

Native Tree Growing Guide

FOR CENTRAL TEXAS



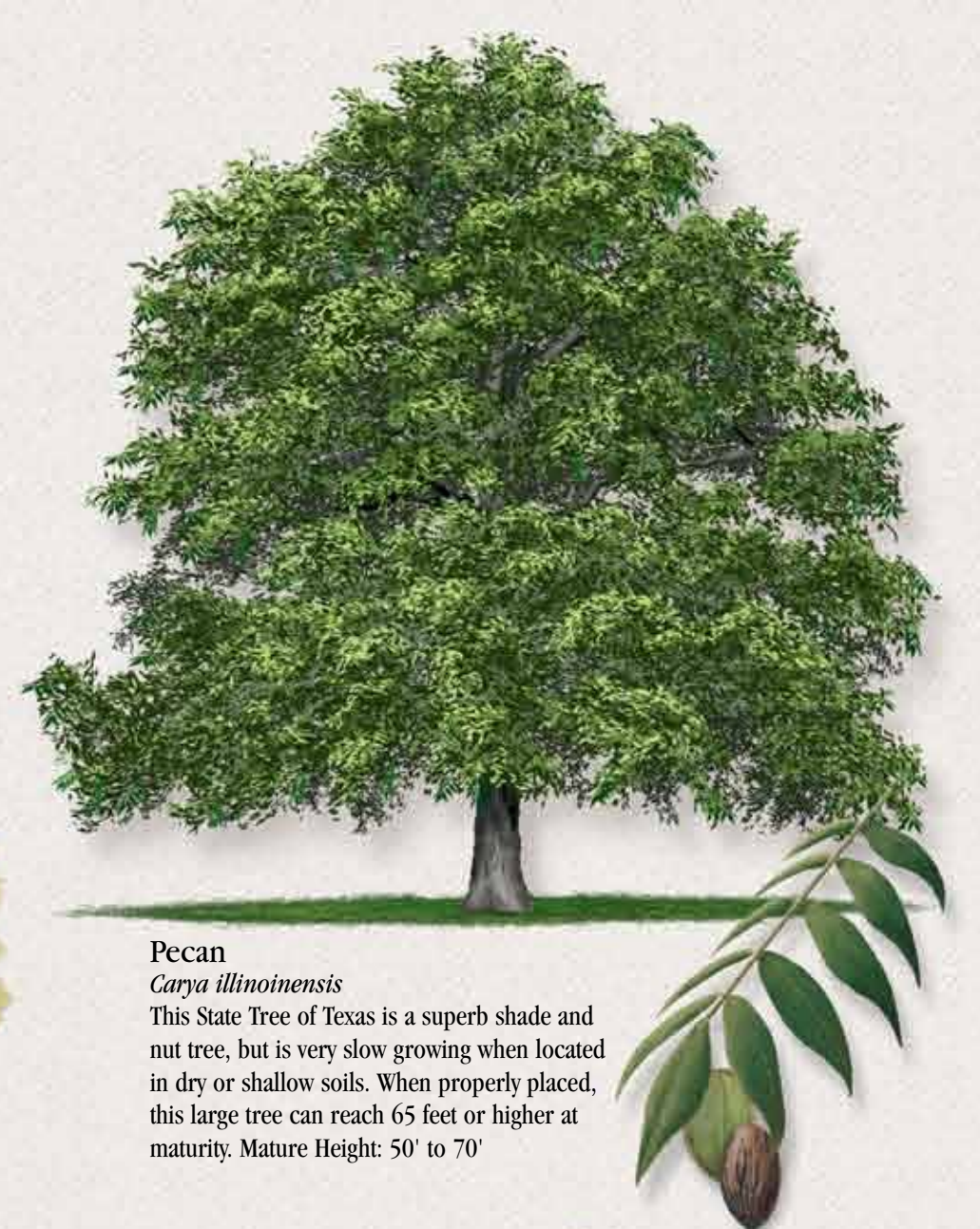
Bald Cypress *Taxodium distichum*
Deciduous wetland native that can grow higher than 100 feet. Pyramidal shape, fall color and adaptability make it a favorite in the South. Mature Height: 60' to 80'



