

Fabulous Finds for Year Round Gardening

Perennials for Fort Bend

1. ***Hibiscus hamabo* – Yellow Tree Hibiscus** – A beautiful & unique hibiscus “tree” that grows about 10'-12' tall & 10'-12' wide. This hardy, deciduous large shrub or small tree has attractive, somewhat rounded leaves with a silver backing & is covered with 3”-4” bright sulphur-yellow flowers with a maroon center in summer. It likes full sun & a well-drained soil.
2. ***Philadelphus ‘Innocence’* – ‘Innocence’ Mock Orange** – Perhaps the most fragrant of all Mock Oranges! This large, fountain-like deciduous shrub is covered in late spring with intoxicating, orange blossom-scented, four-petaled, pure white flowers. The foliage is splashed with an irregular creamy-white or gold variegation on older plants. This large shrub, averaging 6'-8' tall, grows in full sun, but prefers light shade in the Gulf Coast area along with a moist, but well-drained soil.
3. ***Euonymus americana* - Strawberry Shrub** - An attractive & unique under-story shrub found in the fertile woodlands & along streams of East Texas. It has an upright, irregular, airy form with thin, green, horizontal stems. Strawberry Shrub is famous for its strawberry-like red capsules in the fall that crack open exposing bright orange seed & for its spectacular red fall foliage color!!! It grows in shade or light shade & prefers moist, fertile, well drained soil with a high humus content. Grows 5'-6' tall.
4. **Ducher Rose** - A premier performer as a landscape shrub rose! A beautiful plant with bronzy new growth & covered with ivory-white roses in heavy bloom cycles spring to fall. Fragrant. Regarded as the only white China rose. 3'-5' tall. Sun.
5. ***Calliandra emarginata* – Dwarf Fairy Duster** – This beautiful root hardy shrub is great for both garden and containers. Growing to about 2' – 3' tall, Dwarf Fairy Duster is covered with hot pink “powderpuff” flowers practically non-stop from spring to fall! This shrub is spectacular in bloom. It has a very tropical look, but is a very tough little shrub. **Hummingbirds & butterflies!!!** Calliandras are known for having very low amounts of airborne pollen. Sun or light shade.
6. ***Hibiscus sp. ‘Shirley Temple’* – Shirley Temple Hibiscus** – Incredible 5” pale pink blooms with coral-red centers and a long coral-red stamen make you feel like you're in the tropics! Blooms from spring to fall. Beautiful dark green glossy foliage with an upright growth habit. Can easily be kept pruned as a thick 3'-6' blooming shrub or shaped into a 6'- 9' tree form. Tough, root hardy tropical hibiscus, may be evergreen in mild winters. Full sun or light shade.
7. ***Eremophila sp.* - Blue Emu Bush** – A graceful 6' shrub with a spreading, fountain-like growth habit and narrow, light green leaves. It produces a profusion of tubular, lilac-blue flowers in spring and summer. Evergreen. Very drought tolerant once established. Needs full sun, good drainage. Responds well to pruning. **Hummingbirds!**
8. ***Cassia corymbosa* – Flowering Senna** – A tall, upright, fast growing shrub with feathery, compound leaves & a bright colorful display of large clusters of 1” yellow blooms from late summer to winter. It's normally evergreen in the Houston & surrounding areas. *Cassia corymbosa* grows 6'-10' tall & can easily be trained into a small “tree”. It is a major **butterfly nectar plant & is a host plant for the Sulphur Butterfly**. It's heat & drought tolerant & deer resistant. Full sun.
9. ***Punica granatum 'Nana'* - Dwarf Pomegranate** – A fabulous dwarf variety with a compact, dense growth habit & an almost constant display of 2” orange-red single flowers throughout the hot summer months followed by adorable 2” red fruit. It does equally well in a landscape or in a container & is one of the most popular of all dwarf trees for bonsai hobbyists. This colorful, wonderfully textured deciduous shrub loves the heat, tolerates a variety of soils, & is drought tolerant once established. It reaches 3'-4' tall but can easily be kept much smaller. Sun & well-drained soil.
