



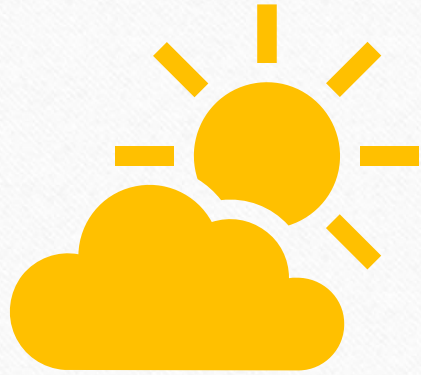
Made in the Shade

Shade Gardening in the Metroplex

presented by

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Exactly what is shade?

Part Shade – 3 to 6 hours of morning sun

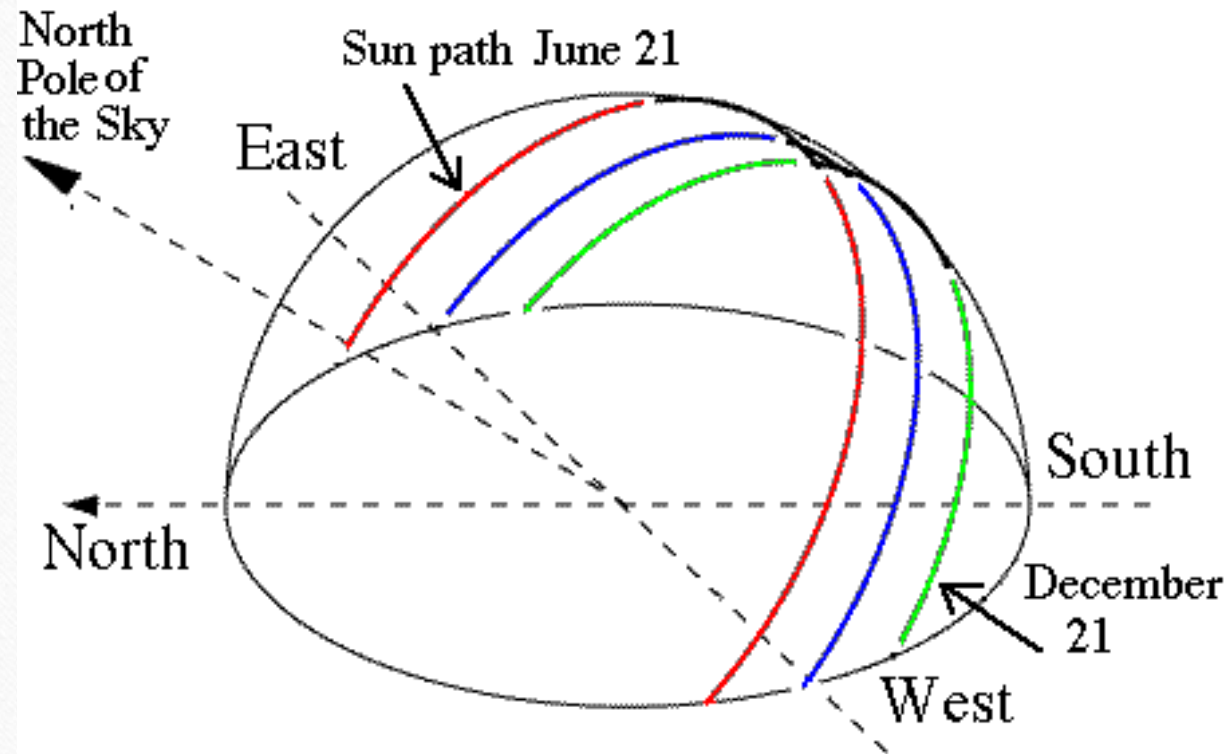
Shade – less than 3 hours of morning sun

Dense Shade – no sun

Seasonal Shade



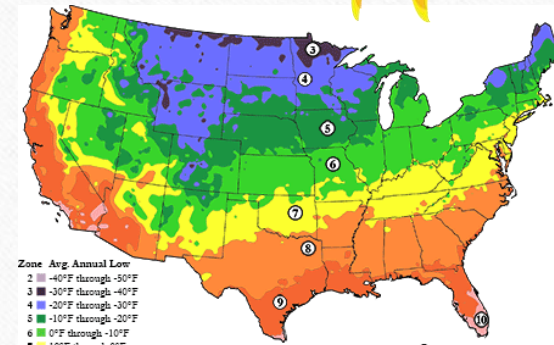
Oh, no! It used to be shady!



