

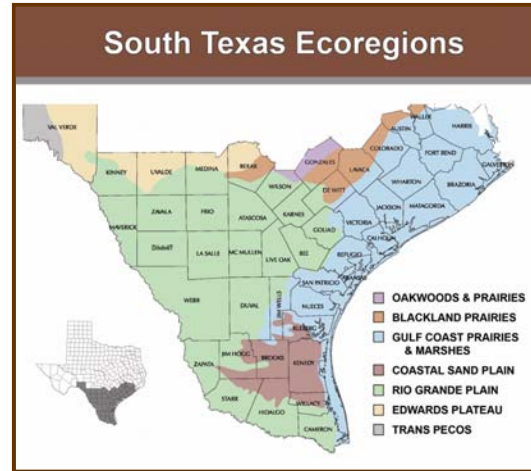
Description

Goliad Germplasm orange zexmenia [*Wedelia texana* (A. Gray) B.L. Turner] is a composite of seven collections from Val Verde, Starr, Goliad, Webb, Duval, Jim Hogg, and Bexar Counties, Texas. Goliad Germplasm is a cooperative release between the USDA-NRCS Plant Materials Program and *South Texas Natives*. Orange zexmenia is a native, perennial sub-shrub with a mature foliage height ranging from 20 to 40 inches. It produces yellow to yellow-orange flowers from March through December.

Uses and Adaptation

Orange zexmenia is browsed by white-tailed deer, cattle, sheep, and goats. Bob white quail have been observed eating the seeds. It is also an adult nectar source for butterflies. Goliad Germplasm is recommended for use in upland wildlife plantings, native landscaping, and in range seeding mixes. It also can be used in many types of conservation plantings, such as stream-side buffers and filter strips.

Orange zexmenia is naturally found on varied soil types, brushy sites, and in



open spaces. It is frequent on various soils in openings and partially shaded brushy sites in the Edwards Plateau and Rio Grande Plains. It is less frequent in the Trans Pecos and southeast and north central Texas. It can also be found in northeastern Mexico, southeast to Veracruz and Hidalgo.

Goliad Germplasm has performed well at locations in MLRA 81 (Edwards Plateau), MLRA 83 (Rio Grande Plains), and in MLRA 42 (Trans Pecos). Current testing has not completely substantiated the northern and western limits of its range of adaptation.

Planting Methods

Orange zexmenia will generally be planted as part of a forb mixture. A seeding rate of 1/3 to 2/3 pound of pure live seed (PLS) per acre is recommended. This corresponds to planting 20 to 40 live seeds per square foot. When planting a mixture, the rate

of orange zexmenia should be reduced according to the total percentage desired in the mixture. There are approximately 140,520 seeds per pound of orange zexmenia.

Seedbed preparation should begin well in advance of planting. Establish a clean, weed-free seedbed by either tillage or non-residual herbicides. Prior to planting, the site should be firm and have accumulated soil moisture. Seeding should occur in early spring, or where there are few cool-season weeds, orange zexmenia can be seeded in the fall.

Goliad Germplasm can be seeded using a grass drill with a small seed box. Broadcast seeding may be used in areas not easily planted with a drill, but additional practices to encourage good seed to soil contact, such as cultipacking, harrowing, etc., may be necessary. Seed should be planted 1/8 to 1/4 inch deep. It is better to plant too shallow than too deep.



Management

Goliad Germplasm orange zexmenia can be grazed the first year once the stand is established. Contact you local NRCS office to develop a grazing management plan.



Availability

Goliad Germplasm was released in 2008. Breeder and foundation seed will be maintained by the E. Kika de la Garza Plant Materials Center in conjunction with Texas Foundation Seed Service. Breeder seed may be obtained by contacting the PMC.



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