10. ***Hamelia x ‘Holik’* – ‘Holik’ Hamelia** – This beautiful hamelia is a cross between the Golden Bells Hamelia and *Hamelia patens*. Clusters of burnt orange flower buds explode into open flared, trumpet shaped, bright saffron flowers throughout the heat of late spring, summer and fall. Glossy foliage gives this large perennial shrub a lush, rich look. Averages 5'-6'. Full sun. Moist, well-drained soil. **Hummingbirds!**

11. ***Hamellia patens* 'Compacta' - Dwarf Hamellia** - A tight, compact version of the Hummingbird Bush with semi-glossy, lance-shaped, green leaves tinged with burgundy. It blooms all season, producing terminal clusters of tubular, orange-red flowers, attracting hummingbirds from all over! Averages 3' tall. Full sun. **Hummingbirds!**
12. ***Abutilon megapotanicum* – Candy Corn Abutilon** – Small red and yellow, lantern-like flowers bob & dance on the elegant, arching stems of this unusual abutilon throughout the summer & fall. Left alone, it eventually grows into a 3'x3' sprawling mound of color, but it's spectacular trained in a 3'-4' "tree" form where the flowers can really show off! It can also be trained as a short climber, makes beautiful hanging baskets, works well in a pot or trained on supports in the garden. Responds well to pruning for a lush, fuller look. Full sun or light shade. Prefers a moist, well-drained soil. **Hummingbirds!**
13. ***Justicia sp.* – Lemon Sorbet Shrimp Plant** - A shrimp plant with a new delicious color! It produces 4"- 6" shrimp-shaped spikes of overlapping pastel lemon-yellow bracts with white tubular flowers on a 3' mound of soft, apple-green leaves. This tough attractive plant is an extremely long bloomer, responds well to pruning, & is root hardy in the Houston & Gulf Coast area. It grows in sun or light shade & a moist, well drained soil. **Hummingbirds!**
14. ***Capsicum annuum var. aviculara* - Chili Pequin** - This native perennial pepper makes a beautiful addition to the garden. It is a 2' – 3' mounding shrub that is covered with small white flowers & bright red, "bird's eye" peppers much of the year. It's tough once established, prefers full sun & good drainage, & also re-seeds. **Birds** love the fruit!
15. ***Allium texanum* – Native Texas Onion** - Native, evergreen, clump forming perennial for full sun. Narrow blue-grey foliage forms a 12" mound, topped each spring with a mass of white pom-pom flowers that stand 18" tall. Sun. Moist, well-drained soil. **Butterflies!**
16. ***Monarda sp.* - Peter's Purple Monarda** - Passed along by Greg Grant, this perennial selection from Peter Loos' Nacogdoches garden is incredible! Heads of tubular, bright purple flowers form on upright stalks throughout the summer. Forms a 3'- 4' clump. Leaves have a minty-spicy fragrance. Mildew resistant. Sun, moist well drained soil. **Butterflies & Hummingbirds!**
17. ***Pavonia lasiopetala* - Rock Rose** - An outstanding sun-loving, drought-tolerant, 2'-3' mounding native perennial that's almost constantly blooming 2" hot pink flowers spring to fall. Attractive, dark green, small arrow-shaped foliage. Sun & well drained soil. Responds well to pruning. **Butterflies!**
18. ***Abelmoschus moschatus* - Oriental Red Hibiscus** - An extraordinary 3' mounding "hibiscus" that's smothered with 3" bright coral-red flowers from April to the first frost! An unbelievable performer for sun gardens. It's root hardy & also will lightly re-seed. It's quite tough once established. Responds well to pruning. Great texture & color!
19. ***Hechtia sp.* – False Agave** – Low growing with a miniature agave form. 3" rosettes hug the ground and multiply slowly to create a unique textural accent. Slender stems emerge each spring, growing up to 2' tall, and bloom with tubular, tangerine-orange flowers. Full sun or light shade. Well drained soil.
