

ABQ Backyard Refuge Program

Plant List for the Middle Rio Grande Valley and Albuquerque Metro Area

Scientific Name	Common Name	Approx. Size Height x Width	Deciduous or Evergreen	Light Exposure	Water Use	Flowering and Fruiting Seasons	Habitat Value	Status	Comments
DESERT ACCENTS									
<i>Agave havardiana</i>	Havard Agave	4' X 4'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Summer	Nectar hummingbirds, bats; larval host; seeds birds	Native	
<i>Agave palmeri</i>	Palmer's Agave	3' X 4'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Summer	Nectar hummingbirds, bats; larval host; seeds birds	Native	
<i>Agave parryi</i> ssp. <i>neomexicana</i>	Parry's / Mescal Agave	2' X 2'	Evergreen	Sun/shade	Dry RW	Spring-Summer	Nectar hummingbirds, bats; larval host; seeds birds	Native	
<i>Cylindropuntia imbricata</i>	Walkingstick Cholla	8' X 6'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer	Pollen/nectar bees	Native	
<i>Cylindropuntia kleiniae</i>	Candle Cholla	8' X 6'	Evergreen	Sun/shade	Dry RW	Summer	Pollen/nectar bees	Native	
<i>Cylindropuntia leptocaulis</i>	Desert / Christmas / Pencil Cholla	4' X 6'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer	Pollen/nectar bees	Native	
<i>Cylindropuntia spinosior</i>	Cane Cholla	8' X 6'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer	Pollen/nectar bees; bird nesting site	Native	Thrasher and roadrunner both use chollas as a nesting site, I'm not sure which species of chollas they use or if they use multiple species.
<i>Dasyliiron texanum</i>	Texas Sotol	5' X 5'	Evergreen	Sun/shade	Dry RW	Summer	Pollen/nectar bees and wasps; bird perch	Native	Say's Phoebe use sotol as a perch often
<i>Dasyliiron wheeleri</i>	Blue Sotol / Desert Spoon	5' X 5'	Evergreen	Sun/shade	Dry RW	Summer	Pollen/nectar bees and wasps	Native	
<i>Echinocereus coccineus</i>	Spiny Hedgehog Cactus	10" X 15"	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring	Pollen/nectar bees and hummingbirds	Native	
<i>Echinocereus triglochidiatus</i>	Claret Cup	12" X 10"	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring	Pollen/nectar bees and hummingbirds	Native	
<i>Fouquieria splendens</i>	Ocotillo	15' X 18'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Summer	Nectar for hummingbirds, bats	Native	
<i>Hesperaloe funifera</i>	Giant / Coahuillean Hesperaloe	6' X 5'	Evergreen	Sun	Dry	Summer	Nectar for bees and wasps	Native	
<i>Hesperaloe parviflora</i>	Red/Yellow-flowering Yucca	3' X 4'	Evergreen	Sun/shade	Dry+	Spring-Summer	Pollen/nectar hummingbirds and bees	Native	
<i>Nolina microcarpa</i>	Beargrass	5' X 6'	Evergreen	Sun/shade	Dry RW	Spring-Summer	Pollen/nectar bees and wasps	Native	
<i>Nolina texana</i>	Beargrass	4' X 5'	Evergreen	Sun/shade	Dry RW	Spring-Summer	Pollen/nectar bees and wasps	Native	
<i>Opuntia ellisiana</i>	Spineless Prickly Pear	4' X 5'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring	Pollen/nectar bees and hummingbirds	Native	
<i>Opuntia engelmannii</i>	Desert / Engelmann Prickly Pear	5' X 8'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring	Pollen/nectar bees and hummingbirds	Native	
<i>Opuntia macrocentra</i>	Purple Prickly Pear	3' X 3'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring	Pollen/nectar bees and hummingbirds	Native	
<i>Opuntia phaeacantha</i>	Brownsprine Prickly Pear	3' X 5'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring	Pollen/nectar bees and hummingbirds	Native	
<i>Yucca baccata</i>	Datil / Banana Yucca	4' X 5'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring	Pronuba moth and hummingbirds	Native	
<i>Yucca elata</i>	Soaptree Yucca	20' X 5'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring	Pronuba moth	Native	
<i>Yucca glauca</i>	Soapweed Yucca	3' X 3'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring	Pronuba moth pollinator; larval host for Giant Skipper butterfly	Native	
WILDFLOWERS									