Research your plants

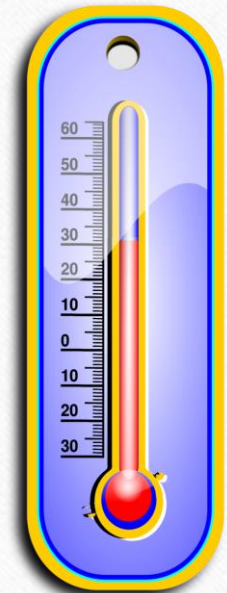


- Moisture Needs
- Soil Needs
- Shade/Sun Needs
- Mature Size
- Tendency to Spread
- Perennial or Annual
- Hardiness Zone



Zone Avg. Annual Low
2 ■ -40°F through -50°F
3 ■ -30°F through -40°F
4 ■ -20°F through -30°F
5 ■ -10°F through -20°F
6 ■ 0°F through -10°F
7 ■ 10°F through 0°F
8 ■ 20°F through 10°F
9 ■ 30°F through 20°F
10 ■ 40°F through 30°F

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Sources of Information

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (wildflower.org)
- Trusted local nursery 
- TDG Plant Sale List (yellow highlights) 
- Longtime Gardening Friends 
- Trusted Internet Websites 



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Keep a Journal of Your Plants

- Where obtained
- Receipt (if appropriate)
- Date obtained
- Bloom date
- Problems observed
- Take pictures





Planting/Watering New Plants

- Check the roots.
- When first planting, it is important to water thoroughly.
- Check placement; few plants tolerate standing water.
- Generally better to water thoroughly and infrequently.
- Check your plant's needs and water appropriately.
- Overwatering will cause disease issues.



Mulching Plants

- Use Organic (not artificial)
- Improves Appearance
- Reduces Weeds
- Provides Slow-Release Nutrients
- Conserves Water
- Maintains Soil Temperature





Perennials

These plants return year after year ,
but not forever.



Hellebores (Helleborus)

- **Shade**
- **Perennial**
- **Average Moisture**
- **One Foot Tall**
- **Evergreen**
- **Early Blooms**



Yellow Columbine

(*Aquilegia chrysantha*)

- **Shade to Part Shade**
- **Perennial**
- **Average Moisture**
- **1 to 2 Feet Tall**
- **Semi-Evergreen**
- **Attracts pollinators**
- **Blooms April-Sept**



Pigeonberry (*Rivina humilis*)

- Part Shade
- Perennial
- Average Moisture
- 1 to 1.5 Feet Tall
- Semi-Evergreen
- Fall Color; Berries for Birds
- Blooms March - October



Prairie Alumroot (*Heuchera richardsonii*)

- Part Shade
- Perennial Groundcover
- Average to Dry Moisture
- Low Rosette/Flower Spikes
- Evergreen
- Attracts Hummingbirds
- Blooms Apr - June



Holly Fern

(*Cyrtomium falcatum*)

- Shade
- Perennial
- Average Moisture
- 2 Feet Tall
- Semi-Evergreen
- Grown for Foliage



Toad Lily (Tricyrtis)

- Shade to Part Shade
- Perennial
- Average Moisture
- 1 -2 Feet tall
- Fall Blooms
- Blooms Sept - Nov



Indian Pink

(*Spigelia marilandica*)

- Shade to Part Shade
- Perennial
- Average Moisture
- 1 -2 Feet tall
- Blooms March-April



Heartleaf Skullcap (*Scutellaria ovata*)

- Shade to Part Shade
- Perennial
- Average Moisture
- 1-2 Feet Tall
- Colonizing Groundcover
- Violet Blooms Apr - June



(Photo by R.W. Smith)

Cedar Sage (*Salvia roemeriana*)

- Shade to Part Shade
- Perennial
- Average Moisture
- 1-2 Feet Tall
- Attracts Hummingbirds
- Bright Red Blooms Mar-Aug