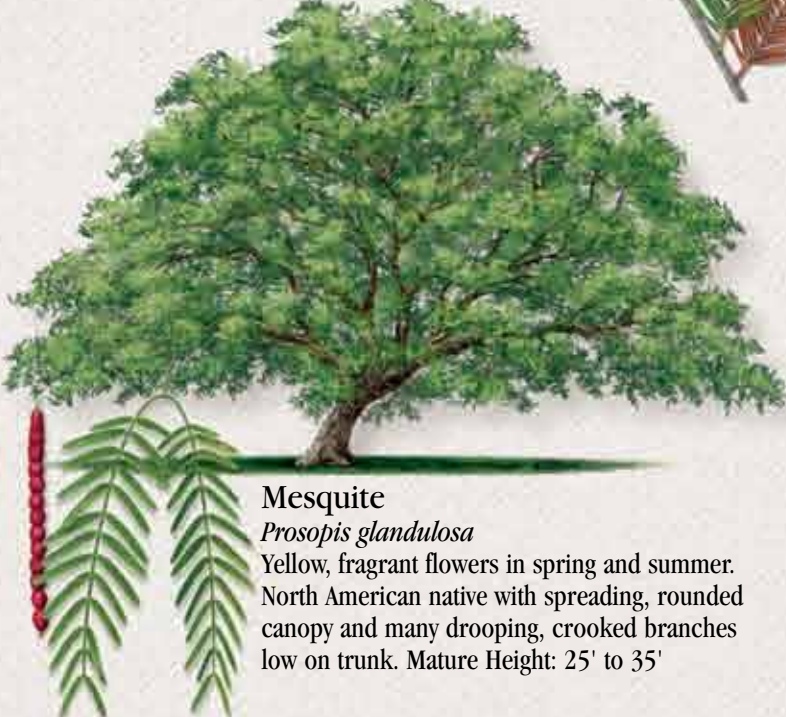
Carolina Cherry Laurel *Prunus caroliniana*
Small, oval-shaped tree that flowers in spring and has dense, green foliage which is ideal for screening. Mature Height: 25' to 40'



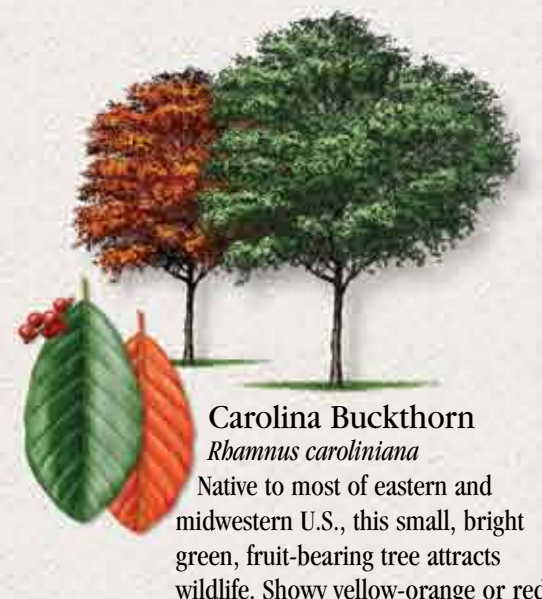
American Smoke Tree *Cotinus obovatus*
Outstanding small tree or multi-trunked shrub with masses of smoke-like flowers in the spring and great fall foliage color. Mature Height: 15' to 25'