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	2' X 2'	Evergreen	Sun/shade	Medium	Summer	Nectar for butterflies	Native	
<i>Agastache cana</i>	Giant Hyssop	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium	Summer	Hummingbirds and bees	Native	
<i>Agastache rupestris</i>	Licorice Mint	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry+	Summer	Hummingbirds and bees	Native	
<i>Aquilegia chrysantha</i>	Golden Columbine	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Shade	Medium	Spring	Hummingbirds and bees; larval host butterflies	Native	
<i>Argemone pleiacantha</i>	Prickly Poppy	3' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer	Nectar for butterflies; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Asclepias latifolia</i>	Broadleaf Milkweed	18" X 18"	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Dry RW	Summer	Nectar for butterflies; larval food	Native	
<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	Showy Milkweed	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Summer	Nectar for butterflies; larval food	Native	
<i>Asclepias subverticillata</i>	Horsetail Milkweed	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Dry	Summer	Nectar for butterflies; larval food	Native	
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterflyweed	18" X 18"	Deciduous	Part shade	Moist	Summer	Nectar for butterflies; larval food	Native	
<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>	Chocolate Flower	1' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Fall	Bees, butterflies nectar; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Calyptophus</i> spp.	Sundrops	1' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry	Spring-Fall	Nectar for hawk moths, bees	Native	
<i>Castilleja integra et al</i>	Indian paintbrush	1' X 1'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Dry	Spring-Fall	Nectar for hummingbirds and bees; larval host for Checkerspot	Native	
<i>Cleome serrulata</i>	Rocky Mountain Bee Plant	3' X 1'	Annual	Full Sun	Dry+	Summer-Fall	Nectar and pollen for bees; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	Purple Prairieclover	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry+	Summer	Nectar and pollen for bees; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Datura wrightii</i>	Sacred Datura	2' X 6'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry	Summer-Fall	Nectar for hummingbirds, bees, and bats	Native	
<i>Engelmannia peristenia</i>	Engelmann Daisy	2' X 18"	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry+	Spring-Fall	Nectar and pollen for bees and butterflies; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Epilobium garrettii</i>	Hummingbird Plant	2' X 3'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry+	Summer-Fall	Nectar for hummingbirds and bees	Native	
<i>Erigeron</i> spp.	Fleabane Daisy	1' X 1'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium	Spring-Fall	Nectar and pollen for bees	Native	
<i>Erigeron</i> spp.	Wild Buckwheat	1' X 18"	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer-Fall	Nectar and pollen butterflies and bees; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Gaillardia</i> spp.	Blanketflowers	1' X 1'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry	Summer-Fall	Butterflies, bees, hummingbirds; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Oenothera lindheimeri</i>	Gaura / Lindheimer's Beeblossom	3' X 3'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium	Spring-Summer	Bees, hawkmoths	Native	
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Sunflower	varies	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium	Summer-Fall	Pollen and nectar for bees; seeds for birds; winter cover for birds	Native	sunflowers provide great winter cover for birds. Should be left standing until spring, then last year's growth removed to make room for the new season of growth.
