






Tropicals

Plants native to frost-free areas near the equator

- KEY:**
-  Provides food for butterflies
 -  Provides food & nesting for hummingbirds
 -  Provides food, cover, or nesting for birds



Bird of Paradise

Strelitzia reginae

- Half-hardy clumping plant 3 ft x 4 ft
- Full sun
- Regular water
- Blooms spring-frost
- 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
- Sun
- 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 Am



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 native



Ginger

Alpinia sanderae

- Sub-tropical evergreen perennial 5 ft x 3 ft
- Part shade/shade
- Very low water
- Hardy to 20°
- Salt tolerant
- Native to New Guinea





Jatropa *Jatropa 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 *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

Pride of Barbados *Caesalpinia pulcherrima*

- Deciduous shrub 12 ft x 12 ft
- 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

