Common Name: Baldcypress

Latin Name: Taxodium distichum

Tree Size: Large

Leaf Type: Deciduous

Growth Rate: Moderate

Water Needs: Moderate

Tolerances: Drought, poorly drained sites

Attributes: Texas native, reliable fall color, attractive seeds or fruit

Features: Deciduous conifer with feather-like 'leaves,' round seed balls, and fibrous bark.

Comments: Adapted to many soil and moisture conditions. Grows well in wet areas.

Problems: Woody 'knees' develop on wet sites. Bagworms can defoliate young trees.
Common Name: Bur Oak (Mossycup Oak)
Latin Name: Quercus macrocarpa
Tree Size: Large
Leaf Type: Deciduous
Growth Rate: Slow
Water Needs: Moderate
Tolerances: Salty soil or sea-spray, drought, alkaline soils (pH > 7.5)
Attributes: Texas native, reliable fall color, attractive seeds or fruit, seeds or fruit eaten by wildlife
Features: Unique leaf shape; large acorn is enclosed in a fuzzy cap.
Comments: Excellent, drought-tolerant native tree, with rough texture and large acorn
Problems: Acorns and leaves can pose a significant clean-up chore.
**Common Name:** Cedar Elm  
**Latin Name:** *Ulmus crassifolia*  
**Tree Size:** Large  
**Leaf Type:** Deciduous  
**Growth Rate:** Moderate  
**Water Needs:** Moderate  
**Tolerances:** Salty soil or sea-spray, drought, poorly drained sites, alkaline soils (pH > 7.5)  
**Attributes:** Texas native, reliable fall color  
**Features:** Fine textured leaves turn yellow in fall.  
**Comments:** Tough, drought-tolerant shade tree, well-adapted to a variety of conditions.  
**Problems:** Drooping branches may require pruning; aphids, powdery mildew, and mistletoe are notable pests.

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**Cedar Elm**  
*Ulmus crassifolia*
**Common Name:** Chinese Pistache  
**Latin Name:** *Pistacia chinensis*  
**Tree Size:** Medium  
**Leaf Type:** Deciduous  
**Growth Rate:** Rapid  
**Water Needs:** Moderate  
**Tolerances:** Drought, poorly drained sites, alkaline soils (pH > 7.5)  
**Attributes:** Reliable fall color, attractive seeds or fruit, seeds or fruit eaten by wildlife  
**Features:** Excellent fall color and bright red fruit, darkening to blue. No pest problems.  
**Comments:** Tolerant of poor, dry soils. Requires pruning to develop strong branch structure.  
**Problems:** Poor branch structure when young. Could become invasive in some areas.
**Common Name:** Chinkapin Oak  
**Latin Name:** Quercus muehlenbergii  
**Tree Size:** Large  
**Leaf Type:** Deciduous  
**Growth Rate:** Moderate  
**Water Needs:** Moderate  
**Tolerances:** Drought, alkaline soils (pH > 7.5)  
**Attributes:** Texas native, reliable fall color, seeds or fruit eaten by wildlife  
**Features:** Attractive, light-colored bark; deep green leaf color creates a lush appearance.  
**Comments:** Good for limestone soils; excellent shade tree!  
**Problems:** Fallen acorns can be a nuisance.
**Common**: Live Oak (Encino)

**Latin Name**: *Quercus virginiana*

**Tree Size**: Large

**Leaf Type**: Evergreen

**Growth Rate**: Rapid

**Water Needs**: Moderate

**Tolerances**: Salty soil or sea-spray, drought, alkaline soils (pH > 7.5)

**Attributes**: Texas native, seeds or fruit eaten by wildlife

**Features**: Glossy, deep green leaves remain all winter; long-lived shade tree.

**Comments**: The Escarpment Live Oak is a closely related native species more suited to Central and West Texas.

**Problems**: Allow plenty of room; can develop surface roots. Oak wilt spreads tree-to-tree by root grafts.
Common Name: Mexican-Buckeye
Latin Name: *Ungnadia speciosa*
Tree Size: Small
Leaf Type: Deciduous
Growth Rate: Moderate
Water Needs: Dry
Tolerances: Drought, alkaline soils (pH > 7.5)
Attributes: Texas native, reliable fall color, showy or fragrant flower, attractive seeds or fruit
Features: Pink flowers appear with new leaves; brown fruit husks remain through winter.
Comments: Good as a specimen tree.
Problems: Requires pruning to develop one or more trunks.

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**Common Name:** Mexican White Oak (Monterrey Oak)  
**Latin Name:** Quercus polymorpha  
**Tree Size:** Medium  
**Leaf Type:** Deciduous  
**Growth Rate:** Rapid  
**Water Needs:** Moderate  
**Tolerances:** Drought, alkaline soils (pH > 7.5)  
**Attributes:** Texas native, seeds or fruit eaten by wildlife  
**Features:** Leathery leaves come in many different shapes and remain on twigs into winter.  
**Comments:** Also known as 'Monterrey Oak,' this species is rapidly becoming used as an urban landscape tree.  
**Problems:** Few insect or disease pests are known.

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**Common Name:** Texas Redbud

**Latin Name:** *Cercis canadensis var. texensis*

**Tree Size:** Small

**Leaf Type:** Deciduous

**Growth Rate:** Rapid

**Water Needs:** Moderate

**Tolerances:** Drought, alkaline soils (pH > 7.5)

**Attributes:** Texas native, showy or fragrant flower, attractive seeds or fruit

**Features:** Glossy green leaves, purple flowers, and brown seed pods provide year round interest.

**Comments:** Good choice for Central and West Texas.

**Problems:** Short-lived, often due to stem cankers.

**Firewise:** Yes
**Common Name:** Shumard Oak  
**Latin Name:** *Quercus shumardii*  
**Tree Size:** Large  
**Leaf Type:** Deciduous  
**Growth Rate:** Rapid  
**Water Needs:** Moderate  
**Tolerances:** Drought, poorly drained sites, alkaline soils (pH > 7.5)  
**Attributes:** Texas native, reliable fall color, seeds or fruit eaten by wildlife  
**Features:** Young trees have "candelabra" shape; fall color is orange to deep red.  
**Comments:** Widely available; prefers well-drained soils. Seed source of trees may determine success.  
**Problems:** Fruit drop; oak wilt is a serious disease problem in parts of Texas.