<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>	Maximilian Sunflower	6' X 8'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium	Summer-Fall	Pollen and nectar for bees; seeds for birds; winter cover for birds	Native	
<i>Helianthus petiolaris</i>	Prairie Sunflower	3' X 1'	Annual	Full Sun	Dry+	Summer-Fall	Pollen and nectar for bees; seeds for birds; winter cover for birds	Native	
<i>Helianthus multiflorus</i>	Showy Goldeneye	2' X 1'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium	Summer-Fall	Pollen and nectar for bees; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Liatris punctata</i>	Gayfeather	2' X 3'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Fall	Nectar for bees and butterflies; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Machaeranthera tanacetifolia</i>	Tansy Aster	1' X 1'	Annual	Full Sun	Dry	Spring-Fall	Nectar for bees and butterflies; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>	Blackfoot Daisy	1' X 1'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry	Spring-Summer	Bees	Native	
<i>Mirabilis multiflora</i>	Native Four O'clock	2' X 5'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Fall	Nectar for hawkmoths, hummingbirds; birdseeds	Native	
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot	18" X 18"	Annual	Sun/shade	Medium	Summer	Bees	Native	Culinary herb
<i>Oenothera macrocarpa</i>	Yellow Evening Primrose	1' X 2'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring	Nectar for hawkmoths, bees	Native	
<i>Origanum species</i>	Oreganos	1' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Summer	Bees	Introduced	Culinary herb
<i>Penstemon palmeri</i>	Palmer Penstemon	4' X 2'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring	Hummingbirds; hawkmoths	Native	

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WILDFLOWERS (Continued)									
<i>Penstemon strictus</i>	Rocky Mountain Penstemon	2' X 2'	Evergreen	Sun/shade	Dry +	Spring	Hummingbirds; checkerspot larval host	Native	
<i>Psilostrophe tagetina</i>	Paperflower	16" X 16"	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry	Spring-Fall	Butterflies, bees	Native	
<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	Coneflower / Mexican Hat	32" X 32"	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Summer	Butterflies, bees; birdseeds	Native	
<i>Ruta graveolens</i>	Rue	2' X 2'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Medium	Summer	Host for Swallowtail larva	Introduced	
<i>Salvia azurea</i> var. <i>grandiflora</i>	Pitcher Sage	3' X 3'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Summer-Fall	Bees, seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Salvia darcyi</i>	Texas Red Sage	30" X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Summer	Hummingbirds	Native	
<i>Senecio flaccidus</i>	Silver Groundsel	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Fall	Butterflies, bees	Native	
<i>Solidago dwarf</i> spp.	Dwarf Goldenrod	18" X 2'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Summer-Fall	Butterflies, bees	Native	
<i>Sphaeralcea</i> spp.	Globeamallow	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Summer	Nectar for bees; larval host for Skipper butterflies	Native	
<i>Symphoricarum ericoides</i>	White Heath Aster	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Summer-Fall	Bees, butterflies nectar; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Thelesperma filifolium</i>	Greenthread	18" X 12"	Annual	Full Sun	Dry	Summer	Bees	Native	
<i>Thymophylla acerosa</i>	Wild Marigold	1' X 1'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Fall	Butterflies, bees	Native	
<i>Verbena rigida</i>	Sandpaper Verbena	1' X 1'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry	Summer-Fall	Butterflies, bees	Native	
<i>Verbesina encelioides</i>	Crownsbeard / Cowpen Daisy	2' X 2'	Annual	Full Sun	Medium	Fall	Butterflies, bees; birdseeds	Native	
<i>Scabrethia scabra</i>	Desert Mule's Ear	2' X 3'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Summer	Butterflies, bees; birdseeds	Native	
<i>Zinnia grandiflora</i>	Desert Zinnia	8" X 16"	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer-Fall	Butterflies, bees	Native	
NATIVE GRASSES									
<i>Achnatherum hymenoides</i>	Indian Ricegrass	18" X 18"	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring	Larval food; bird seeds	Native	
<i>Aristida purpurea</i>	Purple Threeawn	1' X 1'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring	Larval food; bird seeds	Native	
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Sideoats Grama	30" X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry	Summer	Larval food; bird seeds	Native	
<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Blue Grama	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry	Summer	Larval food; bird seeds	Native	
<i>Muhlenbergia porteri</i>	Bush Muhly	1' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer	Larval food; bird seeds	Native	
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	Deer Grass	4' X 4'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Summer-Fall	Larval food; bird seeds	Native	
