

# Perennials Suitable for The Woodlands



For pictures and more detail about these plants, refer these helpful resources:

**Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Plant Database** at  
[www.wildflower.org/plants/](http://www.wildflower.org/plants/)

**Missouri Botanical Garden Plant Finder** at  
[www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx](http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx)

**Native Plant Society of Texas, Houston Chapter Native Plant Info** at  
[www.npsot.org/wp/houston/native-plant-info/](http://www.npsot.org/wp/houston/native-plant-info/)

PERENNIALS							
Common name	Scientific name	Mature height	Requirements	Wildlife value	Bloom time	Bloom color	Native
Annual phlox	<i>Phlox drummondii</i>	1 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators	Spring through summer	Red, pink, purple, white	Yes
Autumn Sage	<i>Savilia greggii</i>	3 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators	Spring to frost	Red, pink, white	Yes
Basket Flower	<i>Centaurea americana</i>	3-6 ft	Part shade	Pollinators	Spring	Pink, white	Yes
Bee Balm	<i>Monarda spp.</i>	2-5 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators	Late spring through summer	Red, purple, pink	Yes
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	1-2 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators	Late spring to fall	Yellow with black center	Yes
Blazing Star or Gayfeather	<i>Liatris spp.</i>	3 ft	Sun	Pollinators	Late summer to fall	Purple	Yes
Blue Mistflower	<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	3 ft	Part shade	Pollinators	Late summer to frost	Blue	Yes
Blue Wood Aster	<i>Symphotrichum cordifolium</i>	3 ft	Sun	Pollinators. Host for pearl crescent and silvery checkerspot butterflies.	Late summer to fall	Blue	Yes
Butterfly Weed (Milkweed)	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	2 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators. Host for monarch and queen butterflies.	Spring through fall	Bright orange	Yes
Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	2-1/2 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators	Late spring through summer	Red	Yes
Clasping-leaf Coneflower	<i>Dracopis amplexicaulis</i>	2 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators	Late spring	Yellow with black centers	Yes
Fall Obedient Plant	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	2-3 ft	Sun to part shade	Hummingbirds, butterflies	Late summer to fall	White, pink, lavender	Yes
Firespike	<i>Odontonema cuspidatum</i>	3-6 ft	Shade	Hummingbirds, bees	Fall to frost	Red	No, but well adapted
Fragrant Phlox	<i>Phlox pilosa</i>	1 ft	Part shade	Pollinators	Late spring	Pink, lavender	Yes
Garden Phlox	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	3 ft	Sun to part shade	Hummingbirds, pollinators	Summer to fall	White, pink, red, lavender	No
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago altissima</i>	3-7 ft	Sunto part shade	Pollinators	Fall	Yellow	Yes

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Gulf Coast Penstemon	<i>Penstemon tenuis</i>	18 inches	Part shade		Spring	Purple	Yes
Hollow Joe-Pye Weed	<i>Eutrochium fistulosum</i>	5-7 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators	Summer	Pink, purple	Yes
Indian Blanket	<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	1 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators	Summer	Yellow, peach, orange, red banded	Yes
Indigo Spires	<i>Salvia</i> "Indigo Spires"	3 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators	Spring through fall	Deep blue	Hybrid well-adapted to our area
Lanceleaf Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	2 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators	Spring and summer	Yellow	Yes
Maximilian Sunflower	<i>Helianthus maximiliana</i>	4-6 ft	Sun	Pollinators	Fall	Yellow	Yes
Mealycup Sage or Mealy Blue Sage	<i>Salvia farinacea</i>	2-3 ft	Sun	Pollinators	Spring to frost	Blue with white	Yes
Milkweed, Aquatic	<i>Asclepias perennis</i>	3-6 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators. Host for monarch and queen butterflies.	Late spring through fall	White, pink	Yes
Milkweed, Green	<i>Asclepias viridis</i>	1-3 ft	Sun	Pollinators. Host for monarch and queen butterflies.	Late spring through fall	White with green	Yes
Milkweed, Swamp	<i>Asclepias incarnate</i>	3-6 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators. Host for monarch and queen butterflies.	Summer through fall	Pink	Yes
Pigeon Berry	<i>Rivina humilis</i>	1 ft	Shade	Birds	Spring through fall	Small pink flowers followed by red berries.	Yes
Porterweed	<i>Stachytarpheta</i>	4-7 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators	Summer through fall	Purple, pink, peach	No, but well adapted
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	2 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators	Summer through fall	Pink	Yes
Salvia	<i>Savlia spp.</i>			Pollinators			
Scarlet Sage	<i>Salvia coccinea</i>	2-3 ft	Part shade to shade	Pollinators	Spring to frost	Red	Yes
Spring Obedient Plant	<i>Physostegia spp.</i>	3-6 ft	Sun, part shade	Hummingbirds, pollinators	Late spring to summer	Pink, lavender	Yes
Sweet William, or Louisiana Phlox	<i>Phlox divaricate</i>	1 ft	Part shade	Pollinators	Late spring	Pink, purple, blue	Yes
Texas Lantana	<i>Lantana urticoides</i>	3-5 ft	Sun	Pollinators	Spring to fall	Orange and yellow	Yes

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Verbena	<i>Verbena spp.</i>	6-12 inches	Sun	Pollinators	Spring through fall	Blue, pink, purple, red, white	Most are not, but well adapted
Wild Blue Aster	<i>Aster spp.</i>	2-3 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators	Fall	Blue	Yes
Wild Red Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	18 inches	Part shade, shade	Hummingbirds, pollinators Host to columbine duskywing	Spring	Red with yellow	Yes
Winecup	<i>Callirhoe involucrate</i>	12 inches	Sun to part shade	Bees	Spring	Deep pink	Yes
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	1-3 ft	Sun to part shade	Pollinators Host for painted lady butterfly.	Summer	Pink, white	Yes

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