Photo by Sally & Andy Wasowski

Salvia

Madrensis, Regla, Limelight

- Shade to Part Shade
- Perennial
- Average Moisture
- Attracts Hummingbirds
- Blooms in Fall



Dutchman's Pipevine (*Aristolochia fimbriata*)

- Shade to Part Shade
- Perennial
- Average Moisture
- Groundcover
- Host for Pipevine Swallowtail (regrows quickly)
- Blooms June - Sept



Texas Sedge (*Carex texensis*)

- **Shade to Part Shade**
- **Perennial**
- **Average Moisture**
- **Groundcover**
- **5-10 inches tall**



(photo by Joseph A Marcus)

Yellow-Flowered Passionvine (*Passiflora lutea*)

- Shade to Part Shade
- Perennial Vine
- Average Moisture
- 3 – 12 Feet Vine
- Host for Fritillary Butterflies
- Blooms June – Sept
- Yellow Flowers



Photo by Joseph A. Marcus

Rose Milkweed

(*Asclepias incarnata*)

- Part Shade
- Perennial
- Average Moisture
- 2 – 5 Feet Tall
- Host for Monarch & Queen
- Blooms June – Oct
- Pink Flowers



Whorled Milkweed (*Asclepias verticillata*)

- Part Shade
- Perennial
- Drier Soil
- 1 – 2 Feet Tall
- Host for Monarch & Queen
- Blooms May - Sept
- White Flowers



Photo by Stephanie Brundage



Trees and Shrubs



American Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*)

- Part Shade to Shade
- Perennial Shrub
- Average Moisture
- 3 to 5 Feet tall
- Blooms May – July
- Berries in Fall for Wildlife



Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)

- **Shade to Part Shade**
- **Perennial**
- **Average Moisture**
- **4 – 6 Feet Tall**
- **Four Seasons Interest**
- **Blooms on Old Growth**



St. John's Wort (*Hypericum prolificum*)

- Shade to Part Shade
- Perennial
- Average Moisture
- 2 – 3 Feet Tall
- Semi-Evergreen
- Blooms June - Aug



Philippine Violet (*Barleria cristata*)

- Shade to Part Shade
- Perennial
- Average Moisture
- 2 – 3 Feet tall
- Interesting Foliage
- Purple Blooms in Fall
- Mulch Heavily



Bloom Moon Gardens

Coralberry

Symphoricarpos orbiculatus

- **Shade to Part Shade**
- **Deciduous Perennial**
- **Average Moisture**
- **1 – 3 Feet tall**
- **Interesting Foliage**
- **Deep Pink Berries in Fall**
- **Attracts Wildlife**
- **Forms Colony, Erosion Control**



(Photo by Ray Mathews)

Scarlet Buckeye (*Aesculus pavia*)

- Part Shade
- Deciduous Small Tree
- Average Moisture
- 6-12 Feet Tall
- Blooms March – April
- Produces Buckeye Seedpod
- May drop leaves in summer



Possumhaw Holly (*Ilex decidua*)

- Part Shade
- Deciduous Perennial Small Tree
- Average Moisture
- 10 – 20 Feet Tall
- Red Berries (female tree)
- Blooms Mar - May



Photo by Aggie Horticulture

Dwarf Palmetto (*Sabal minor*)

- Shade to Part Shade
- Evergreen Palm
- Average Moisture
- 5-8 Feet Tall
- Attracts Wildlife



Photo by Alan Cressler

Sweet Almond Verbena (*Aloysia virgata*)

- Part Shade
- Deciduous
- Dry to Average Moisture
- 5-15 Feet Tall
- Attracts Pollinators
- Fragrant



Japanese Maples

- Shade to Part Shade
- Deciduous Tree
- Average Moisture
- Many Sizes, Shapes,
& Colors
- Great Fall Color



Photo by Metro Maples



Container Gardens

Balconies, Patios, Hanging Baskets



Tradescantia 'Pale Puma'

Pale Puma Spiderwort

- Part Shade
- Perennial
- Average Moisture
- 1 Foot Tall
- Striking Groundcover
- Blooms (insignificant) in Late Summer



Photo by Avant Gardens

Snapdragon Vine (*Maurandella antirrhiniflora*)