<i>Muhlenbergia rigida</i>	Purple Muhly	2' X 3'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Summer-Fall	Larval food; bird seeds	Native	
<i>Stipa tenuissima</i>	Threadgrass	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry	Summer-Fall	Larval food; bird seeds; winter cover for birds	Native	
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass	4' X 3'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Summer-Fall	Larval food; bird seeds; winter cover for birds	Native	
<i>Pleuraphis jamesii</i>	Galleta	14" X 14"	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer-Fall	Larval food; bird seeds	Native	
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Summer-Fall	Larval food; bird seeds	Native	
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indiangrass	4' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Summer-Fall	Larval food; bird seeds	Native	
<i>Sporobolus airoides</i>	Alkali Sacaton	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer-Fall	Larval food; bird seeds	Native	
<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i>	Sand Dropseed	2' X 2'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer-Fall	Larval food; bird seeds	Native	
<i>Sporobolus wrightii</i>	Giant Sacaton	5' X 5'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium	Summer-Fall	Larval food; bird seeds	Native	
SHRUBS									
<i>Aloysia wrightii</i>	Mexican Oregano / Beebrush	5' X 4'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Fall	Bees	Native	
<i>Amelanchier utahensis</i>	Utah Serviceberry	8' X 8'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Summer	Bees and songbirds	Native	
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Leadplant	2' X 3'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Summer	Bees and songbirds	Native	
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	False Indigo	10' X 10'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Summer	Bees and songbirds	Native	
<i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus</i> var. <i>wrightii</i>	Flame Anisacanthus	4' X 4'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Dry RW	Spring-Summer	Hummingbirds	Native	
<i>Artemisia filifolia</i>	Sand Sage	4' X 4'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer	Quail, Cassien's Sparrow	Native	
<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	Fourwing Saltbrush	6' X 8'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer-Fall	Larval host; food and cover for many birds	Native	
<i>Atriplex confertifolia</i>	Shadscale	2' X 2'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer-Fall	Larval host; food and cover for many birds	Native	
<i>Baccharis sarothroides</i>	Desert Broom	6' X 6'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry +	Summer-Fall	Larval host; food and cover for many birds	Native	
<i>Buddleia marbutifolia</i>	Wooly Butterfly Bush	4' X 4'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Summer	Butterflies, bees, hummingbirds	Native	
<i>Buddleia davidii</i> var. <i>nanhoensis</i>	Dwarf Butterfly Bush	6' X 4'	Semi-evergreen	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Summer	Butterflies, bees, hummingbirds	Introduced	
<i>Caesalpinia gilliesii</i>	Yellow Bird of Paradise	10' X 10'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Summer	Hummingbirds, bees	Introduced	
<i>Cercocarpus breviflorus</i>	Hairy Mountain Mahogany	10' X 8'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Summer	Bees, bird cover	Native	potential bird nest sites as it gets larger.
<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>	Curlleaf Mountain Mahogany	12' X 10'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Summer	Bees; bird cover	Native	potential bird nest sites as it gets larger.
<i>Chamaebatia millefolium</i>	Fernbush	5' X 6'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Fall	Bees, native wasps, butterflies	Native	potential bird nest sites as it gets larger.
<i>Chrysanctinia mexicana</i>	Damianita	2' X 2'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry	Spring-Fall	Bees, butterflies	Native	
<i>Ephedra</i> spp.	Joint-fir / Mormon Tea	2' X 5'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Winter	Cover, nesting for small birds	Native	
<i>Ericameria laricifolia</i>	Turpentine Bush	3' X 4'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Fall	Butterflies and bees	Native	
<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i>	Chamisa / Rubber Rabbitbrush	4' X 5'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry	Fall	Butterflies	Native	
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> var. <i>polifolium</i>	Flattop Buckwheat	2' X 2'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer-Fall	Butterflies, bird seeds	Native	
<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache Plume	6' X 7'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Fall	Bees, butterflies; cover and seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Fendlera rupicola</i>	Cliff Fendlerbush	4' X 4'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Dry +	Spring	Bees	Native	potential bird nest sites as it gets larger.
