



9.6 Tamaulipas-Texas Semi-Arid Plain



Large Flower Tickseed

(*Coreopsis grandiflora*)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low to average
SEASON OF INTEREST: Late spring through late summer
HEIGHT: 1-3 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 This show stopping flower is 2-3 inches across and when dead-headed provides a long blooming season. Deer resistant and relatively disease and pest free.



Tickseed

(*Coreopsis tinctoria*)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low
SEASON OF INTEREST: Summer through fall
HEIGHT: 2-4 ft
DURATION: Annual
 This playful prairie species is a favorite of butterflies with striking flowers up to 2 inches across. It is easy to grow, can self seed, is ignored by deer, and is relatively pest and disease free.



Blanketflower or Firewheel

(*Gaillardia pulchella*)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low
SEASON OF INTEREST: Spring through fall
HEIGHT: 1-2 ft
DURATION: Short-lived perennial
 This showy flower has a striking red center up to 2 inches across and abundant nectar. This easy to grow plant has no serious pests or diseases, and readily self seeds.



Mexican Hat Plant

(*Ratibida columnifera*)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low
SEASON OF INTEREST: Late spring through fall
HEIGHT: 1-3 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 This long-blooming plant offers consistent pollen, as well as seeds for birds well into the fall. It is relatively disease and pest free.



Black-Eyed Susan

(*Rudbeckia hirta*)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low to average
SEASON OF INTEREST: Summer through fall
HEIGHT: 2-3 ft
DURATION: Short-lived perennial
 This short-lived perennial with 3 inch blooms self seeds and can tolerate a wide range of growing conditions. It has no serious pests or diseases and is deer resistant.



White Heath Aster

(*Symphyotrichum ericoides*)



LIGHT: Full sun
WATER: Low to average
SEASON OF INTEREST: Late summer through fall
HEIGHT: 1-3 ft
DURATION: Perennial
 This densely blooming and compact plant resembles a spreading Juniper shrub when not in bloom. This low maintenance species does not have any serious pests or diseases.