20. ***Aster pringelii* – Pringle Aster** - An extraordinary aster! Forms a 3' x 3' absolute cloud of tiny white flowers for months in the fall. A stunning show stopper in any landscape or cascading out of a beautiful container. Tough once established. Sun to light shade. Moist, well-drained soil. **Butterflies!**
21. ***Salvia micropyla* 'Oxford Pink' - 'Oxford Pink' Salvia** - A tough, beautiful, & evergreen salvia that forms a full 3' rounded plant that is almost constantly covered with bright pink tubular flowers spring, summer, & fall (& even through a mild winter). Fairly drought tolerant once established. Full sun or light shade. Moist, well drained soil. Responds well to pruning. **Hummingbirds!**
22. ***Salvia greggii* 'Baby Pink' - Baby Pink Salvia** - Wonderful, soft color! A shrubby, evergreen, native salvia with small oval leaves & an abundance of gorgeous light pink flowers spring thru fall in heavy bloom cycles. Forms a beautiful 3' shrub. Sun, good drainage. **Hummingbirds!**
23. ***Salvia sp.* 'Otahal' – Otahal Salvia** - Amazing spikes of blue-violet flowers with silver calyx against silver-green foliage. A non-stop bloomer. Averages 2' tall. Sun, moist, well drained soil. **Hummingbirds!**

24. ***Salvia scabra* - Coastal Blue Sage** – A great choice for both gardens and containers, this low mounding salvia produces slender stems of tubular, sky-blue flowers in heavy cycles nearly year-round. Forms a compact clump of normally evergreen foliage 18” tall. Sun or light shade. Moist, well-drained soil.
25. ***Scutellaria spp.* - Dark Pink Skullcap** - A wonderful, tough, dynamite perennial from Northern Mexico. Forms a 6” to 8” tall mound of tiny foliage and is smothered with small snapdragon-like dark pink flowers spring to fall in heavy bloom cycles. Sun, good drainage. A very long-lived perennial.
26. ***Scutellaria suffrutenescens* –Sweet Cream Skullcap** - A wonderful, tough accent for perennial beds. Forms an 8”-10” mound of tiny foliage and is smothered with small snapdragon-like cream colored flowers from spring to fall in heavy bloom cycles. Long-lived with good drainage. Sun.
27. ***Scutellaria* ‘Red Fountains’ – Red Fountains Skullcap** – Colorful, low mounding perennials with small glossy green foliage covered with clusters of red tubular flowers through the warm season months. These skullcaps mound or slightly “carpet” an area and will gently cascade over edges of raised beds. They average 8” – 10” tall. Sun or light shade. Moist, well drained soil.
28. ***Senecia macroglossus* – Natal Ivy** – Also known as Flowering Ivy. Evergreen, triangular shaped, glossy green foliage forms a thick textured mat that blooms with 1” yellow daisy-like flowers from late spring into fall. While not a true ivy, this herbaceous perennial has a twining habit that makes it well suited for use as a groundcover. Sun to light shade. Moist, well-drained soil.
29. ***Dietes sp.* - Danny’s Dwarf Butterfly Iris** - A beautiful, dwarf version of this great iris! Clumps of arching sword shaped, evergreen foliage grow 12”-18” tall. 2” wide soft white flowers with yellow and purple-blue markings rise from stalks and dance like butterflies. Flowers profusely from spring to fall. Happiest in light shade but can take full sun. Moist, well drained soil
30. ***Aquilegia caerulea* - Colorado Blue Columbine** – Bushy, spring blooming perennial with beautiful 2” flowers of purple-blue and white. The 5 petal flowers tip upward at the ends of stems. Takes a rest in the heat of the summer and begins growing actively again each winter. Must have shade in the summer but prefers sun in winter, so it’s great near a deciduous tree or shrub. Needs moist, well-drained soil.