<i>Garrya wrightii</i>	Wright's Silktassel	10' X 10'	Evergreen	Sun/shade	Dry+	Fall	Birds fruits	Native	
<i>Larrea tridentata</i>	Creosote Bush	6' X 8'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Fall	Bees; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i> 'Compactum'	Compact Ceniza	3' X 4'	Semi-Ever.	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Fall	Nectar for hummingbirds and bees; larval host for Checkerspot butterflies	Native	
<i>Leucophyllum langmaniae</i>	Rio Bravo Rainsage	4' X 4'	Semi-Ever.	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Fall	Hummingbirds, bees	Native	
<i>Mahonia haematocarpa</i>	Algenita	8' X 10'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Summer	Bees; fruits for birds; nesting, year round cover	Native	
<i>Prunus pumila</i> var. <i>besseyi</i>	Western Sand Cherry	4' X 4'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium	Spring-Summer	Bees; fruits for birds	Native	
<i>Purshia mexicana</i>	Cliffrose	8' X 6'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry	Spring-Summer	Bees, elfin butterfly larva host; birdseeds	Native	
<i>Quercus turbinella</i>	Shrub Live Oak	10' X 10'+	Evergreen	Full Sun	Medium	Summer	Butterfly larval food; acorns for birds	Native	

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<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary	4' X 4'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Low	Spring-Fall	Bees	Introduced	Culinary herb
<i>Rhus microphylla</i>	Littleleaf Sumac	8' x 9'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Summer	Bees; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	Three-leaf Sumac	6' X 6'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Summer	Bees; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Salix exigua</i>	Coyote Willow	8' X 5'+	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Moist	Spring	Food (buds and new leaves) and cover for birds	Native	potential bird nest sites as it gets larger.
<i>Salvia chamaedryoides</i>	Mexican Blue / Chihuahua Sage	1' X 3'	Semi-Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Fall	Bees	Native	
<i>Salvia dorrii</i>	Desert Sage	2' X 3'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry	Spring	Bees and hummingbirds	Native	
<i>Salvia greggii</i>	Autumn or Cherry Sage	2' X 3'	Semi-Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry+	Spring-Fall	Bees and hummingbirds	Native	
<i>Salvia lycoides x greggii</i>	Ultra-Violet Sage	2' X 2'	Semi-Evergreen	Sun/shade	Dry+	Spring-Fall	Bees and hummingbirds	Native hybrid	
<i>Salvia officinalis</i>	Garden Sage	2' X 2'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Medium	Spring	Bees	Introduced	Culinary herb
	Mojave Sage	30" X 3'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry+	Spring-Summer	Bees and butterflies	Native	
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry	3' X 3'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Summer-Winter	Butterfly nectar and larval food; fruit for birds	Native	
<i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>	Mexican Buckeye	8' X 10'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring	Butterfly nectar and larval food	Native	
<i>Vauquelinia</i> spp.	Rosewood	12' X 10'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Summer	Bees and butterflies; cover and nesting for birds	Native	
<i>Viguiera stenoloba</i>	Skeletonleaf Goldeneye	3' X 4'	Semi-Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer	Bees and butterflies	Native	
TREES									
<i>Acer saccharum</i> var. <i>grandidentatum</i>	Bigtooth Maple	25' X 25'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Moist	Spring-Summer	Nesting, roosting for birds; squirrels eat seeds	Native	
<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	Catalpa	40' X 40'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium	Spring	Bees, hummingbirds; roosting and nesting	Native	
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Common Hackberry	40' X 40'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium	Spring-Summer	Butterfly larval host; seeds, roosting, nesting cover for birds	Native	
<i>Celtis reticulata</i>	Nettle / Canyon Hackberry	25' X 25'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Summer	Butterfly larval host; seeds, roosting, nesting cover for birds	Native	
<i>Cercis orbiculata</i>	Western Redbud	10' X 12'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring	Bees, Elfin butterflies; bird roosting and nesting	Native	
<i>Cercis mexicana</i>	Mexican Redbud	15' X 12'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring	Bees, Elfin butterflies; bird roosting and nesting	Native	
<i>Cercis reniformis</i>	Oklahoma Redbud	15' X 12'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring	Bees, Elfin butterflies; bird roosting and nesting	Native	
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	Desert Willow	20' X 25'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Summer-Fall	Hummingbirds and orioles; bees	Native	
