

## Best of Abilene Plants

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Common & Scientific Name	Light Required	Drought Tolerant	Height Mature	Comments
<b>Annuals</b>				
<b>May have higher maintenance requirements, need deadheading regular &amp; fertilization</b>				
Begonia (Begonia semperflorens)	Shade	Moderate	6-12"	Drought tolerant in shade only, likes amended soil
African Daisy (Gazania rigens)	Sun	Moderate	6-12"	Tender perennial
Blue Daze (Evolvulus glomeratus)	Sun	High	6-12"	Gray green foliage w/blue flowers
Blue Plumbago (Plumbago auriculata)	Sun/PShade	High	6-8"	Great perennial border
Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa)	Sun/PShade	High	15-18"	Red/orange blooms, butterfly larvae food
Cosmos (Cosmos sp.)	Sun	High	12-48"	Yellow/orange blooms
Firebush (Hamelia patens)	Sun	High	3'	Likes amended soil
Gomphrena (Gomphrena globosa)	Sun/PShade	High	12-24"	Purple blooms
Larkspur (Consolida ambigua)	Sun/Shade	High	18-48"	Spring bloomer
Moss Rose (Portulaca grandiflora)	Sun	High	6-8"	Succulent, many colors
Narrow-leaf Zinnia (Zinnia angustifolia)	Sun	Moderate	8-12"	Blooms all summer, white or yellow
Pentas (Pentas lanceolata)	Sun/PShade	Moderate	12-24"	Blooms all summer, red, pink or lavender
Periwinkle (Vinca catharanthus)	Sun	High	6-12"	Seeds freely, good drainage
Purslane (Portulaca oleracea)	Sun	High	6-8"	Succulent
Scarlet Sage (Salvia splendens)	Sun	High	6-18"	Seeds freely, red blooms
Trailing Lantana (Lantana montevidensis)	Sun	High	10-24"	Some are tender perennial, yellow, white or purple
Yellow Bells/Esperanza (Tecoma stans)	Sun	High	3-6'	Blooms April - November, tender perennial
Zinnia (Zinnia elegans)	Sun	High	18-36"	Many bright colors available
<b>Cool Season Annuals</b>				
Dusty Miller (Senecio cineraria)	Sun	Moderate	12-16"	Gray foliage
Pinks ( Dianthus chinensis)	Sun/PShade	Moderate	6-18"	Some are tender perennials
Iceland Poppy (Papaver nudicaule)	Sun	High	12"	
Ornamental Kale (Brassica oleracea)	Sun/PShade	Moderate	10-14"	
Pansy (Viola wittrockia)	Sun/PShade	Moderate	8-12"	Many colors available
Snapdragon (Antirrhinum majus)	Sun/PShade	Moderate	12-48"	Many colors available

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<b>Perennials</b>				
Artemisia 'Limelight' (Vulgaris janlim)	Sun	High	24-36"	
Artemisia 'Powis Castle' (Artemisia x. 'powis castle')	Sun	High	24-36"	
Artemisia 'Silver Mound' (Artemisia scmidtiana)	Sun	High	6-12"	
Artemisia sp.	Sun	High		Many varieities, grown for grey foliage
Autumn Sage (Salvia greggii)	Sun/PShade	High	24-36"	Red, pink, purple or white flowers
Black Foot Daisy (Melampodium leucanthum)	Sun	High	12"	Needs good drainage, native, white
Black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia hirta)	Sun	High	24-30"	Yellow flowers
Canna (Canna x generalis)	Sun	High	4-6'	Bog or drought resistant
Cast Iron Plant (Aspidistra clatior)	Shade	Moderate	2'	Tropical look
Catmint (Nepeta sp.)	Sun	High		Many species
Century Plant ( Agave Americana)	Sun	High	2-3'	Bloom can reach 15', give lots of room!