31. ***Sisyrinchium sp.* ‘Suwannee’ - Suwannee Blue-Eyed Grass** Found on the banks of the Suwannee River, this selection produces clouds of 3/4” sky-blue flowers in early May. Sisyrinchiums are not actually grasses, they’re part of the iris family. Suwannee has a compact growth habit and the dense, evergreen foliage grows to 8”. Fast-multiplying. Shade or sun, able to take wet conditions.
32. ***Dianthus barbatus* ‘First Love’ - First Love Dianthus** – One of the finest, heat tolerant, long lived, super blooming dianthus on the market! ‘First Love’ blooms practically 12 months of the year, producing 12”-18” stalks topped with clusters of white, light pink, & dark pink frilly flowers. Light shade or sun. It’s happiest with a little afternoon shade in the summer. Moist, well drained soil.
33. ***Stokesia sp.* ‘Peachie’s Pick’ – Peachie’s Pick Stokesia** – Stunning! Considered the best Stoke’s Aster available. Tight evergreen rosette of foliage. A multitude of compact upright flower spikes are topped with dozens of large, lavender-blue flowers in early summer. Averages 18”-24”. Sun or part shade. **Butterflies!**
34. ***Habranthus robustus* ‘Libra’ - Libra Rainlily** - An unbelievably prolific repeat blooming rainlily! Blooms beautiful 2”-3” apple-blossom pink flowers during rainy periods spring, summer, & fall. Has attractive grass-like foliage 10”-12” tall. Multiplies from bulb & seed. Sun or part shade. Rainlilies are spectacular in mass plantings, wonderful tucked in pockets throughout the garden, and also love showing off in containers. For a delicate looking plant, these are quite tough. Will tolerate wet & dry.
35. ***Phlox paniculata* ‘John Fanick’ - John Fanick Phlox** - One of the finest summer phlox for the south!! It is not only an outstanding bloomer, but is tight and compact for a summer phlox, is mildew resistant, & it is very heat-tolerant – must be, it was found in San Antonio!! Produces huge heads of light pink flowers with a dark pink eye from May to September. 24” – 36” tall. Sun or light shade.

36. ***Phlox divaricata* - Louisiana Phlox** –An attractive East Texas native, evergreen perennial. The foliage is a dense mat of dark green leaves that slowly forms an evergreen “groundcover” in the winter. Forms a carpet of showy clusters of rich, blue-lavender, star-shaped flowers in early spring. Stunning when planted in ‘drifts’ which are elongated masses of 5 or more plants. Averages 4” – 6” tall, reaches 10” – 12” in bloom. Louisiana Phlox thrives in fertile, moist, woody garden soil in part shade and it will tolerate considerable shade.
37. ***Phlox pilosa* ‘Forest Frost’ - ‘Forest Frost’ Prairie Phlox** - Introduced by Peter Loos, this extraordinary native, evergreen, pure-white form of *Phlox pilosa* has wonderfully textured needle-like green foliage. Forms a beautiful carpet of showy clusters of white star-shaped flowers each spring. Beautiful when planted in drifts. Averages 6”-8” tall in bloom. Thrives in moist, fertile soil in light shade.
38. ***Phlox pilosa* – Prairie Phlox** - Some times called “Downy Phlox” this native, evergreen, spring-blooming perennial has narrow green foliage and fine white hairs on the stems. Forms a carpet of showy clusters of pink star-shaped flowers that have a mild, pleasant fragrance. Beautiful when planted in drifts. Averages 12” tall. Thrives in moist, fertile soil in sun or light shade.
39. ***Curcuma elata* – Giant Plume Ginger** - An absolutely extraordinary ginger! It’s a spring bloomer with flower stalks emerging out of the ground before the foliage & growing into magnificent bright pink torches! These gorgeous 15” tall by 5” wide stalks bloom for 3-4 weeks. As the bloom stalks grow, the foliage appears & matures into beautiful 4’-5’ tall banana-like leaves. Beautiful cut flowers! Root hardy, full sun to light shade, & moist well drained soil.
