attracts, bees, butterflies and some birds



Sundrops

Calylophus berlandieri



- Bloom: Mar-Sep
- Dry; Sun/Part Shade
- Blooms are 2" across
- 4-20" tall
- Excellent rock garden plant

Horsemint

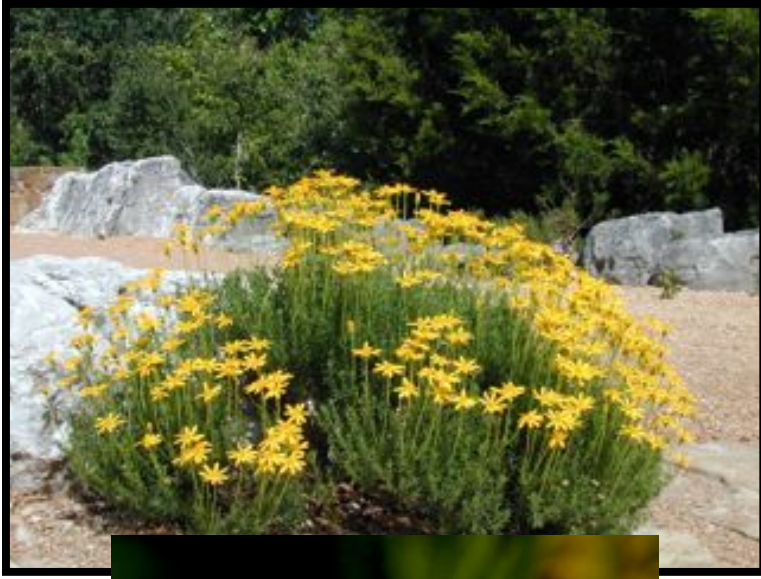
Monarda citriodora

- Bloom: May-Jul
- Dry; Sun/Part Shade
- 1-2' Tall
- Attracts bees and butterflies
- Forms large colonies; can become aggressive in optimum conditions



Damianita

Chrysactinia mexicana



- Bloom: Apr-Sep
- DRY; Full Sun
- Aromatic foliage
- Food source for nectar insects
- Deer resistant

Cedar Sage

Salvia roemeriana



- Bloom: Mar-Aug
- Dry; Part Shade
- Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies
- Flowers are edible

Scarlet Sage

Salvia coccinea

- Bloom: Feb-Oct
- Dry: Sun/Part Shade/Shade
- Food source for hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies
- Fairly deer resistant



Zexmenia

Wedelia texana

- Blooms: May-Nov
- Dry; Sun/Part Shade
- 1'-3' Tall
- Attracts butterflies



Huisache Daisy

Amblyolepis setigera

- Blooms: Mar-Jun
- Dry; Part Shade
- 6-15" Tall
- Attracts butterflies



Datura

Datura wrightii

- Blooms: May-Nov
- Dry; Sun/Part Shade
- 2-3' Tall
- Night-blooming
- Extracts are narcotic and potentially lethal



Prairie Verbena

Glandularia bipinnatifida

- Blooms: Mar-Oct
- Part Shade
- 6"-12" Tall
- Nectar source



Pink Skullcap

Scutellaria suffrutescens



- Blooms: May-Oct
- Dry; Full Sun
- Attracts hummingbirds & butterflies



Heartleaf Skullcap

Scutellaria ovata



- Blooms: Apr-Jun
- Part-Shade / Shade
- Evergreen in winter
- Attracts hummingbirds, bees, & butterflies
- Colonizes vigorously by underground fleshy roots
- Has oily glands on leaves

Texas Betony

Stachys coccinea



- Blooms: Mar-Oct
- Part Shade
- 1-3' Tall
- Attracts hummingbirds

Santolina

Santolina chamaecyparissus



- Blooms: Apr-May
- DRY; Full Sun
- 12-18" Tall
- Evergreen



Fall Aster

Symphyotrichum oblongifolium



- Bloom: Sep-Nov
- Dry; Sun/Part Shade
- Deciduous; 1'-3'
- Cut back to 1/2 in Jun; cut back to rosette in Feb



Four-Nerve Daisy

Tetrameuris scaposa



- Bloom: Mar-Oct
- DRY, Sun/Part Shade
- Semi-evergreen; 1'-2'
- Nectar source
- Deer resistant



Groundcovers

Gregg Dalea

Dalea greggii



- Bloom: May-Sep
- 4-9" tall
- Sun-Part Shade
- Prefers dry, well-drained soil
- Water no more than twice/month during dry summers
- Attracts butterflies and bees



Wooly Stemodia

Stemodia lanata



- Bloom: Apr-Nov
- 4-10" tall
- Sun
- Prefers sandy, well-drained, dry soil
- Good for trailing over the sides of containers

Artemisia sp.

