

## Resources for “Texas Botanicals in Warp and Weft”

*Texas Botanicals in Warp and Weft*” is an exhibit of woven pieces that celebrate the diversity of plants native to Texas. Each piece must contain or represent botanical elements of the State, one of its regions or plants in your own garden. The range of plants is immense: wild flowers, grasses, trees, shrubs, succulents . . . the list goes on. Those of us unfamiliar with Texas plants often rely on a big box store to buy a few or several flats of whatever is in bloom and/or meets our color scheme. If we have questions, there may not be an employee to answer them. It’s doubtful that many of us are master gardeners so where do we go to answer questions about native plants? Here are a few suggestions:

Visit public gardens in your area or travel to one that offers an opportunity to see native plants:

- Amarillo Botanical Gardens
- Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center & Botanical Garden, Fort Davis
- Clark Botanical Gardens, Weatherford
- Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Gardens
- East Texas Arboretum & Botanical Society, Athens
- Fort Worth Botanical Gardens & BRIT
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin
- Mercer Botanical Gardens, Humble
- Poston Gardens, Waxahachie
- Rose Garden of Farmers Branch
- San Antonio Botanical Gardens
- Shangri La Botanical Gardens, Orange
- Zilker Park, Austin

To explore a specific region, the *Texas State Travel Guide* takes us through all seven: Big Bend Country; Gulf Coast; Hill Country; Panhandle Plains, Piney Wood; Prairies and Lakes; and South Texas Plains. The Guide is available free of charge at [www.traveltexas.com](http://www.traveltexas.com); view on-line, order a printed version or download as a pdf. Think about visits to gardens and parks, exploring Texas with your camera handy.

Information about native flora is available without leaving home at these and other websites:

- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (<http://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu>);
- TexasSmartScape ([www.txsmartscape.com](http://www.txsmartscape.com)); and
- Native Plant Society of Texas (<https://npsot.org>).

And, finally, there are books specific to Texas, one of which many of us have on our shelves: *Neil Sperry’s Complete Guide to Texas Gardening*, published in 1982, revised in 1992. It’s a general reference, but does point to plants native to Texas. And you really want to delve into the subject, a list of books has been provided by the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT):

- Correll, Donovan. *Manual of the Vascular Plants of Texas*
- Curry, Mary. *North Central Texas Wildflowers*
- Diggs, George. *Illustrated Flora of East Texas*
- ---. *The Ferns and Lychophytes of Texas*
- Eason, Michael. *Wildflowers of Texas*
- Everitt, J.H. *Trees, Shrubs and Cacti of South Texas*
- Geyata, Ajilvsgi. *Wildflowers of Texas*
- Gould, Frank. *The Grasses of Texas*
- Jones, Fred. *Flora of the Texas Coastal Bend*
- Morey, Roy. *Little Big Bend: Common, Uncommon and Rare Plants*
- Poole, Jackie. *Rare Plants of Texas*
- Powell, Michael. *Cacti of Texas*
- ---. *Cacti of the Trans-Pecos and Adjacent Areas*
- ---. *Flowering Plants of Trans-Pecos Texas and Adjacent Areas*
- Shinnery, Lloyd. *Flora of North Central Texas*
- Silverthorne, Elizabeth. *Legends and Lore of Texas Wildflowers*
- Stutzenbaker, Charles. *Aquatic and Wetland Plants of the Western Gulf Coast*
- Vines, Robert. *Trees of East Texas*
- ---. *Trees of North Texas*
- Warnock, Barton. *Wildflowers of Big Bend Country Texas*
- ---. *Wildflowers of the Guadalupe Mountains*
- Whitehouse, Eula. *Texas Flowers in Natural Colors*
- Wrede, Jan. *Trees, Shrubs and Vines of Hill Country*