40. **Triumphator Lily** - Absolutely the best naturalizing lily for Houston! Explode into bloom in the spring. Grows 4’ tall, with huge, tremendously fragrant white flowers with beautiful pink throats. Their thick petals are very weatherproof, & especially long lasting if you remove the pollen anthers after the flowers open. Excellent for cutting. Dependably perennial. Stems are thick & seldom need staking. Allow to die down naturally in the fall – bulblets will form along the stem below ground level to increase your clump size. Plant in full sun, in beds with improved soil & good drainage.
41. ***Hippeastrum x johnsonii* - St. Joseph’s Lily** - The first hybrid amaryllis that was ever produced sometime around 1790 & one of the finest amaryllis for garden culture! Unfortunately, being an old heirloom plant, it’s not readily available in the trade. This outstanding Hardy Red Amaryllis is a spring bloomer producing stalks of many fragrant bright red funnel-shaped flowers with a white stripe on the inside. It has attractive, long, dark green, strap-shaped foliage that fades away in fall & returns in spring. This superb performer sets little or no seed & is much more tolerant of heavy clay soils & cold weather than other amaryllis. The combination of the brilliant red flowers, the spicy fragrance, & its unbelievable toughness makes it a bulb without equal!
42. ***Whitfieldia longiflora* - White Candles** – Brighten up a shady spot! Glossy dark green foliage really sets off the 6”-8” spires of pure white flowers that can last for a week. Blooms spring to fall. Distinctive, upright growth habit, averages 4’. A great landscape accent and a good option for containers. Shade or part sun. Moist, well-drained soil.
43. ***Jacobinia carnea* ‘Thelma’s Pink’ - Thelma’s Pink Jacobinia** - This gorgeous perennial was a favorite of Thelma Mercer who grew it in her shade garden. A full, upright perennial with dark green foliage and purple undersides topped with large plumes of hot-pink tubular flowers in cycles from late spring into to fall. Root hardy. Matures to 3’ by 3’. Responds well to pruning and with regular pruning the growth will be bushier. Does well in light shade with protection from hot afternoon sun. Makes an attractive container plant. Moist, well-drained soil. **Hummingbirds!**
44. ***Malvaviscus arboreus v. drum.* - Native Turks Cap** - A tough, non-stop blooming perennial shrub that produces red flowers almost all spring, summer, & fall in heavy blooms cycles. It also produces interesting red seed pods normally in fall. Sun or part shade. Hummingbirds & birds! Also comes in a pure white form. It responds well to pruning for a fuller looking plant. Beautiful in mass plantings, especially red & white together. **Hummingbirds!**
45. ***Malvaviscus hybrid* ‘Pam’s Pink’ – Pam’s Pink Turk’s Cap** – A new color of this perennial favorite. Greg Grant created this one by crossing our Big Momma Turk’s Cap with the native White Turk’s Cap. Tough, non-stop bloomer with beautiful pink flowers all summer and into fall in heavy bloom cycles. Will tolerate drought and periods of wet. Blooms in sun or part shade. **Hummingbirds!**
46. ***Malvaviscus drummondii* ‘Big Momma’ - Big Momma Turk’s Cap** – Another spectacular introduction from Greg Grant! The best of our Native Red Turk’s Cap crossed with Giant Pink Turk’s Cap, this selection features large, vivid coral-red flowers swirled like a turk’s cap from mid-summer until frost. Emerges from dormancy each spring and grows into a lush 6’-8’ shrub. Sun or part shade. Will perform well in a variety of soil types. **Hummingbirds!**

47. ***Farfugium japonicum* 'Jitsuko's Star' – Jitsuko's Star Ligularia** - A low mounding, evergreen perennial for shady locations with round, green tropical-looking foliage topped with 2' flower spikes of magnificent double yellow, daisy-like flowers in the fall. This Ligularia grows into a 15" x 20" mound and contrasts beautifully with ferns and other fine-textured plants in a shade garden.
