

A Photo Guide to Plants of the South Texas Sand Sheet

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The conservation and management of native plant communities in the South Texas Sand Sheet are important to private landowners and to sustaining the plentiful wildlife of the region. However, prior to our publication, there was no specific manual of the common vegetation of the region, making plant identification for land management purposes difficult. To address this need, we began work in 2015 on a book to assist landowners, hunters, and researchers in identifying the common vegetation of the Sand Sheet. This work was published and released by Texas A&M University Press in November 2019.

- The photographic guide includes photos and descriptions of 200 of the most common native and exotic grasses, flowering plants, vines, cacti, and woody plants found in the South Texas Sand Sheet.
- Plants are organized in the book with the nonbotanist in mind, and are grouped by plant type, flower color, or physical appearance, instead of by botanical classification.
- Information on the use of each plant by wildlife and livestock is provided if known, along with basic management considerations.
- The first printing of the book sold out 3 months after release. Additional copies are anticipated to be available for purchase through Texas A&M University Press by end of 2020.

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