Artemisia 'Powis Castle'



- Bloom: Insignificant
- 2-3' tall
- Sun or Shade
- Aromatic foliage
- Shear in spring for compact, bushy form.

Hardy Ice Plant

Delosperma cooperii

- Bloom: Jun-Oct
- 3-6" tall
- Sun-Part Shade
- Well-drained soil; drought tolerant
- Good in containers



Herbs

Thyme

Thymus sp.



- Bloom: Mar-May
- 4-10" tall, depending on cultivar
- Sun
- Well-drained soil; drought tolerant
- Evergreen
- Signified courage to ancient Greeks and Romans; used in baths and incense
- Now used in organic pest sprays and cleaning products

Oregano

Origanum vulgare sp.



- Bloom: Jun-Sept
- 2-2.5' tall
- Sun
- Prefers well-drained soil
- Flowers are edible too and good in salads

Lavender

Lavendula sp.



- Bloom: Jun-Sept
- 12-18" tall
- Sun / Partial Shade
- Evergreen
- Requires well-drained soil
- Fragrance is said to promote relaxation

Cacti, Yuccas, Agaves & Succulents

Spineless Prickly Pear

Opuntia ellisiana

- Bloom: May-June
- DRY; Full Sun / Part Shade
- 3'-6' Tall and Wide
- Edible fruit, called 'tunas' in late summer
- Spineless, but beware of glochids!
- Beneficial to native bees



Santa Rita Prickly Pear

Opuntia violacea var. santa-rita

- Bloom: Mar-Jun
- DRY; Full Sun
- 3'-6' Tall and Wide
- Edible fruit, called 'tunas' in late summer
- Beware of glochids!



Old Mexico Prickly Pear

Opuntia gomei 'Old Mexico'

- Bloom: Summer
- DRY; Full Sun / Part Shade
- 4' x 8' Tall and Wide
- Edible fruit, called 'tunas' in late summer
- Spineless, but beware of glochids!



Parry's Agave

Agave parryi

- DRY; Sun / Part Shade
- 6"-12" x 12"-18"
- VERY cold tolerant (-20F)
- Produces offsets



Whale's Tongue Agave

Agave ovatifolia

- DRY; Sun / Part Shade
- 2'-3' x 3'-4'
- Doesn't produce offsets



Havard Agave

Agave havardiana

- DRY; Full Sun
- 3' x 3'
- Doesn't produce offsets



Pale Leaf Yucca

Yucca pallida

- Bloom: May-Jun
- DRY; Sun / Part Shade
- 1'-2' Tall/Wide
- Attracts butterflies
- Deer will eat blooms



Color Guard Yucca

Yucca filamentosa var. 'Color Guard'

- Bloom: Mid-Summer
- DRY; Full Sun
- 1'-3' Tall x Wide
- Requires good drainage
- Leaves take on a pink-purple tinge in winter
- Attracts bees, butterflies and birds



Nolina

Nolina sp.



- Bloom: Spring-Summer
- 1.5-2.5' tall
- Part Shade
- Dry soil
- Evergreen
- Attracts butterflies



Sotol

Dasylirion texanum, *Dasylirion wheeleri*



- Bloom: Jun-Jul
- 1.5-3' tall
- Sun
- Dry soil; requires excellent drainage; use rock mulch
- Evergreen
- Blooms attract hummingbirds

Leatherstem

Jatropha dioica



- Bloom: Apr-Jun
- 1-3' tall
- Sun / Part Shade
- Dry soil
- Evergreen
- Clear, astringent sap turns red with exposure to air
- Great in rock gardens

Thank you!

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