48. ***Farfugium tussilaginea* 'Gigantea' – Giant Ligularia** - Evergreen perennial for shade. Large dark green glossy round leaves. A tropical looking accent that grows into a 3' clump. Blooms with clusters of yellow daisy-like flowers on 4' stalks in the fall. Shade. Best in moist, well-drained soil.
49. ***Bauhinia yunnanensis* - Climbing Pink Orchid** – Charming! Small leaves shaped like butterflies form a thick tapestry on this sun loving vine that climbs by tendrils. Blooms spring thru fall with adorable 1" pink orchid-like flowers veined with purple. Does well on a trellis. Semi-evergreen. Sun. Moist, well-drained soil.
50. ***Rosa* 'Peggy Martin' - Peggy Martin Rose** – This is the incredible rose that survived Hurricane Katrina, continuing to live in the salt water flooded yard of Peggy Martin in Plaquemines Parish, near New Orleans. Long arching canes give this rose a graceful rambling form and clusters of showy, bright pink flowers make it a stunning accent in any garden. Covered with clusters of flowers each spring from mid-March through May, it starts blooming again in late summer and repeat blooms until a frost slows it down in winter. Thornless and disease resistant. Full sun. Moist, well drained soil. *Cooperating Growers are donating \$1 of each purchase of the Peggy Martin Rose to a fund managed by the Greater Houston Community Foundation to restore parks, gardens, and green space in New Orleans.*
51. ***Mascagnia macroptera* - Mexican Butterfly Vine** - A semi-evergreen sun loving vine that's covered with clusters of fabulous bright yellow, orchid-like flowers summer thru fall!!! After a bloom cycle, the flowers are followed by interesting butterfly-shaped chartreuse seed -pods. Once established, this is one tough, beautiful, long-lived vine. Sun. Moist, well drained soil.
52. ***Bignonia capreolata* 'Tangerine Beauty' - 'Tangerine Beauty' Crossvine** - A strong, vigorous semi-evergreen native vine that produces a spectacular display of bright orange-red trumpet flowers in spring. Crossvine grows well in full sun or light shade & has little tendrils that cling tightly to walls, fences, trees, & other surfaces. Will tolerate drought & occasional flooding conditions. **Hummingbirds!**
53. ***Combretum* sp. – Scarlet Powder Puff Vine** – A riot of red powder puff balls all summer long! This fascinating, vigorous, root-hardy vine is a show-stopper on any trellis, fence, or arbor with 3" clusters of bright red fluffy flowers that seem to explode from the lush glossy foliage. It blooms from late spring to fall in full sun or light shade. Moist, well-drained soil. **Butterflies!**

***Don't miss the following selections that will
also be available at the sale!***

54. **Anemone, Alice Staub - *Anemone* 'Alice Staub'** – A perennial anemone that survives our Southern climate! It forms large full mounds of dark green grape-leaf type foliage & bears hundreds of 2" mauve-pink flowers on 2'-3' slender stems in early fall. Absolutely spectacular in a light shade garden. Plantlets radiate out from the mother plant in a shade garden. In sun, it remains a fairly compact clump. The only perennial anemone known to reliably do well here year after year. Moist, well-drained soil.
55. **Australian Violet - *Viola hederacea*** - An outstanding evergreen groundcover for shade gardens! Forms a lush carpet, 1"-2" tall, of bright green foliage & is almost constantly blooming adorable white & blue violet flowers in heavy cycles spring, summer, & fall. Must have under-story conditions & especially afternoon shade. Also looks great cascading out of containers. Moist, well drained soil.