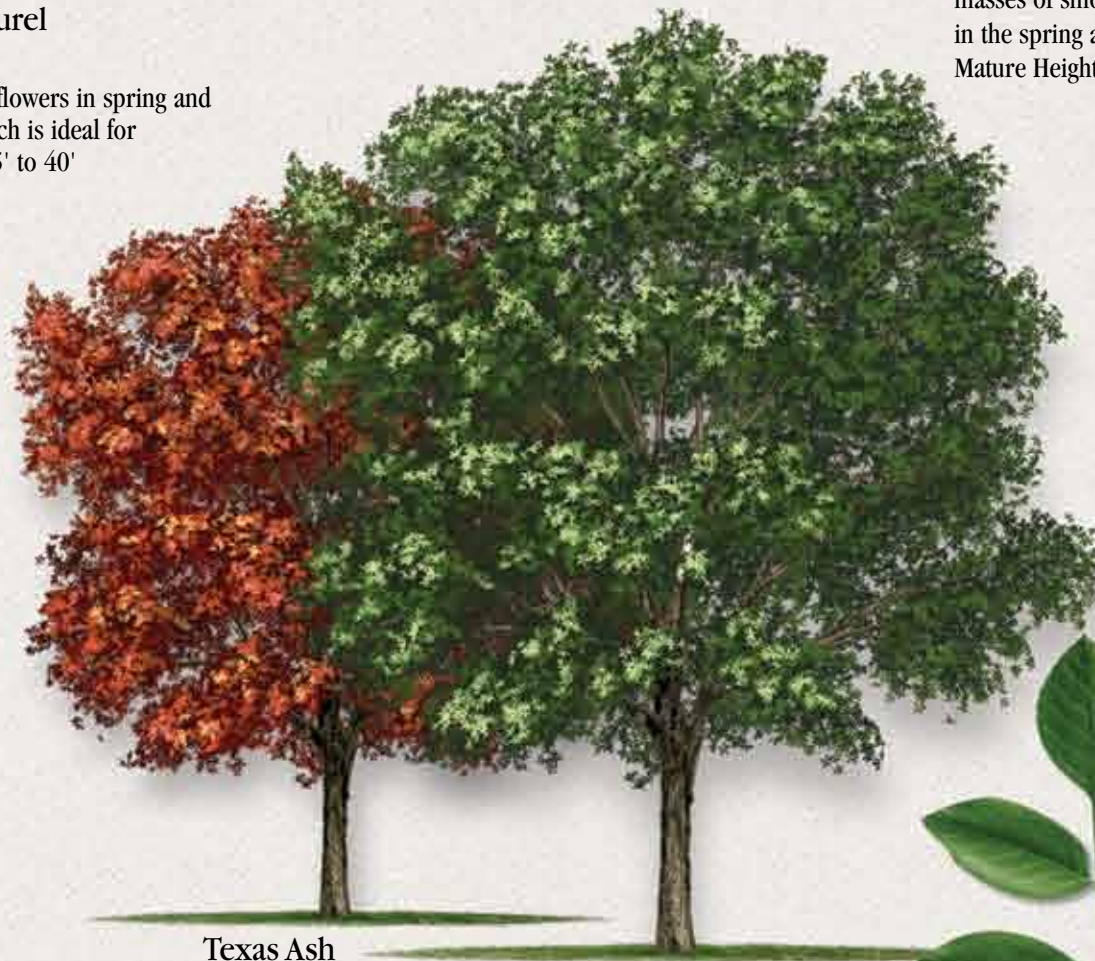
Pecan *Carya illinoensis*
This State Tree of Texas is a superb shade and nut tree, but is very slow growing when located in dry or shallow soils. When properly placed, this large tree can reach 65 feet or higher at maturity. Mature Height: 50' to 70'



Mesquite *Prosopis glandulosa*
Yellow, fragrant flowers in spring and summer. North American native with spreading, rounded canopy and many drooping, crooked branches low on trunk. Mature Height: 25' to 35'



Carolina Buckthorn *Rhamnus caroliniana*
Native to most of eastern and midwestern U.S., this small, bright green, fruit-bearing tree attracts wildlife. Showy yellow-orange or red fall color. Mature Height: 12' to 15'



Texas Ash *Fraxinus texensis*
Drought tolerant, medium shade tree. Stunning orange, yellow and purple fall color. Mature Height: 40' to 50'



Yaupon Holly *Ilex vomitoria*
Very picturesque, upright evergreen for southern gardens. Adapts to varied soils. Multiple uses including screens, barriers and takes to pruning well. Mature Height: 15' to 20'



Escarpment Black Cherry *Prunus serotina* var. *eximia*
White flowers appear in early spring with new leaves. Lustrous green leaves turn a beautiful golden yellow in the fall. Mature Height: 35' to 50'



