

Texas Native Plants that Attract Food* for Eastern Bluebirds



*Insects & Spiders

Scientific Name	Common Name**
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	yarrow (P)
<i>Allium</i> sp.	wild onions (P)
<i>Asclepias</i> spp.	milkweeds (P)
<i>Castilleja</i> spp.	paintbrushes (P)
<i>Centaurea americana</i>	American basket-flower (A)
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	buttonbush (P)
<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	partridge pea (A)
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	desert willow (P)
<i>Conoclinium</i> spp.	mistflowers, wild ageratum (P)
<i>Dalea</i> sp.	prairie clovers (P)
<i>Echinacea</i> spp.	purple coneflowers (P)
<i>Eryngium</i> spp.	rattlesnake master, eryngo (P)
<i>Helianthus</i> spp.	sunflowers (A & P)
<i>Ilex decidua</i>	possumhaw holly (P)
<i>Lantana urticoides</i>	Texas lantana (P)
<i>Liatris</i> spp.	gayfeather, blazing star (P)
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	coral honeysuckle (P)
<i>Malva viscus arboreus</i> var. <i>drummondii</i>	turk's cap (P)
<i>Marshallia caespitosa</i>	Barbara's buttons (P)
<i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>	blackfoot daisy (P)
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	passion vine (P)
<i>Polytaenia nuttallii</i>	prairie parsley (B)
<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	pickerelweed (P)
<i>Prunus</i> spp.	cherry, peach, plum, cherry laurel (P)
<i>Pyrus</i> NOT NATIVE	pear (P)
<i>Rosa</i> FEW ARE NATIVE	scented old roses, wild roses (P)
<i>Salvia farinacea</i>	mealy blue sage (P)
<i>Solidago</i> & <i>Oligoneuron</i> spp.	goldenrods (P)
<i>Symphotrichum</i> spp.	asters (P)
<i>Verbena</i> spp.	verbena (P)
<i>Verbesina</i> spp.	frostweed, crownbeard (P)
<i>Vernonia</i> spp.	ironweeds (P)

**Plants may have additional common names

A = Annual; P = Perennial; B = Biennial

The species on this list are native (except where noted) to parts but not necessarily all of Texas. Please check with your local native plant specialist to determine suitability in your eco-region. While other native plants are valuable to other wildlife and the ecosystem, this list answers the question, "What plants attract insects and spiders for bluebirds in Texas?" If you know of species that should be added to or removed from this list, please notify the Texas Bluebird Society at info@texasbluebirdsociety.org. © Texas Bluebird Society, based on a list prepared by Carol Clark for the 2012 Summer Symposium.

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