Columbine (Aguilegia hinckleyana)	Shade	High	24-36"	Morning sun (is tolerable), native
Coreopsis (Coreopsis grandiflora)	Sun/PShade	High	12-24"	Yellow flowers
Crinum Lily (Crinum bulbisperuum)	Sun/PShade	High	2-4'	Accent plant
Daylily (Hemerocallis sp.)	Sun	High	12-30"	Can do 4-5 hrs. shade
Eupatorium Blue Mist (Eupatorium coelestinum)	Sun/PShade	High	18-24"	
Flame Acanthus (Anisacanthus quadrifidus)	Sun	High	to 4'	Seeds easily, can be invasive
Frikarti aster (Aster frikartii)	Sun	Moderate	18-24"	Medium water requirement, lavender blooms in fall
Gaura/Whirling Butterflies (Gaura lindheimeri)	Sun/PShade	High	12-24"	Native
Hardy Hibiscus (Hibiscus moscheutos)	Sun	Moderate	36-60"	
Holly fern (Cyrtomium falcatum)	Shade	Moderate	10-30"	
Indian Blanket (Gaillardia pulchella)	Sun	High	18-24"	
Iris (Iris sp.)	Sun	High	18-24"	
Lantana (Lantana sp.)	Sun	High	6-16"	Many species. Some are annuals
Lavender (Lavandula angustifolia)	Sun	High	12-24"	Likes reflected heat
Maximillian Sunflower (Helianthus maximiliani)	Sun	Moderate	4-10'	Deer resistant
Mexican Mint Marigold (Tagetes lucida)	Sun/PShade	High	14-36"	Fall bloomer
Mexican Petunia (Ruellia sp)	Sun/PShade	High	6-36"	Seeds freely, invasive, purple blooms all summer
Mexican Petunia (Ruellia tweediana)	Sun/Shade	High	6-30"	

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Dwarf Mexican Petunia ( <i>Ruellia brittoniana</i> 'Katie')	Sun/PShade	High	8-12"	Nice compact perennial with purple blooms
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<b>Perennials Continued</b>				
Mexican Petunia ( <i>Ruellia brittoniana</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	12-24"	
Four O'Clocks ( <i>Mirabilis</i> sp)	Sun	High	18-30"	
Garden Sage ( <i>Salvia officinalis</i> )	Sun	High	12-24"	Edible herb
Mealy Blue Sage ( <i>Salvia farinacea</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	12-24"	Long blooming
Mexican Bush Sage ( <i>Salvia leucantha</i> )	Sun/PShade	Moderate	36-48"	
Oregano ( <i>Origanum vulgare</i> )	Sun	High	6-24"	Edible herb
Pavonia/Rock Rose ( <i>Pavonia</i> sp.)	Sun/PShade	High	24-36"	
Pincushion Flower ( <i>Scabiosa columdaria</i> )	Sun	High	6-10"	Well drained alkaline soil
Plumbago ( <i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i> )	Sun	Moderate	3-10"	There also is a plumbago that is an annual
Purple Coneflower ( <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	12-36"	Divide in fall
Red Hot Poker ( <i>Kniphofia uvaria</i> )	Sun	High	18-48"	
Russian Sage ( <i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i> )	Sun	High	36-60"	
Salvia ( <i>Salvia</i> sp.)	Sun/PShade	High	12-50"	Many species available.
Shasta Daisy ( <i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	24-36"	Morning sun only
Texas Betony ( <i>Stachys coccinea</i> )	Sun	Moderate	18"	
Texas Wood Fern ( <i>Thelypteris kunthii</i> )	Shade	Moderate	12-36"	
Turks Cap ( <i>Malvaviscus arboreus</i> )	Sun/Shade	High	24-36"	
Umbrella Plant ( <i>Cyperus alternifolius</i> )	Shade/Sun	High	48"	Bog or drought tolerant/webpage
Verbena ( <i>Verbena x hybrida</i> )	Sun	Moderate	6-12"	Also annual varieties
Yarrow ( <i>Achillea</i> sp.)	Sun/Shade	Moderate	4-24"	
Zexmenia ( <i>Zexmenia hispida</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	12-24"	Low water requirement, native
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<b>Ground Covers</b>				

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Asian Jasmine ( <i>Trachelospermum asiaticum</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	6-12"	Low water requirement
Beach Vitex ( <i>Vitex rotundifolia</i> )	Sun	Moderate	12-48"	Deciduous