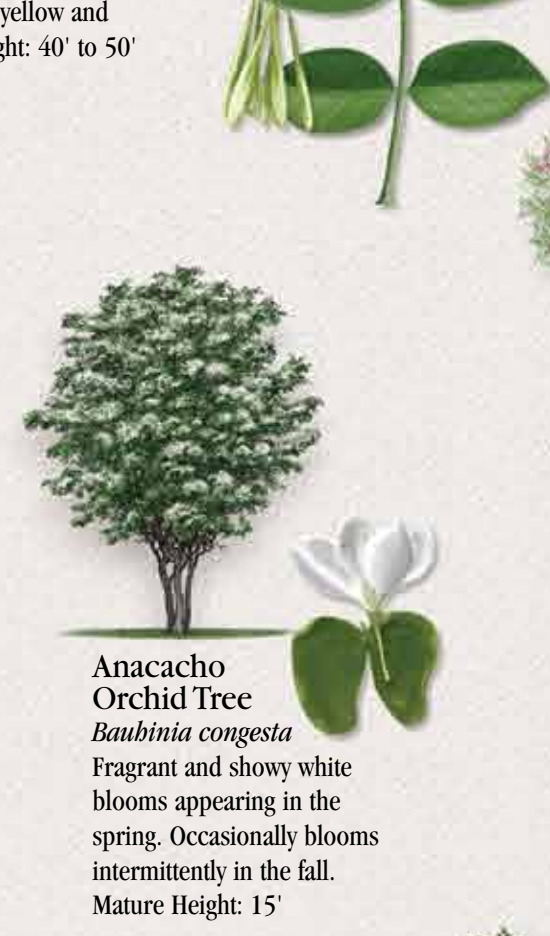
Mexican Buckeye *Ungadia speciosa*
This multi-trunked tree is noted for its clusters of pinkish, orchid-like flowers in the spring and yellow foliage in the fall. Mature Height: 15' to 25'



Chinkapin Oak *Quercus muhlenbergii*
Grows best in full sun on well-drained soil. Leaves turn red, yellow, orange and brown before dropping in fall. Acorns are edible. Mature Height: 40' to 50'



Texas Persimmon *Diospyros texana*
Easily identified by its smooth, gray trunk, peeling bark and dark green deciduous leaves. Edible fruit matures to a dark black and is a great wildlife food source. Mature Height: 15' to 20'



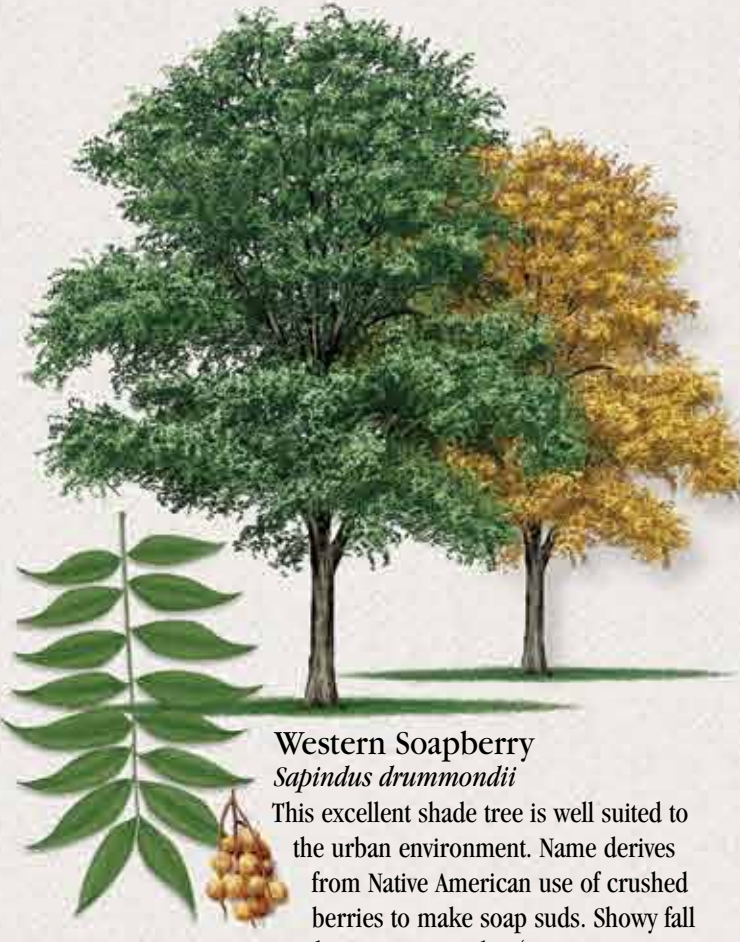
Anacacho Orchid Tree *Bauhinia congesta*
Fragrant and showy white blooms appearing in the spring. Occasionally blooms intermittently in the fall. Mature Height: 15'



