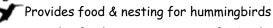


# **Tropicals**

Plants native to frost-free areas near the equator



**KEY:**Provides food for butterflies



Provides food, cover, or nesting for birds



### Bird of **Paradise** Strelitzia reginae

- Half-hardy clumping plant 3 ft × 4 ft
- Full sun
- Regular water
- Blooms springfrost
- Hardy to 25°
- Giant form: Strelitzia nicolai 15 ft x 6 ft
- S Africa native

## Bougainvillea Bougainvillea glabra



- Half-hardy evergreen vine 12 ft x 8 ft
- Very low water Blooms spring-
- fall Many colors of bracts
- Salt tolerant
- Hardy to 25°
- Native to S Am

## Firebush Hamelia patens

- Deciduous shrub or root-hardy perennial 12 ft x 8 ft
- Sun/part sun
- Low water
- Blooms summer-fall
- Salt tolerant
- Texas Superstar
- Native to Mex & Cen







#### **Firespike** Odontonema tubiforme

- Evergreen shrub 6 ft x 3 ft
- Part sun/sun
- Medium water
- Blooms summer-fall
- Salt tolerant
- Stems hardy to upper 20°
- Central American

#### Sub-tropical evergreen perennial 5 ft x 3 ft

- Part shade/shade
- Very low water
- Hardy to 20°
- Salt tolerant
- Native to New Guinea

## Ginger Alpinia sanderae





# **Jatropha** *Jatropha integerrima*

- Evergreen tropical shrub 10 ft x 8 ft
- Full sun/part shade
- · Low water
- Coral blooms spring-fall
- Root hardy, stems hardy to upper 20°
- All parts of plant are toxic
- Moderate salt tolerance
- Deer resistant
- Caribbean native



#### Dwarf Oleander

Nerium oleander hybrid

- · Dwarf varieties 6 ft x 6 ft
- Full sun/part sun
- Low water
- Blooms spring-fall
- · Salt tolerant
- Root hardy to 10°
- All parts of plant are poisonous
- Deer resistant
- Susceptible to Oleander Leaf Scorch
- Native to Asia & Mediterranean





# Orchid Tree Bauhinia variegata

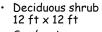
- Tropical fast-growing tree 40 ft x 20 ft
- · Full sun/part shade
- · Low water
- Spring blooms
- Hardy to 25°
- Parts of plant are poisonous
- · Naturalized in Texas
- · Native to Asia



# **Plumeria** *Spp.*

- Tender deciduous shrub 20 ft x 20 ft
- · Sun/part shade
- Regular water/fertilizer
- · Summer-Fall blooms
- Many colors; some varieties are fragrant
- Salt tolerant
- Damaged below 40°
- May be dug & stored bare-root/bare leaves for winter
- Native in Mex, Caribbean & C Am





- Sun/part sun
- · Low water
- · Blooms summer-fall
- Stems hardy to 30°
- Root hardy to 18°
- Moderately salt tolerant
- Native to W Indies & Tropical America





# Split-Leaf Philodendron Philodendron selloum

- Tropical shrub
   12 ft x 15 ft
- Part sun/shade
- Regular water
- Hardy to 25°
- Root hardy below 25°
- · Salt tolerant
- Parts of plant are poisonous
- Native to S Brazil