Creeping Liriope ( <i>Liriope spicata</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	8-12"	Variegated requires shade
English Ivy ( <i>Hedera helix</i> )	Sun/PShade	Mod/Low	6-12"	Vine, evergreen
Frog-Fruit ( <i>Phyla nodiflora</i> )	Sun/Shade	Moderate	6-12"	Aggressive, perennial groundcover
Green Liriope ( <i>Liriope muscari</i> )	Pshade/Shade	High	12-24"	
Horse-herb ( <i>Calyptocarpus vialis</i> )	Sun/Shade	High	8-12"	Perennial groundcover
Lantana 'New Gold' ( <i>Lantana x hybrida</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	16-48"	Deciduous
Mondo Grass ( <i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i> )	Sun/Shade	High	6-10"	
Purple Heart ( <i>Tradescantia pallida</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	12-18"	Tender perennial
Purple Winter Creeper ( <i>Euonymus coloratus</i> )	Sun	Mod/High	10"	Aggressive
Rose 'The Fairy' ( <i>Polyantha</i> )	Sun	High	24-36"	Bloom may fade in high heat, deciduous
Santolina/Lavender Cotton ( <i>Santolina sp.</i> )	Sun	Moderate	12-18"	Sub-shrub
Snake-herb ( <i>Dyschoriste linearis</i> )	Sun	High	12"	Perennial groundcover
St John's Wort ( <i>Hypericum perforatum L.</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	12-24"	Slow grower
Stone Crop/Sedum ( <i>Sedum sp.</i> )	Sun/Pshade	High	3-18"	Succulent
Strawberry	Sun/PShade	High	4-8"	
Thyme 'Doone Valley' ( <i>Thymus citriodorus</i> )	Sun/PShade	Moderate	3-10"	Lemon fragrance
Vinca ( <i>Vinca major</i> )	PShade/Shade	High	8-12"	Aggressive, good for slopes
<b>Vines</b>				
Boston Ivy ( <i>Parthenocissus tricuspidata</i> )	Shade	Moderate	50'	
Carolina Jessamine ( <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	10-20'	
Clematis ( <i>Clematis terniflora</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	10-20'	
Clematis ( <i>Clematis texensis</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	6-9'	
Coral Honeysuckle ( <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> )	Sun	High	3-18'	
Coralvine ( <i>Antigonon leptopus</i> )	Sun	Moderate	10-20'	Borderline perennial
Crossvine ( <i>Bignonia capreolata</i> )	Sun/PShade	Moderate	10-20'	Semi-evergreen, less drought tolerant in sun, native
Hyacinth Bean ( <i>Lablab purpureus</i> )	Sun	Moderate	4-6'	Annual
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Lady Banks Rose ( <i>Rosa banksiae</i> )	Sun	Moderate	15-30'	Can be aggressive, evergreen
Morning Glory ( <i>Ipomoea nil</i> )	Sun	Moderate	10-12'	Annual
Silver Lace ( <i>Polygonum aubertii</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	10-30'	May be difficult to find
Trumpet Creeper ( <i>Campsis</i> sp)	Sun/PShade	High	10-30'	Invasive
Trumpet Creeper 'Flava' ( <i>Campsis radicans</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	10-30'	
Trumpet Creeper 'Madame Galen' ( <i>Campsis x tagliabuana</i> )	LSun/Shade	High	10-30'	
Virginia Creeper ( <i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> )	Sun/Shade	Moderate	10-40'	Invasive
Wild Grapes ( <i>Vitis</i> sp.)	Sun/PShade	High	Varying	Can be aggressive
Wisteria ( <i>Wisteria frutescens</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	20-30'	Aggressive
<b>Ornamental Grasses</b>				
Bear Grass ( <i>Nolina texana</i> )	Sun/PShade	V-High	8-20"	
Blue Grama ( <i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> )	Sun	High	18"	
Deer Grass or Deer Muhly ( <i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i> )	Sun	High	3-4'	
Giant Liriope ( <i>Liriope muscari</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	12-18"	
Gulf Muhly ( <i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i> )	Sun	High	3-4'	Native, red-pink color in fall