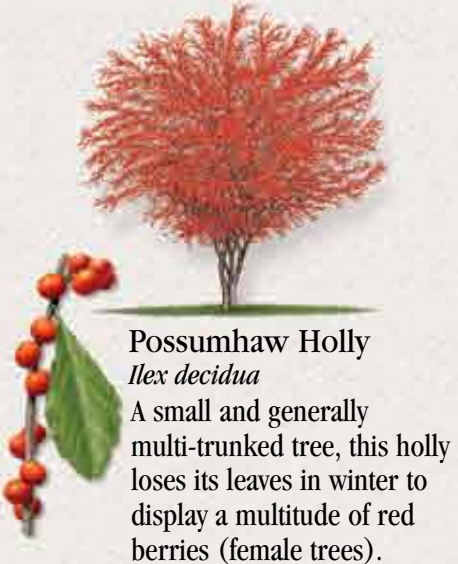
Desert Willow *Chilopsis linearis*
Fragrant and orchid-like with shades of lavender and pink trumpet-shaped blooms at tips of branches. Regularly visited by hummingbirds. Mature Height: 15' to 25'



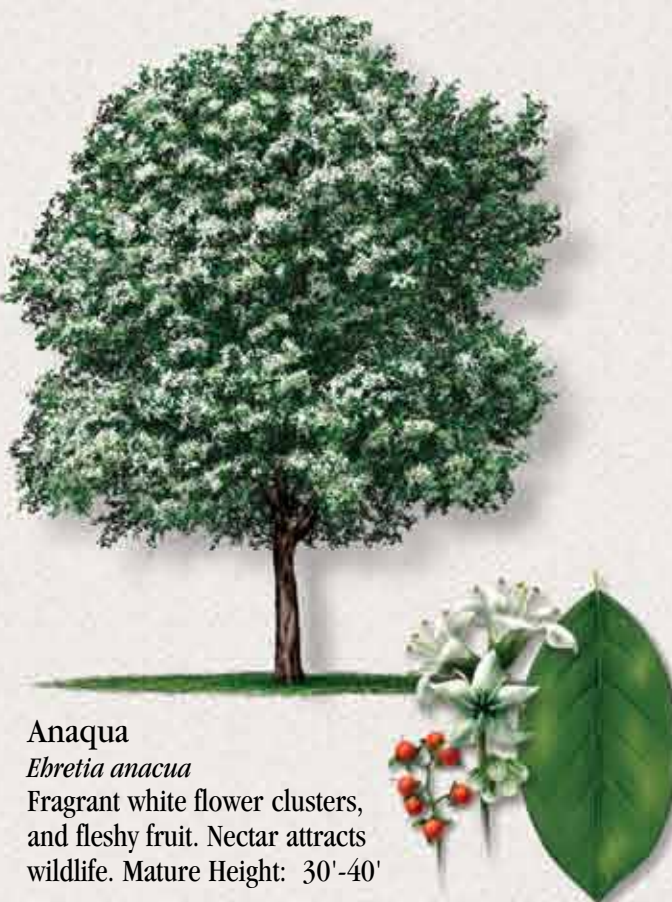
Lacey Oak *Quercus laceyi*
A small oak tree good for limestone soils. Unusual smoky, blue-gray foliage and compact, round canopy. Mature Height: 15' to 25'