56. **Blue Butterfly Flower - *Clerodendron ugandense*** - an upright growing root hardy plant with stalks that can reach 6'-8' tall topped with panicles of beautiful 1" two-toned blue & white flowers reminiscent of butterflies in shape. It's practically ever blooming! The height can easily be kept shorter with pruning; & pruning also creates a fuller plant & even more blooms. Sun, part shade. **Butterflies!**

57. **Candy Corn Vine – *Manettia inflata*** - A graceful, twining, tender perennial vine that blooms repeatedly throughout the summer and fall with $\frac{1}{2}$ " bright red and yellow tubular flowers. Easy to train on a trellis or even a topiary, also a great choice for containers. Part sun or light shade and moist, well-drained soil. **Butterflies and Hummingbirds!**
58. **Cat Whiskers, Purple - *Orthosiphon stamineus*** - Showy! Tender, shrubby, "mint" with terminal lavender flowers in heavy bloom cycles spring to fall. Responds well to pruning. Another **butterfly & hummingbird** nectar plant. 3'-4' tall. Part shade.
59. **Cat Whiskers, White - *Orthosiphon sp. 'Alba'*** - Showy! Tender, shrubby, "mint" with terminal white flowers in heavy bloom cycles spring to fall. Responds well to pruning. Another **butterfly & hummingbird** nectar plant. 3'-4' tall. Part shade.
60. **Cuphea, Bat Face - *Cuphea ilavea*** – This unusual & tough cuphea is a beacon of adorable, fluorescent red & purple "bat-face" tubular flowers throughout the heat of late spring through summer to fall. It forms an 18" mound of arching stems, grows in sun or light shade, & likes good drainage. Root hardy to the low 20's. Blends well at the front of a perennial bed or cascading over a wall or container. Also works well in hanging baskets. **Hummingbirds!**
61. **Dianthera – *Dianthera nodosa 'Brazil'*** - It's related to justicias & produces clusters of beautiful bright pink, tubular, three-lipped flowers along the stems on this 2' mounding perennial in spring, summer, & fall. The foliage is more of an apple-green in color & the plant seems to prefer part shade with a moist, well drained soil. It goes dormant in the winter, but, if kept in a container & protected, it might continue to bloom through the winter. **Hummingbirds!**
62. **Fimbriata Dutchman's Pipe - *Aristolochia fimbriata*** - A smaller version of Dutchman's Pipe with 2" – 3" rounded green leaves that have a light-green pattern on the surface. It blooms in cycles from spring to fall in miniature burgundy & yellow flowers. Can be used as a little vine, or as a groundcover. **Host plant for the Pipevine Swallowtail Butterfly**. Moist, well-drained soil.
63. **Firespike, Red- *Odontenema strictum*** - A handsome, tropical looking perennial for shade gardens! Rich, glossy green leaves on a 4'-6' plant. Produces 12" spikes of bright red flowers in the fall & will bloom all winter if in a protected area. A new pink form is now available. **An absolute must for fall HUMMINGBIRD migration!** Responds well to pruning. Prefers shade or part shade.
64. **Firetail Chenille - *Acalypha pendula*** - An attractive and unusual groundcover for partial shade that slowly carpets the ground and is almost constantly covered with 3" – 5" long crimson flower tassels. Evergreen in most winters. Partial shade, moist, well-drained soil.
65. **Hibiscus, Tri-Color Hibiscus - *Hibiscus tiliacea*** – Gorgeous foliage! A stunning 4'-6' plant with heart shaped variegated white, green, burgundy and pink leaves. It's used for the spectacular foliage, not for flowers. Sun, light shade. Moist, well drained soil. Normally root hardy in mild winters.