Heavy Metal Switchgrass ( <i>Panicum virgatum</i> )	Sun	Moderate	3-4'	
Inland Sea Oats ( <i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i> )	LSun/Shade	High	12-36"	
Lindheminer's Muhly ( <i>Muhlenbergia lindheimeri</i> )	Sun	High	4-5'	
Little Blue Stem ( <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> )	Sun	High	2-4'	
Maiden Grass ( <i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> )	Sun	Moderate	4-6'	
Mexican Feather Grass ( <i>Nassella tenuissima</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	1-3'	Requires excellent drainage
Pampas Grass ( <i>Cortadera selloana</i> )	Sun	High	6-10'	
Purple Fountain Grass ( <i>Pennisetum setaceum</i> )	Sun	Moderate	3-4'	Annual
Side-oats Grama ( <i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> )	Sun	High	20-40"	State grass of Texas
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<b>Shrubs</b>				
Abelia ( <i>Abelia x grandiflora</i> )	Sun/LSshade	Moderate	4-6'	Deer resistant



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Soft Leaf Yucca ( <i>Yucca recurvifolia</i> 'monca" ppaf)	Sun	High	4-6'	
Spiraea (Sp.)	Sun/PShade	High	Various	White blooms in spring
Texas sage (cenizo) ( <i>Leucophyllum frutescens</i> )	Sun/PShade	V-High	4- 8'	Gray foliage, lavender flowers
Wax Leaf Ligustrum ( <i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> )	Sun/PShade	Moderate	10-15'	
Yucca ( <i>Yucca</i> sp.)	Sun	High	Various	
<b>Small - Medium Trees</b>				
American Smoke Tree ( <i>Cotinus obovatus</i> )	Sun	V-High	10-15'	Infrequent watering, fall color
Bigtooth Maple ( <i>Acer grandidentatum</i> )	Sun	V-High	25-35'	Fall color, slow growing
Caddo Maple ( <i>Acer barbartum</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	25-40'	
Crapemyrtle ( <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> )	Sun	Moderate	12-25'	
Desert Willow ( <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> )	Sun/PShade	V-High	15-30'	Low water requirement
Eve's Necklace ( <i>Sophora affinis</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	15-30'	Poisonous seeds, pink flowers
Lacey Oak ( <i>Quercus laceyi</i> )	Sun	High	25-35'	TexasSuperstar
Mexican Plum ( <i>Prunus mexicana</i> )	Sun	High	20-30'	Invasive
Redbuds ( <i>Cercis</i> sp)	Sun/PShade	High	15-35'	All varieties except Eastern redbud, see web page
Mexican Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> var. <i>mexicana</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	15-35'	Shrubby
Oklahoma Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> var 'Oklahoma')	Sun/PShade	Moderate	15-35'	
Texas Redbud ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> var. <i>texensis</i> )	Sun/PShade	V-High	15-35'	
Pinyon Pine ( <i>Pinus edulis</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	25- 35'	Slow growing, evergreen
Pomegranate ( <i>Punica granatum</i> )	Sun	High	10-20'	Shrubby, attractive flowers & fruit
Possumhaw ( <i>Ilex decidua</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	10-20'	Winter berries
Prairie Flameleaf Sumac ( <i>Rhus lanceolata</i> )	Sun	High	15-25'	Shrubby, fall color
Shantung Maple ( <i>Acer truncatum</i> )	Sun/PShade	Moderate	20-25'	TexasSuperstar
Texas Ash ( <i>Fraxinus texensis</i> )	Sun	High	30'	Fall color
Texas Mountain Laurel ( <i>Sophora secundiflora</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	10-15'	Evergreen, purple blooms, slow-growing
Texas Persimmon ( <i>Diospyros texana</i> )	Sun/PShade	V-High	10-15'	Low water requirement
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<b>Small-Med Trees Cont.</b>				
