

Resource List
Native Landscapes for Birds
Native Plant Society of Texas, Austin Chapter

Websites for Plant Information

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Native Plants Database (NPIN)
The go-to resource for native plants. <https://www.wildflower.org/plants/>
Database for your Texas region. <https://www.wildflower.org/collections/>

Travis Audubon (Audubon chapter in Austin, Texas) Attract birds:
List of bird-friendly native plants for Central Texas
<https://travisaudubon.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Bird-PlantsTravis-September2010.pdf>
List of hummingbird plants for Central Texas
<https://travisaudubon.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/TAS-Hummerhelper-v2.pdf>

National Wildlife Federation Garden for Wildlife Program:
Certify your yard, and educate others. <http://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife.aspx>

Native Plant Finder, National Wildlife Federation <https://www.nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/>
Discover native plants, ranked by the number of butterfly and moth species that use them as host plants for their caterpillars in your zip code. An outstanding database to help with plant choices and to further understanding of various moths and butterflies that use those plants.

Audubon Native Plants Database:
Enter your 5-digit zip code to use Audubon's native plants database and explore the best plants for birds in your area, as well as local resources and links to more information; then filter results by plant type (e.g., tree, shrub), resources (e.g., nuts, caterpillars), and bird type (e.g., sparrows, hummingbirds)
<https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>

Plants of Texas Rangelands:
Click on "Help Me Identify My Plant" and then "Show More Options" to select specific characteristics (e.g., Seed Types) <https://rangeplants.tamu.edu/>

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Texas Native Shrubs Database:
<https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/texasnativeshrubs/>

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Texas Native Trees Database:
<https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/texasnativetrees/index.php>

The Cavity Conservation Initiative:
Learn more about the value of cavities to birds <http://cavityconservation.com/>

Texas A&M Forest Service Texas Tree Planting Guide:
Click on "Custom Tree Selector" to select specific characteristics (e.g., is a Texas native, has fruits or seeds eaten by wildlife) <http://texastreeplanting.tamu.edu/>

Austin's Grow Green *Native & Adapted Landscape Plants* Downloadable PDF:
Be aware that many plants are not native. Read notes carefully and look for Texas Natives. Don't plant if it says, "Do not plant near a preserve."
http://www.austintexas.gov/watershed_protection/publications/document.cfm?id=198301

Bird-related Websites and Articles

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology:

A leader in bird research with many programs for bird enthusiasts.

- Information on various bird species found in the U.S. <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/>
- Various programs including *NestWatch* and *FeederWatch*
- Dealing with predators of nest boxes: <https://nestwatch.org/learn/all-about-birdhouses/dealing-with-predators/>
- Noel Predator Guard for nest boxes: <https://nestwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/guardnoe.pdf>
- eBird: Helps you determine birds you may expect during various seasons in your county: <https://ebird.org/explore> then enter "your county, state" then click on "Bar Charts"
- Merlin: Bird Identification App for Android and iOS: <http://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>

Texas Bluebird Society:

Excellent information on plants and nest boxes that attract Eastern Bluebirds and other birds.

<https://www.texasbluebirdsociety.org/>

American Bird Conservancy:

Information on how to prevent birds from striking windows. <https://abcbirds.org/glass-collisions/>

Excellent information on other challenges such as pesticides, habitat loss, free-ranging cats.

Books

Kress, Stephen W. *The Audubon Society Guide to Attracting Birds: Creating Natural Habitats for Properties Large and Small, 2nd Edition*. 2006. Cornell University Press. Mizejewski, David. *National Wildlife Federation(R): Attracting Birds, Butterflies, and Other Backyard Wildlife, Expanded Second Edition 17 Projects & Step-by-Step Instructions to Give Back to Nature*. 2019. Creative Homeowner.

Stephens, Rufus and Jan Wrede. *Attracting Birds in the Texas Hill Country: A Guide to Land Stewardship*. 2017. Texas A&M University Press.

Bender, Kelly Conrad. *Texas Wildscapes: Gardening for Wildlife, the Texas Nature Guides ed.* 2009. College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press.

Tallamy, Douglas. *Bringing Nature Home, How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*. 2009. Portland, Oregon: Timber Press.

Tallamy, Douglas. *Nature's Best Hope, A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard*. 2019. Portland, Oregon: Timber Press

Tallamy, Douglas. *The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of our Most Essential Trees*. 2021.

Enquist, Marshall. *Wildflowers of the Texas Hill Country*. 1989. Austin, TX: Lone Star Botanical. This book should be in every central Texas amateur botanist's library.

Linex, Ricky J. *Range Plants of North Central Texas – A Land User's Guide to Their Identification, Value and Management*. 2014. Weatherford, TX: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Very useful guide to ID and wildlife value of various native plants of which most occur in central Texas. Available through <https://shop.brit.org/products/range-plants>

Nokes, Jill. *How to Grow Native Plants of Texas and the Southwest*, rev. and updated ed. 2001. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press. Good info on how to site your plants.

Stern, Sara. *Noah's Garden Restoring the Ecology of our Own Back Yards*. 1993. Houghton Mifflin. A story about a couple who experienced an epiphany after clearing their landscape (which drove off wildlife) and then restored it.

Wasowski, Sally, and Andy Wasowski. *Native Texas Plants: Landscaping Region by Region*, 2nd ed. 2003. Lanham, MD: Lone Star Books. An excellent introduction to Texas native plants with information on growth habit, light, soil and moisture needs. A classic.

Shackelford, Clifford, et al. *Migration and the Migratory Birds of Texas*, 4th edition. https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0511.pdf

Nurseries Selling Native Plants in Travis County & nearby (Retail and Wholesale)

Barton Springs Nursery <http://www.bartonspringsnursery.net/> Good selection of natives
3601 Bee Cave Road, Austin, TX 78746 512.328.6655

The Natural Gardener <http://www.naturalgardeneraustin.com/> Good selection of natives
8648 Old Bee Caves Road, Austin, Texas 78735 512.288.6113

Native Texas Nursery (Wholesale only). <http://nativetx.com/> Sometimes you can request plants from your local nursery, and they can order from Native Texas Nursery. 16019 Milo Rd., Austin, TX 78725 512.276.9801

Wright's Nursery (By appointment only, call 512.489.2239)
<https://www.facebook.com/wrightstexasnursery/>
6040 FM 2657, Briggs, TX 78608 about 5 miles east of Briggs, TX.

Native American Seed www.seedsource.com/ Mail order native seeds from Junction, TX.

Lady Bird Wildflower Center (801 La Crosse Ave, Austin, TX 78739 512.232.0100)
Native plant sales over several weekends in Fall and Spring. Check [events](#) for more information.

Video and PowerPoint Presentation

Lauren Simpson talking about working with her neighbors on wildlife gardening
Supporting Pollinators and Pleasing Neighbors
<https://www.facebook.com/katyprairie/videos/10154870917199364/>

Mike Quinn, M.Sc., Entomologist "Relationships Among Diet, Arthropod Prey Availability and Foraging Patterns of the Golden-cheeked Warbler in Central Texas"
<http://biodiversityworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Quinn.pdf>

Learn more about bird-building collisions and solutions with Dr. Tania Homayoun of Texas Parks and Wildlife on this Travis Audubon YouTube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=805k-3P-uJE>