<i>Crataegus crus-galli</i>	Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	15' X 15'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Moist	Spring-Winter	Bee nectar/pollen; Hairstreak larval host; fruit for birds	Native	
<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	Washington Hawthorn	20' X 20'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Moist	Spring-Winter	Bee nectar/pollen; Hairstreak larval host; fruit for birds	Native	
<i>Crataegus ambigua</i>	Russian Hawthorn	20' X 20'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Winter	Bee nectar/pollen; Hairstreak larval host; fruit for birds	Introduced	
<i>Cupressus arizonica</i>	Arizona Cypress	50' X 30'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Medium	Spring-Fall	Butterfly larval host; cover, nesting; birdseed	Native	
<i>Forestiera neomexicana</i>	New Mexico Olive	15' X 15'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Dry +	Spring-Winter	Bee nectar; fruit for songbirds	Native	
<i>Fraxinus cuspidata</i>	Fragrant Ash	20' X 20'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Fall	Tiger swallowtail larval host	Native	
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	Juniper Trees, females only	25' X 20'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Winter	Butterfly larval host; fruits for birds; cover and nesting	Introduced	
<i>Juniperus deppeana</i>	Alligator Juniper	60' X 40'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Winter	Butterfly larval host; fruits for birds; cover and nesting	Native	
<i>Juniperus monosperma</i>	Oneseed Juniper	15' X 15'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Winter	Butterfly larval host; fruits for birds; cover and nesting	Native	
<i>Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei</i>	Crape Myrtle	15' X 15'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Moist	Summer	Hummingbirds, bees and butterflies	Native	
<i>Leucaena retusa</i>	Golden Ball Leadtree	15' X 15'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Summer	Bees	Native	
<i>Malus cultivars</i>	Crabapple	varies	Deciduous	Full Sun	Moist	Spring-Winter	Bee nectar; butterfly larval host; fruits for birds; cover and nesting	Introduced	
<i>Pinus aristata</i>	Bristlecone Pine	30' X 20'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Medium	Spring-Winter	Elfin butterfly larval hosts; seeds for birds; cover and nesting	Native	
<i>Pinus edulis</i>	Pinon Pine	30' X 20'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Medium	Spring-Winter	Elfin butterfly larval hosts; seeds for birds; cover and nesting	Native	
<i>Pinus eldarica</i>	Afghan Pine	40' X 18'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Medium	Spring-Winter	Elfin butterfly larval hosts; seeds for birds; cover and nesting	Introduced	
<i>Pinus flexilis</i>	Limber Pine	30' X 20'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Medium	Spring-Winter	Elfin butterfly larval hosts; seeds for birds; cover and nesting	Native	
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Italian Stone Pine	60' X 50'	Evergreen	Full Sun	Medium	Spring-Winter	Elfin butterfly larval hosts; seeds for birds; cover and nesting	Introduced	
<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	Chinese Pistache	60' X 60'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium	Spring-Fall	White-wing doves seeds	Introduced	
<i>Platanus wrightii</i>	Arizona Sycamore	60' X 70'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Moist	Spring-Fall	Swallowtail larval food	Native	
<i>Populus acuminata</i>	Mountain / Lanceleaf Cottonwood	50' X 50'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium+	Spring-Fall	Swallowtail larval food; insects for many birds; nesting, roosting	Native	
<i>Populus deltoides</i> ssp. <i>wisizensi</i>	Valley Cottonwood	50' X 60'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium+	Spring-Fall	Swallowtail larval food; insects for many birds; nesting, roosting	Native	
<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>	Honey Mesquite	25' X 30'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Fall	Nectar bees and butterflies; larval host Reickers blue and long-tailed skipper; seeds for birds and mammals	Native	
<i>Prosopis pubescens</i>	Screwbean Mesquite	20' X 20'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry RW	Spring-Fall	Nectar bees and butterflies	Native	
<i>Prunus americana</i>	American Plum	20' X 20'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Summer	Nectar bees; fruits for birds and people	Native	
<i>Prunus armeniaca</i>	Apricot	20' X 20'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Summer	Nectar bees; fruits for birds and people	Native	
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry	20' X 20'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium+	Spring-Summer	Nectar bees; fruit birds; Admiral butterfly larval host	Native	
