

How to read plant labels at the Houston Botanic Garden



Indicates preference for sun vs. shade



Source of food or shelter for birds



Lives in water some of the time; promotes water quality

Pollinator-friendly, appeals to butterflies, bees, hummingbirds, beetles and/or bats



Keystone species; critical to success of the whole ecosystem



Used for medicinal purposes

Scientific name

Two-part system used worldwide for positively identifying genus & species of a plant or plant group

Region

Indicates where a plant is considered native; used to predict how well a plant might thrive in local conditions

Common Name

Name by which a plant is known to the general public in a particular region, based on local history or vernacular



Native to Texas

Family Biological classification that shows how plants are related by linking various genera of plants that have common characteristics