

Outstanding Shrubs for Texas *
Drought Resistant
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Plant Adaptation Map

Region 1 - East Texas (Texarkana, Houston,, Tyler, Beaumont, Nacogdoches)

Region 2 - South Texas (Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Laredo, Del Rio)

Region 3 - Central Texas (Austin, Waco, College Station, San Antonio)

Region 4 - North Central Texas (Dallas, Ft. Worth, Denton, Wichita Falls)

Region 5 - Panhandle (Amarillo)

Region 6 - West Texas (El Paso, Lubbock, San Angelo, Midland, Abilene)

Note - Plants with number 7 are adaptable to most areas of Texas.

Common name	Scientific name	Best adapted for	Exposure2	Notes
Dwarf Shrubs (1 to 3 feet tall)				
Dwarf burford holly	<i>Ilex cornuta rotunda burfordii</i>	7	E	Glossy evergreen foliage
Dwarf Chinese holly	<i>Ilex cornuta rotunda</i>	7	E	Glossy evergreen foliage
Dwarf pittosporum	<i>Pittosporum tobira wheeleri</i>	1, 2, 3	E	Small, round evergreen
Dwarf yaupon holly ¹	<i>Ilex vomitoria nana</i>	7	E	Glossy evergreen foliage
Nandina: harbour dwarf, gulf stream, nana	<i>Nandina</i> sp.	7	E	Reddish evergreen foliage
Red yucca ¹	<i>Hesperaloe parvifolia</i>	7	S	Red flowers on tall spikes
Rosemary	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	S	Fragrant bluish-green foliage; blue flowers; herb
Small Shrubs (3 to 5 feet tall)				
Barberry	<i>Berberis thunbergii atropurpurea</i>	1, 3, 4, 5, 6	S	Red evergreen foliage
Bridal wreath spirea	<i>Spirea cantoniensis</i> (S. reevesiana)	7	E	Sprawling; fern-like; white spring blooms

China rose	<i>Rosa chinensis</i>	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	S	Hardy; long-blooming; pest resistant; varieties: Old Blush (pink) and Cramoisi Superior (red)
Dwarf burford holly	<i>Ilex cornuta rotunda burfordii</i>	7	E	Glossy evergreen foliage
Dwarf palmetto ¹	<i>Sabal minor</i>	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	E	Trunkless, bushy palm
Flowering quince	<i>Chaenomeles japonica</i>	7	S	Deciduous shrub; spring blooming (red, pink, white or orange)
Glossy abelia	<i>Abelia grandiflora</i>	7	E	Bronze evergreen foliage and white flowers
Grayleaf cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster glaucophylla</i>	1, 3, 4, 5, 6	E	Sprawling evergreen shrub; dusty gray foliage
Indian hawthorne	<i>Raphiolepis indica</i>	7	E	Spring flowering; blue berries in fall; evergreen

***Provided by Tom Leroy, Montgomery County Extension Agent. These plants have low water requirements.**