<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	Hoptree	20' X 20'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Summer	Nectar bees; seeds eaten by birds and small mammals	Native	
<i>Quercus fusiformis</i>	Escarpment Live Oak	25' X 30'	Evergreen	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Summer	Butterfly larval food; acorns for birds	Native	
<i>Quercus gambelii</i>	Gambel Oak	25' X 25'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Fall	Butterfly larval food; acorns for birds, nesting for birds	Native	
<i>Quercus gravesii</i>	Chisos Red Oak	25' X 25'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Fall	Butterfly larval food; acorns for birds	Native	
<i>Quercus grisea</i>	Gray Oak	30' X 30'	Evergreen	Sun/shade	Dry +	Spring-Fall	Butterfly larval food; acorns for birds	Native	
<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	Chinquapin Oak	40' X 40'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Fall	Butterfly larval food; acorns for birds, nesting for birds	Native	
<i>Quercus buckleyi</i>	Texas Red Oak	40' X 40'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Fall	Butterfly larval food; acorns for birds, nesting for birds	Native	
<i>Rhus lanceolata</i>	Prairie Flameleaf Sumac	20' X 20'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Dry +	Spring-Fall	Butterfly larval food; seeds for birds	Native	
<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	Mexican Elder	20' X 25'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Summer	Bee and butterfly nectar; fruits for birds	Native	
<i>Sapindus saponaria</i> var. <i>drummondii</i>	Western Soapberry	30' X 30'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Summer	Bee, native wasp nectar; roosting, nesting	Native	
<i>Styphnolobium japonicum</i>	Japanese Pagoda Tree / Scholar Tree	35' X 35'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Summer-Winter	Bee nectar; roosting, nesting	Introduced	
<i>Platycladus speciosus</i>	Arborvitae	15' X 12'+	Evergreen	Full Sun	Medium+	Summer-Winter	Butterfly larval food; nesting, roosting, seeds for birds	Introduced	
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	Lacebark Elm	40' X 40'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium	Spring-Summer	Comma, Question Mark and Angelwing butterfly larval food	Introduced	
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Chaste Tree	20' X 20'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium	Summer-Fall	Bee and butterfly nectar; fruits for birds	Introduced	

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Approx. Size Height x Width	Deciduous or Evergreen	Light Exposure	Water Use	Flowering and Fruiting Seasons	Habitat Value	Status	Comments
VINES									
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet Vine	Climbing X 40'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium+	Summer	Hummingbirds, bees and bats	Native	
<i>Clematis hybrids</i>	Clematis	Climbing X 10'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Moist	Spring-Summer	Bee, butterfly nectar	Native	
<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	Western White Clematis	Climbing X 15'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Summer	Native bee nectar	Native	
<i>Humulus lupulus var. neomexicanus</i>	Common Hop	Climbing X 6'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium+	Summer	Butterfly larval host	Native	
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Coral Honeysuckle	Climbing X 8'	Deciduous	Shade/part	Medium	Spring-Summer	Hummingbirds and bees	Native	
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Woodbine	Climbing X 40'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Summer	Nectar for bees; fruit for birds	Native	
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	Passionflower	Climbing X 15'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Dry +	Summer	Butterfly larval host	Native	
<i>Periploca graeca</i>	Silk vine	Climbing X 40'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Summer	Nectar and larval host for butterflies	Introduced	
<i>Polygonum aubertii</i>	Silver Lacevine	Climbing X 40'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Dry +	Spring-Fall	Nectar for bees, parasitic wasps	Introduced	
<i>Rosa banksiae</i>	Rose Lady Banks	Climbing X 40'	Evergreen	Sun/shade	Dry +	Spring-Winter	Nectar for bees, butterflies; cover for birds	Native	
<i>Rosa hybrid and species climbers</i>	Climbing Roses	Climbing X 15'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium+	Spring-Fall	Nectar for bees and butterflies	Native	
<i>Vitis arizonica</i>	Canyon Grape	Climbing X 20'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Summer	Nectar for bees; fruit for birds	Native	
<i>Vitis cultivars</i>	Table Grapes	Climbing X 30'	Deciduous	Full Sun	Medium+	Spring-Fall	Nectar for bees; fruit for birds	Native	
<i>Wisteria spp.</i>	Wisteria	Climbing X 20'	Deciduous	Sun/shade	Medium	Spring-Summer	Nectar for bees; larval food for Skipper butterflies	Native	