

Desert Palms Park Townhouses Plant List

SMALL AREAS – FULL SUN

Salvia Greggii (Autumn Sage) **Height:** 3 feet

Width: 3 feet

Plant Habit or Use: small shrub

Exposure: sun, partial sun

Flower Color: red and many others

Blooming Period: spring, summer, fall

Heat Tolerance: high

Soil Requirements: alkaline adaptable

Water Requirements: low



Red Yucca **Height:** 3 to 5 feet

Width: 2 to 4 feet

Plant Habit or Use: small/medium shrub

Exposure: sun

Flower Color: pinkish red, coral, yellow

Blooming Period: spring, summer

Fruit Characteristics: woody capsule

Heat Tolerance: very high

Water Requirements: low



Texas Ranger also called Texas Sage

Texas Rangers are a fabulous addition to any xeriscape because they are some of the toughest plants around. They thrive in our desert heat, they are relatively clean, they are the epitome of low-maintenance, and they are frost-hardy and evergreen

Texas Rangers bloom sporadically throughout the warm months, most notably when the humidity is high. They are often referred to as barometer plants because they tend to flower anytime there is a change in air pressure, especially during our monsoon.

These plants do best with little to no pruning

The smaller ones are listed here and the varieties that grow larger are shown later in this document.

Silver Cloud: A plant with small silver leaves, it grows to about 4-1/2 feet tall and as wide. The flowers on this one are a deep violet.



Thunder Cloud: Another silver-leafed shrub, with a tight, compact form. It is a slow grower but is worth the wait. This is one of the smaller Rangers, reaching only 3 feet tall and again as wide. Flowers are deep purple.



Cimarron: Cimarron is one of the smaller selections available, reaching a height of 3 feet tall and wide. This selection has blue flowers, giving it the common moniker of Blue Ranger. The leaves are distinctively cupped.



GROUND COVERS – FULL SUN

Prairie Zinnia **Height:** under 6 in. **Width:** 1ft. to 3 ft.

Growth Habit: Clumps Growth Pace: Moderate Grower

Light: Full Sun Only Moisture: Dry to Medium

Maintenance: Low Characteristics: Attracts Song Birds and Butterflies

Bloom Time: Summer Native plant, Self Seeds, Showy Flowers

Water Requirements: Drought-tolerant; suitable for xeriscaping

Flower Color: Yellow



LARGE AREAS – FULL SUN**Little John Dwarf Bottlebrush****Plant Habit or Use:** Border, Hedge**Flower Color:** red**Height:** 3 feet **Width:** 5 feet**Exposure:** full sun**Blooming Period:** spring, summer**Flame Honeysuckle** **Height:** 12-20 feet**Plant Habit or Use:** Border, climber, vine**Flower Color:** light yellow, pink**Maintenance:** Low**Width:** 3-6 feet**Exposure:** full sun, part shade**Blooming Period:** spring, summer, fall**Characteristics:** Attracts Song Birds and Butterflies**Mount Lemon Marigold** **Height:** up to 6ft **Width:** 3 feet**Exposure:** full sun or moderate shade; gets leggy and unattractive in too much shade**Water:** moderate; irrigate weekly or more **Soil:** well drained, improved**Maintenance:** low; recommend cutting back twice per year just before blooming period**Seasonality:** usually evergreen in Tucson; freezes to ground elsewhere**Leaves:** compound, opposite; strongly and distinctively aromatic; 2-3in long**Flowers:** golden yellow, composite, daisy-like, 1in in diameter; bloom in Fall and Spring

Rosemary Height: 6 inches up to 8ft Width: 2-4 feet
Plant Habit or Use: Shrub Exposure: full sun
Flower Color: blue, pink, white Blooming Period: spring, summer, fall
Maintenance: Easily trimmed & shaped Characteristics: Attracts birds, aromatic, herb

Since it is attractive and drought-tolerant, rosemary is used as an ornamental plant in gardens and for xeriscape landscaping. Cuttings are easily grown in pots and moved indoors.



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Here are the larger Texas Ranger varieties.

Compacta: This shrub has a nice, rounded form with a mature size of 5 feet tall and just as wide. Flowers are pink, produced in quantity when humidity levels are high during the monsoon



White Cloud: This shrub has silver leaves and sports large, white flowers. A bit rangier in growth than Compacta, it can reach a height of 6 to 8 feet and again as wide.



Sierra Bouquet: The violet blossoms of this selection are probably the most fragrant of all the Texas Rangers. It is one of the larger shrubs, reaching 6 feet in height and as wide.



Chihuahuan Sage: This Ranger is about 4 by 5 feet, with a loose, angular growth. It has tiny dark-green leaves and fragrant lavender flowers.



Rio Bravo: This shrub stays tight and round without the need for pruning. It reaches a height and width of 5 feet, and has lavender flowers.



PLANTS FOR PARTIAL SHADE AREAS

Weeping Dalea **Height: 3 ft**

Width: 4 ft

Plant Habit or Use: Shrub

Exposure: full sun

Flower Color: purple clusters

Blooming Period: fall to spring