66. **Lantana, Butter Cream – *Lantana camara 'Butter Cream'*** – Elegant and tough! This low mounding perennial has the same growth habit as 'New Gold' Lantana but the flowers are unique. Each flower starts out bright golden-yellow and as it ages, a creamy white edge forms and blends in until the entire flower is white. Looking at the 18"-24" mound of flowers, you see a beautiful blend of gold, creamy yellow and white. Drought tolerant once established. Sun. Moist, well drained soil. **Butterflies!**
67. **Lantana, Red Spread – *Lantana camara 'Red Spread'*** - One of the best red lantanas available. Tough, low mounding and drought tolerant once established. Individual flowers emerge gold then change quickly to orange and ultimately to red in heavy bloom cycles spring through fall. 2'-3' mounding plants. Sun. Moist, well-drained. **Butterflies!**
68. **Lantana, Trailing White - *Lantana montevidensis*** - A trailing form of Lantana native to South and Central Texas that will only get 12-15" in height with a 3-6' spread, making it a nice groundcover. It is lovely spilling over a retaining wall, or out of a container, window box, or hanging basket. The blooms are pure white. They appear in masses from spring to fall. White Trailing Lantana's foliage will change to a red to purple color in the colder months. **Butterflies!!**
69. **Pink Buttons - *Polygonum sp.*** - A beautiful groundcover for shade (or sun if irrigated). Green-burgundy foliage with pink "button" flowers practically all spring, summer, & fall. Grows about 2"-3" tall. May go dormant in winter.

70. **Porterweed, Purple - *Stachytarpheta jamicensis*** - A Cockrell Butterfly Center find. Bushy herbaceous plants that, depending on variety, grow anywhere from 2' to 4' tall with rich lavender or coral flowers. The flowers appear a few at a time, from the bottom up, along long, narrow flower spikes all summer and fall. Prefers part shade. Tender in a hard winter. **Hummingbirds and butterflies!**
71. **Russelia, Red Rocket - *Russelia sarmentosa*** - A spectacular Russelia that forms a very lush, extremely showy plant with many elegant, 3'-4' tall arching stems topped with clusters of a multitude of small, tubular, bright red flowers almost constantly from mid-spring thru fall! This variety of Russelia has small, dark green leaves instead of needle-like leaves. Full sun or light shade. Moist, well drained soil. Gorgeous in the landscape or cascading out of urns, containers, troughs, etc. Texture!!! **Hummingbirds!**
72. **Salvia, Hot Lips - *Salvia macrophylla* 'Hot Lips'** - A must have salvia! This is a unique evergreen bi-color salvia that has red tips and white lips. In the hotter months of summer it may have all red and all white flowers on the same plant due to warmer night temperatures, but when the night temperature drops in the fall the flowers will return to their bi-color state. This Salvia has a similar look to *Salvia greggii* except it has a finer texture. When the nights warm in summer, the new flowers are all red with an occasional solid white one. As fall approaches, the flowers again will be bicolor red and white. 30" tall. Full sun. Needs good drainage.
73. **Salvia, Painted Lady – *Salvia blepharophylla*** - A low mounding salvia with lush, dark green foliage & beautiful, rich, brilliant-red tubular flowers in heavy cycles spring through fall. Averages 18"-20" tall x 30" wide. Sun, light shade. **Hummingbirds!**
74. **Tea Bush- *Melochia tomentosa*** - A small, shrubby perennial from the chocolate family. It averages 2' and is covered with clusters of beautiful, small, bright pink flowers that bloom practically non-stop spring through fall. It is drought tolerant, grows quickly & will provide color during summer heat. An excellent nectar source for **butterflies!**
75. **Trilobed Rudbeckia – *Rudbeckia triloba*** - Masses of 1" yellow daisies with brown centers make this prairie native a standout in any garden. Basal leaves are divided into 3 parts. Flowers form at the ends of many-branched stems with narrow leaves so the plants are completely covered as it blooms in cycles from spring thru fall. Best in full sun or light shade. Drought tolerant once established. **Butterflies!**
76. **Verbena, Homestead Purple – *Verbena Canadensis* 'Homestead'** – Covered with beautiful 2" deep purple flowers from spring until frost. Matures at a height of about 6-10" and will spread up to 3' making it an excellent groundcover. **Great as a border in the landscape or in mixed containers. Tough in summer heat and drought conditions. Sun. Butterflies!**
77. **Verbena, Hot Pink Moss – *Verbena bipinnatifida*** – Native form of the Great Plains Verbena colors the garden with 1"-2" magenta-pink flowers in spring and summer. Finely textured foliage spreads to form a carpet 4"-6" tall. Tough in summer heat and drought conditions. Sun. **Butterflies!**