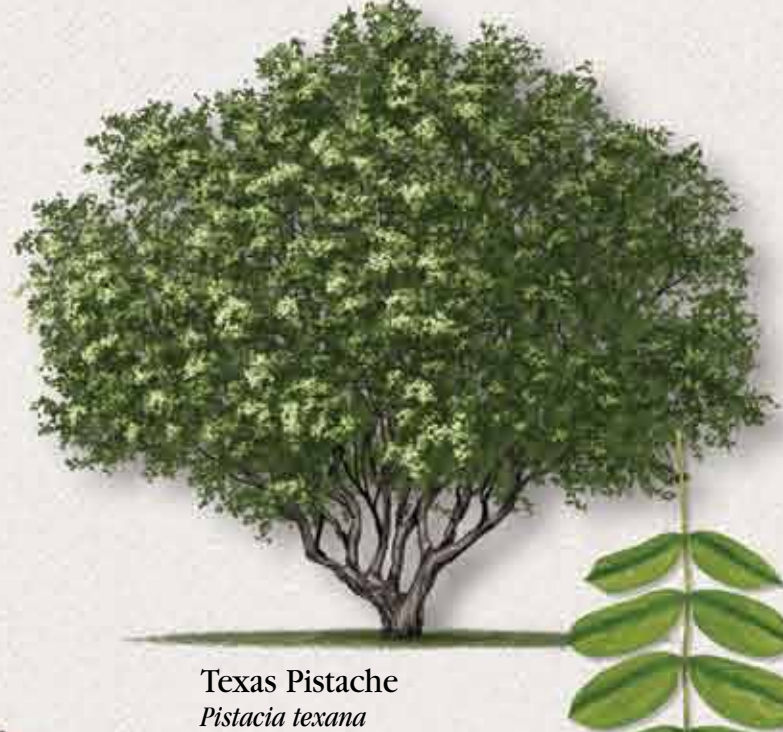
Western Soapberry *Sapindus drummondii*
This excellent shade tree is well suited to the urban environment. Name derives from Native American use of crushed berries to make soap suds. Showy fall color. Mature Height: 40' to 50'



Possumhaw Holly *Ilex decidua*
A small and generally multi-trunked tree, this holly loses its leaves in winter to display a multitude of red berries (female trees). Mature Height: 15' to 20'



Anaqua *Ehretia anaqua*
Fragrant white flower clusters, and fleshy fruit. Nectar attracts wildlife. Mature Height: 30'-40'



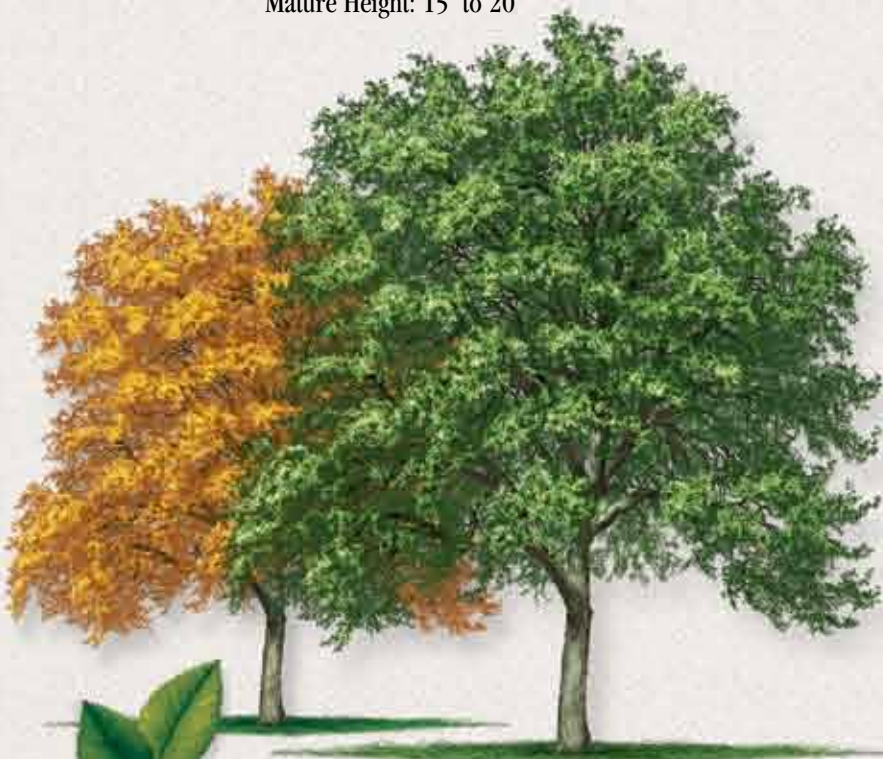
Texas Pistache *Pistacia texana*
Leaves are relatively small, shiny, and usually evergreen with a bronze color at the growing tips. Small, white flowers bloom in spring and summer. Mature Height: 12' to 20'



