

Texas Wildflowers

Ten-petal Anemone	Blue-eyed Grass	Liatriis v	Brown-eyed Susan	Bluebells	Buttercup	Desert Willow	Cloth of Gold	Drummond Wax Mallow v
Late Purple Aster	Red Buckeye	Liatriis v	Spring Beauty	Blackfoot Daisy	Columbine	Skeleton Plant	Fishhook Barrel Cactus	Drummond Wax Mallow
Plains Wild Indigo v	White Gaura	Simpson Rosinweed	Drummond Wild Onion	Purple Paintbrush	Mayapple	Horrible Thistle v	Purple Coneflower	White Milkweed
Plains Wild Indigo v	Golden Flax	Obedient Plant	Water Primrose	Woolly-White	Prairie Spiderwort	Horrible Thistle v	Purple Prairie Clover	Showy Evening Primrose
Baby Blue Eyes	Wild Geranium	Star of Bethlehem	Southern Blue Flag v	Basket Flower	Standing Cypress	Arrowhead	Coral Honeysuckle	Philadelphia Fleabane
Bitterweed	Texas Bluebonnet	Tickseed Coreopsis	Southern Blue Flag v	Indian Pipe	Wild Hyacinth v	Jack-in-the-Pulpit	Cane Cactus	Goat's Beard
Texas Redbud	Snow-on-the-Prairie v	Silver-leaf Nightshade	Erect Dayflower	Soapwort	Wild Hyacinth v	Evening Primrose	Cardinal Flower v	Violet
Buffalo Bur	Snow-on-the-Prairie v	Sensitive Brier	Fringed Puccoon	Foxglove	Celestial Lily	Dakota Vervain	Cardinal Flower v	Rain Lily
Butterfly Weed	Corn Cockle	Indian Blanket	Spider Lily	Pointed Phlox	Soft Green-eyes	Sandwort	Annual Sunflower	Western Ironweed
Death Camas	Stonecrop	Atamasco Lily	Soft Golden-Aster	Texas Bluebonnet	American Lotus	Indian Paintbrush	White Prickly Poppy	Lemon Paintbrush v
Coral Bean	Sweet Sand Verbena	Lemon Mint v	Autumn Sage	False Dandelion	Pickerel-weed v	Carolina Jessamine	Buttonbush	Lemon Paintbrush v
Plains Coreopsis	Showy Blue-Star	Lemon Mint v	Downy Paintbrush	Spring Starflower	Pickerel-weed v	Wild Plum	St. John's-wort	Strawberry Cactus
Water Hyacinth v	Blue-eyed Mary	Wine Cup	Ragwort	Cross Vine	Herbertia	Purple Phacelia	Penstemon v	Queen Anne's Lace
Water Hyacinth v	Partridge Pea	Green-flowered Milkweed	Red Trillium	Blue Larkspur v	Texas Prickly Pear	White Barbara's Buttons	Penstemon v	Mexican Hat
Blue Waterleaf	Tread-softly	Gold-eye Phlox	Prickly Pear Cactus	Blue Larkspur v	Clasping-leaved Coneflower	Spectacle-pod	Wild Bergamot	Oxeye Daisy
Engelmann Daisy	Oleander	Texas Mountain Laurel v	Yarrow	Yellow Star-Grass	Crow Poison	Purple Leather-flower	Venus' Looking Glass	Honey Mesquite
Dogwood	Green Wild Indigo	Texas Mountain Laurel v	Texas Thistle	Meadow Pink	Rose Prickly Poppy	Purple Leather-flower	Locoweed	Texas Bluebonnet v
Indian Paintbrush	Eryngo	Moth Mullein	Passion-flower	Thelesperma	Trout Lily	Chickory	Pink Prairie Rose	Texas Bluebonnet

You only see the big flowers at 70 mph...

On a warm, July day a few years ago, Commerce photographer, Rick Vanderpool knelt to photograph Blue Waterleaf, just outside Jefferson (Marion County), and his collection of Texas wildflowers was complete. Also complete was a collection of Levi's, each sporting a right knee that was either grass-stained or nearly white from treating for grass stains.

"Looking for wildflowers was a passion long before I became smitten with looking for Texas," says Vanderpool, who cannot remember whether the dozens of trips he made between 1994 and 1999 were looking for Texas (see www.stateart.net), with a side of wildflowers, or vice versa.

Vanderpool was also a newspaper publisher during part of that period spent looking for wildflowers all over Texas, and he says that encounters with irksome readers and small town politicians made him "happy to know over 300 Texas wildflowers on a first-name basis."

So, here are 145 of Rick's "closest friends" for you to get to know. He's provided their names and hopes that you will travel the state and find them on your own – along with some of the more than 5,000 other Texas wildflowers...

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