

A Photo Guide to Plants of the Coastal Prairies Region of Texas

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Understanding what plants occur on a property can serve multiple purposes for a landowner. Whether it is for enjoyment's sake or to better understand the interactions of wildlife and their habitat, a simple to use and detailed photographic guide for plants in the Coastal Prairies Region of Texas is needed. Using photographs and easy to read descriptions, this guide will be an especially useful tool for those who are not schooled in traditional botanical terminology and scientific vocabulary.

Photographs of common plants are currently being collected and organized while a more comprehensive species collection list for grasses, forbs, shrubs, and trees is being compiled. Plants included in the guide will be categorized by their physical appearance, and each plant entry will include photographs at various stages of the plant's life cycle. Significant collaboration will occur within the region, and landowner participation will play an important role in the development of this guide.

Educational and outreach efforts are an important tool that can encourage and assist landowners of the region. By correctly identifying native plants, those interested can begin to understand the importance of protecting and promoting the imperiled landscape of the Coastal Prairies Region of Texas. Our work will continue to aid the *Texas Native Seeds Program* and the *Coastal Prairie Native Seed Project* by fostering new relationships and expanding our outreach opportunities.

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