Bur Oak *Quercus macrocarpa*
Huge tree, with impressive crown, massive trunk, stout branches and coarse texture. Very large acorns are covered with furry, bur-like cap. Mature Height: 70' to 90'



Eastern Red Cedar *Juniperus virginiana*
Will grow almost anywhere including sandy soils. Has an open and wide-spreading habit. Mature Height: 30' to 45'



Cedar Elm *Ulmus crassifolia*
Native to the Hill Country and southern central U.S. Very adaptable deciduous tree for the urban environment. Makes a great shade or street tree. Mature Height: 50' to 70'



Bigtooth Maple *Acer grandidentatum*
A Hill Country native with spectacular fall color when growing conditions and weather permit. Mature Height: 40' to 50'



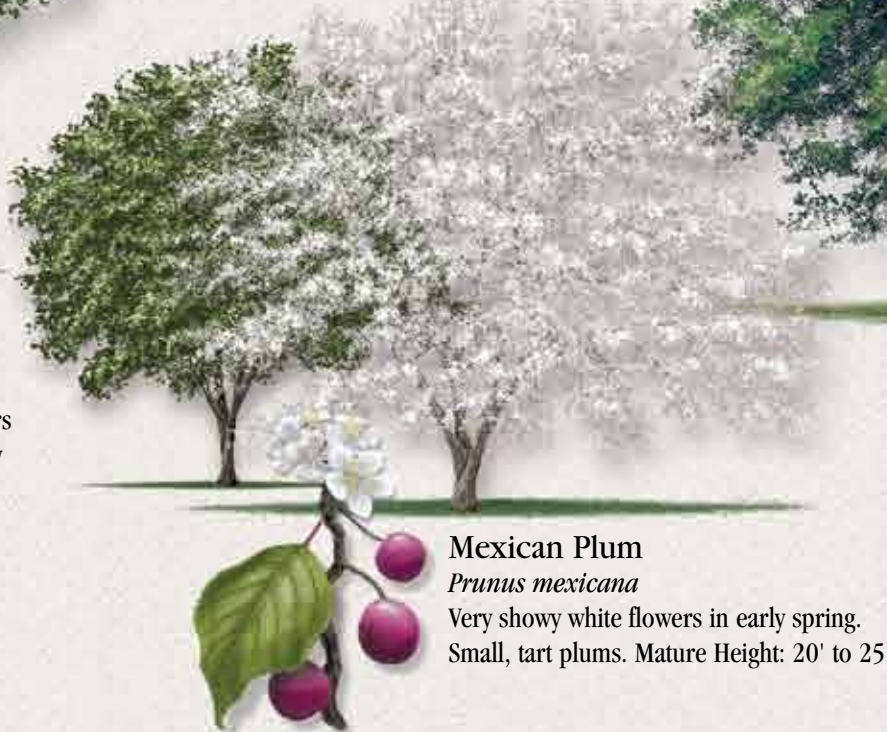
Eve's Necklace *Sophora affinis*
Drooping clusters of pinkish blossoms in the late spring form necklace-like chains of black beans in late summer through fall. Mature Height: 15' to 25'



Texas Mountain Laurel *Sophora secundiflora*
Native evergreen indigenous to Hill Country. Small, multi-trunked tree with dark green leaves with purple, fragrant flowers. Mature Height: 15' to 20'



