

# WANTED:

## BULLETPROOF PLANTS

for their tough, forgiving, useful, and beautiful nature.

These plants tolerate a wide range of growing conditions.



### Autumn Sage

*Salvia greggii* (shrub)

**Sun:** afternoon shade in summer

**Water:** low, once established

**Fertilization:** occasional

**Size:** 3' tall x 3' wide

**Cold:** 10 degrees

**Flowering:** almost year round



### Texas Mountain Laurel

*Sophora secundiflora* (shrub)

**Sun:** tolerates full sun

**Water:** low, once established

**Fertilization:** occasional to none

**Size:** 15' x10'

**Cold:** 0 degrees

**Flowering:** March-April

**Note:** Watch for caterpillars in spring . Treat w/ BT.



### TRAILING INDIGO BUSH

*Dalea greggii* (groundcover)

**Sun:** full sun, partial shade

**Water:** low, once established

**Fertilization:** occasional to none

**Size:** 1' tall x 6' wide

**Cold:** 0 to 10 degrees

**Flowering:** spring to early summer

**Note:** Good full sun groundcover



## RED YUCCA

*Hesperaloe parviflora* (accent)

**Sun:** full sun

**Water:** low, once established

**Fertilization:** none

**Size:** 3' x 4' with 5-6' flower stalks

**Cold:** 0 to 10 degrees

**Flowering:** stalks of red flowers from late spring to early fall. Almost care free

**Note:** attracts Hummingbirds



## PURPLE LANTANA (shrub)

**Sun:** full sun

**Water:** low, once established

**Fertilization:** occasional to none

**Size:** 1' X 4' average

**Cold:** 0 to 10 degrees with foliage damage at 30 degrees

**Flowering:** spring to fall

Resistant to most insects and diseases



## TEXAS RANGER

*Leucophyllum species* (shrub)

**Sun:** full sun

**Water:** low, once established

**Fertilization:** none

**Size:** varies by species

**Cold:** very hardy; may lose 50 percent of its leaves at 20 degrees

**Flowering:** spring to fall triggered by high humidity

**Note:** shear back in spring to keep lush



## MESQUITE

*Prosopis species* (tree)

**Sun:** full sun

**Water:** low, once established

**Fertilization:** none

**Size:** 30' x 30'

**Cold:** evergreen in mild winters; deciduous in colder areas



## NANDINA aka HEAVENLY BAMBOO

*Nandina domestica* (shrub-not a bamboo)

**Sun:** full sun, partial shade

**Water:** low, once established

**Fertilization:** occasional (watch for chlorosis)

**Size:** 6- 8' tall, 3-4' wide

**Cold:** 0 to 10 degrees

**Note:** Leaves change color all year.



## MASTIC TREE

*Pistache lentiscus* (shrub/tree)

**Sun:** full sun

**Water:** low, once established

**Fertilization:** occasional to none

**Size:** 20'-25' tall and wide

**Cold:** 0 to 10 degrees

**Flowering:** inconspicuous

**Note:** Slow grower, evergreen



## CAROLINA JESSAMINE

*Gelsemium sempervirens* (vine)

**Sun:** full sun/ partial sun

**Water:** low, once established

**Fertilization:** occasional to none

**Size:** up to 20'

**Cold:** 10 degrees

**Flowering:** early spring, autumn (sporadic)

**Note:** can be used as groundcover



## More Bulletproof Plants

- Palo Verde species - low water, heat and cold tolerant shade tree
- Hop Bush - native low water plant, great for screening, low maintenance
- Cassia species - fall color, heat tolerant, low water & low maintenance once established
- Arizona Rosewood - very low water, heat tolerant, great for screening
- Oleander - fast growing colorful low water hedge
- Desert Willow - very low water, native, lots of summer color
- Regal Mist Grass - great low water accent plan
- Star Jasmine- fragrant flowers, great shade vine/groundcover
- Chinese Pistache- deciduous tree with spectacular fall color
- Rosemary - very low water shrub, full sun to partial shade, blooms in winter, attracts bees