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2585 THOUSAND OAKS
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20 Native Trees for San Antonio, Texas

(Trees listed largest to smallest.)

Pecan

- **Average Height:** 60-75+ feet
- **Width:** 60-75 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Fall, nuts
- **Light Exposure:** Sun
- **Pollinators:** Host to Gray Hairstreak butterfly
- **Water Needs:** High, especially during July - November when kernels fill in. Deep soil or poor drainage areas best.

Bur Oak

- **Average Height:** 50-70 feet
- **Width:** 30-50 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Spring, acorns
- **Light Exposure:** Sun
- **Shade Tolerance:** Tolerates part shade
- **Pollinators:** Host for many Hairstreak butterflies as well as multiple species of moths
- **Water Needs:** Moderate

Cedar Elm

- **Average Height:** 50-70 feet
- **Width:** 40-60 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Fall, yellow foliage
- **Light Exposure:** Tolerates part shade
- **Pollinators:** Host to Mourning Cloak and Question Mark butterflies
- **Water Needs:** Moderate

Chinquapin Oak

- **Average Height:** 50-70 feet
- **Width:** 30-40 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Spring, inconspicuous flowers, fall acorns and red/orange/yellow foliage
- **Light Exposure:** Sun to part shade
- **Pollinators:** Host Gray streaks, hummingbird attractor
- **Water Needs:** Medium

Texas Ash

- **Average Height:** 30-45 feet
- **Width:** 30-45 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Fall, yellow/bronze foliage
- **Light Exposure:** Part Sun
- **Pollinators:** Host for Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
- **Water Needs:** Low

Lacey Oak

- **Average Height:** 30-50 feet
- **Width:** 20-30 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Spring-fall, blue-green foliage
- **Light Exposure:** Sun to part shade
- **Pollinators:** Host for local pollinators
- **Water Needs:** Very low

Desert Willow

- **Average Height:** 15-20 feet
- **Width:** 15-20 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Spring to fall, white, pink or lavender flowers
- **Light Exposure:** Sun to part shade
- **Pollinators:** Host to White-Winged moth, nectar plant
- **Water Needs:** Very Low

Eve's Necklace

- **Average Height:** 15-20 feet
- **Width:** 10-20 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Spring-fall, light pink flowers
- **Light Exposure:** Sun to part shade
- **Pollinators:** Nectar attracts bees and butterflies
- **Water Needs:** Very low

Mexican Plum

- **Average Height:** 15-20 feet
- **Width:** 15-20 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Early spring, white fragrant flowers. Summer to fall, purple edible plums
- **Light Exposure:** Sun to part shade
- **Pollinators:** Host to Tiger Swallowtail, Cecropia moths, nectar source bees and butterflies
- **Water Needs:** Low

Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum

- **Average Height:** 15-20 feet
- **Width:** 10-15 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Late spring, white flowers, followed by edible blue fruit drupes. Fall yellow/orange/pink/red foliage.
- **Light Exposure:** Sun to part shade
- **Pollinators:** Attracts bees and butterflies, fruit drupes attract birds
- **Water Needs:** Low

Texas Persimmon

- **Average Height:** 12-20 feet
- **Width:** 10-15 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Spring, small white flowers. Late summer to early fall, black edible fruits on females
- **Light Exposure:** Sun to part shade
- **Pollinators:** Host to Gray hairstreak, Henry's Elfin butterflies, Nectar attracts bees and butterflies
- **Water Needs:** Very low

Roughleaf Dogwood

- **Average Height:** 12-20 feet
- **Width:** 15-20 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Spring, white flowers followed by white berries. Fall, purple/red foliage
- **Light Exposure:** Part shade to shade
- **Pollinators:** Attracts bees and butterflies
- **Water Needs:** Adaptable but best with moderate water

Carolina Buckthorn

- **Average Height:** 12-20 feet
- **Width:** 10-15 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Summer to Fall, red berries. Fall-Winter, yellow foliage
- **Light Exposure:** Part shade
- **Pollinators:** Host to Snout butterfly
- **Water Needs:** Low

Mexican Buckeye

- **Average Height:** 10-20 feet
- **Width:** 10-20 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Early spring, pink flowers
- **Light Exposure:** Tolerates part shade
- **Pollinators:** Nectar source for local pollinators
- **Water Needs:** Well-drained soil

Goldenball Leadtree

- **Average Height:** 10-20 feet
- **Width:** 10-15 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Late spring to early fall, yellow flowers
- **Light Exposure:** Part shade
- **Pollinators:** Nectar plant
- **Water Needs:** Very Low

Texas Mountain Laurel

- **Average Height:** 10-20 feet
- **Width:** 8-12 feet
- **Type:** Evergreen
- **Seasonal Interest:** Early spring, cascading highly fragrant flowers
- **Light Exposure:** Sun to part shade
- **Pollinators:** Nectar attract bees and butterflies
- **Water Needs:** Very low

Mexican Redbud and Texas Redbud

- **Average Height:** 10-15 feet/15-20 feet
- **Width:** 10-15 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Early spring, pinkish-magenta flowers
- **Light Exposure:** Prefers part shade
- **Pollinators:** Host to Henry's Elfin butterfly. Nectar attracts bees and butterflies
- **Water Needs:** Low/Very Low

Flameleaf Sumac

- **Average Height:** 12-15 feet
- **Width:** 10-20 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Summer, white flowers. Fall, red berries for wildlife and fiery red/orange foliage
- **Light Exposure:** Sun to part shade
- **Pollinators:** Host to Red-banded Hairstreak, Banded Hairstreak butterflies
- **Water Needs:** Very low

Evergreen Sumac

- **Average Height:** 8-10 feet
- **Width:** 10-15 feet
- **Type:** Evergreen
- **Seasonal Interest:** Summer to winter, white flowers. Winter, fuzzy orange/red berries for wildlife
- **Light Exposure:** Sun to part shade
- **Pollinators:** Attracts bees and butterflies
- **Water Needs:** Low

Kidneywood

- **Average Height:** 6-12 feet
- **Width:** 6-10 feet
- **Type:** Deciduous
- **Seasonal Interest:** Spring to fall, blooms off and on white fragrant flowers
- **Light Exposure:** Sun to part shade
- **Pollinators:** Host to the Dogface butterfly. Nectar attracts bees and butterflies.
- **Water Needs:** Very low