- Part Shade
- Perennial
- Dry to Average Moisture
- 1 -3 Feet Vine
- Violet Flowers
- Host & Nectar



Photo by Joseph A Marcus

African False Hosta

Drimiopsis maculata

- Shade to Part Shade
- Tropical
- Average Moisture
- One Foot Tall
- Glossy Green Foliage
- Blooms Early Spring
- Tolerates Dallas Heat



Chili Pequin (*Capsicum annuum*)

- Part Shade
- Perennial/Annual
- Average Moisture
- 1-2 Feet Tall
- Glossy Green Foliage
- Small Edible Hot Peppers
- Tolerates Dallas Heat/Humidity



(Photo by Sally & Andy Wasowski)

Little Ruby

(*Alternanthera dentata*)

- Part Shade
- Annual
- Average Moisture
- 1 -2 Feet tall
- Great Fall Color
- Roots Easily



Coleus

- Part Shade to Shade
- Annual
- Average Moisture
- 1 to 2 Feet Tall
- Easy to Maintain



Begonias

- Shade to Part Shade
- Tender Perennial
- Average Moisture
- 1 – 2 Feet Tall
- Grown Mostly for Foliage



Purple Oxalis (*Oxalis triangularis*)

- Shade
- Perennial
- Average Moisture
- 1 Foot Tall
- Blooms in Spring
- Light Pink to White Flowers



Elephant Ears

- Shade to Part Shade
- Tender Perennial/Annual
- Average Moisture
- 1 – 3 Feet Tall
- Grown for Foliage



Spider Plant

(*Chlorophytum comosum*)

- Shade
- Tropical
- Average Moisture
- 1 – 2 Feet Tall
- Evergreen
- Great in Hanging Baskets
- Easy to Propagate





Succulents



- Part Shade to Shade
- Well-Draining Soil
- Water When Dry
- Tropical
- Interesting Foliage



Resources

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center <https://www.wildflower.org>

Texas Discovery Gardens <https://txdg.org/plant-sale>

Dry Shade Gardens in Central Texas https://www.wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?collection=centex_dry_shade

Wetland Plants for Central Texas

https://www.wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?start=0&collection=centex_wetland&pagecount=10&pagecount=100

Container Gardens in Central Texas

https://www.wildflower.org/plants/combo.php?fromsearch=true&distribution=&habit=&duration=&light_partshade=1&light_shade=1

Blackland Prairie in Central Texas

https://www.wildflower.org/plants/combo.php?fromsearch=true&distribution=&habit=&duration=&light_partshade=1&light_shade=1

Native & Adapted Landscape Plants https://www.austintexas.gov/watershed_protection/publications/document.cfm?id=198301



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- SEARCH FOR PLANTS
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- PLANT IMAGES
- WILDFLOWER CENTRAL
- WHAT'S IN SEASON



- [Woodland Plants for Central Texas](#) - Native plants that work well in woodlands.
- [Wetland Plants for Central Texas](#) - Native plants for that work well in riparian areas.
- [Hummingbird Plants for Central Texas](#) - Native plants that attract hummingbirds.
- [Container Garden Plants for Central Texas](#) - Native plants for container gardens.
- [Edible Plants for Central Texas](#) - Native plants for human consumption.
- [Drought Resistant Plants for Central Texas](#) - Native plants that perform well during drought.
- [Riparian Restoration Plants for Central Texas](#) - Woody and herbaceous species for restoring riparian areas.



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National Collections

- [Threatened & Endangered Species](#) - Plants in our database that have Threatened or Endangered status with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
- [National Wetland Plant List](#) - Wetland status ratings from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Texas Blackland Prairies

This EPA Level III ecoregion encompasses all or part of 42 Texas counties. Lying entirely within the state of Texas, this ecoregion covers approximately the same land area as the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's Blackland Prairie vegetative region. It is comprised of two parallel bands separated by the East Central Texas Plains ecoregion and extending from southern Texas north to very near the Oklahoma border.

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LIGHT REQUIREMENT

- Sun - 6 or more hrs
- Part shade - 2 to 6 hrs
- Shade - 2 hrs or less

SOIL MOISTURE

- Dry - no signs of moisture
- Moist - looks & feels damp
- Wet - saturated

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