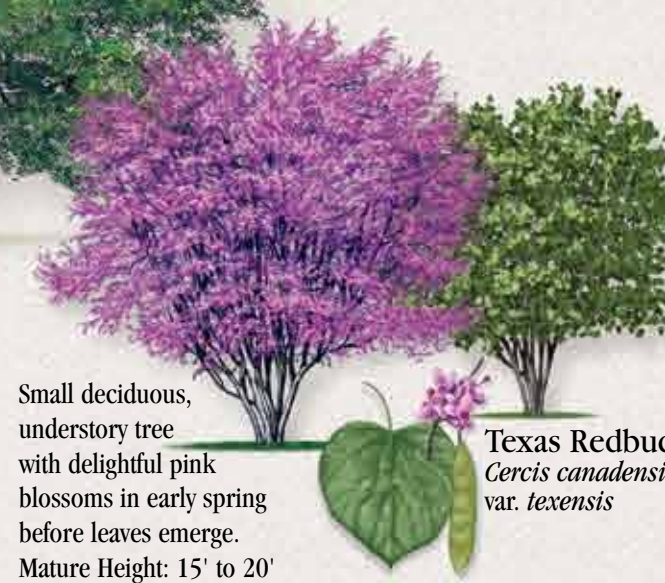
Gum Bumelia *Sideroxylon lamuginosum*
The fruit is eaten by birds, and white-tailed deer browse the leaves and fruit. The flowers provide early season nourishment for honey bees. Mature Height: 40' to 50'



Mexican Plum *Prunus mexicana*
Very showy white flowers in early spring. Small, tart plums. Mature Height: 20' to 25'

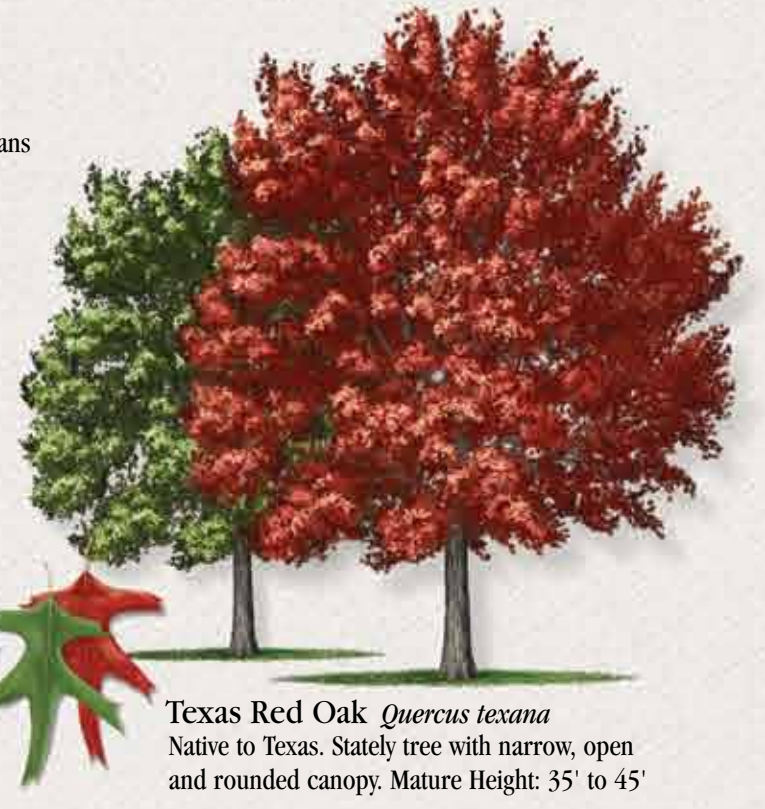


Escarpment Live Oak *Quercus fusiformis*
Large, wide-spreading evergreen with massive, horizontal, arching branches. Mature Height: 60' to 80'



Small deciduous, understory tree with delightful pink blossoms in early spring before leaves emerge. Mature Height: 15' to 20'

Texas Redbud *Cercis canadensis* var. *texensis*



Texas Red Oak *Quercus texana*
Native to Texas. Stately tree with narrow, open and rounded canopy. Mature Height: 35' to 45'



Approximate Tree Heights At Maturity