Vitex ( <i>Vitex agnus - castus</i> )	Sun/PShade	High	15-20'	Can be shrubby, invasive
Wax Myrtle ( <i>Myrica cerifera</i> )	Sun	High	20-35'	May be iron deficient

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Yaupon Holly ( <i>Ilex vomitoria</i> )		Sun/PShade	High	15- 20'	
<b>Large Trees</b>					
Afghan Pine ( <i>Pinus eldarica</i> )		Sun	High	30-50'	Fast-growing, evergreen "Christmas Tree"
Arizona Cypress ( <i>Cupressus arizonica</i> )		Sun	High	30-50'	Gray green color
Baldcypress ( <i>Taxodium distichum</i> )		Sun	Low	40-60'	Fall color, bog or drought tolerant
Bur Oak ( <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> )		Sun	High	30-50'	Oak wilt resistant, large growing shade tree
Texas/Cedar Elm ( <i>Ulmus crassifolia</i> )		Sun	High	30-50'	Med/Low water requirement
Chinese Pistache ( <i>Pistacia chinensis</i> )		Sun	V-High	30-40'	Fall color, Texas Superstar, nice shade tree
Chinkapin Oak ( <i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> )		Sun	V-High	30-50'	Fast growing, oak wilt resistant
Chitalpa (x <i>Chitalpa tashkentensis</i> )		Sun	High	25-30'	Fast growing, Cross between desert willow and catalpa
Deodor Cedar ( <i>Cedrus deodara</i> )		Sun	High	40-60'	May freeze/web page
Italian Stone Pine ( <i>Pinus pinea</i> )		Sun	High	30-50'	
Live Oak ( <i>Quercus fusiformis</i> )		Sun	V-High	30-50'	Evergreen, susceptible to oak wilt, shade tree
Monterrey Oak ( <i>Quercus polymorpha</i> )		Sun	High	30-50'	Resistant to oak wilt
Osage-orange ( <i>Maclura pomifera</i> )		Sun	V-High	30- 40'	Thornless Variety-Hard to find, fast growing
Shumard Oak ( <i>Quercus shumardii</i> )		Sun	V-High	40-60'	Susceptible to oak wilt, shade tree
Texas Red Oak ( <i>Quercus buckleyii</i> )		Sun	V-High	30-50'	Fall color, Susceptible to oak wilt, shade tree
<b>Turfgrass</b>				<b>Cut</b>	
Bermuda ( <i>Bermuda dactylon</i> )		Sun	High	1-11/2"	Invasive
Buffalo ( <i>Buchloe dactyloides</i> )		Sun	V-High	None	Once established, does not like irrigation
St Augustine ( <i>Stenotaphrum sp.</i> )		Sun/PShade	Moderate	2-3"	
Turffalo		Min. 50% Sun	V-High	1 1/2-2"	<a href="http://www.turffalo.com">www.turffalo.com</a>
<b>Roses</b>					
Belinda's Dream (Shrub)	Pink	Full Sun	High	5x5'	Earth-Kind Landscape *
Caldwell Pink (Found)	Lilac Pink	Full Sun	High	4x4'	Earth-Kind Landscape *
Climbing Pinkie (Polyantha)	Pinkish Yellow	Full Sun	High	8x10'	Earth-Kind Landscape *
Else Poulsen (Floribunda)	Pink	Full Sun	High	5x5'	Earth-Kind Landscape *

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George Town Tea (Tea)	Lilac Pink	Full Sun	High	5x4'	Rose brigade roses*
Katy Road Pink (Found)	Pink	Full Sun	High	5x4'	Earth-Kind Landscape *
Knock Out (Shrub)	Cherry Red	Full Sun	High	4x4'	Earth-Kind Landscape *
Marie Daly (Polyantha)	Bright Pink	Full Sun	High	3x3'	Earth-Kind Landscape *
Marie Pavie (Polyantha)	Creamy White	Full Sun	High	3x4'	Rose brigade roses*
Monsieur Tillier (Tea)	Bright Pink	Full Sun	High	6x4'	Rose brigade roses*
Mutabilis or "Butterfly Rose" (China) ***		Full Sun	High	6x6'	Earth-Kind Landscape *
Perle d'Or (Shrub)	Peach	Full Sun	High	4x4'	Earth-Kind Landscape *
Rev d' Or (Noisette) Vine	Buff Yellow	Full Sun	High	10-18x5	Rose brigade roses*
Sea Foam (low vine) or (ground cover)	White	Full Sun	High	1-3'	Earth-Kind Landscape *
Spice (China)	Blush Pink	Full Sun	High	5x4'	Rose brigade roses*
The Fairy (Polyantha)	Light Pink	Full Sun	High	3x3'	Earth-Kind Landscape *
*** Tri-color Yellow to Pink to Crimson as flower develops					
** Rose Brigade Roses - Texas A & M Tested for 3 to 4 years but still in test period for next step					
*Earth-Kind Roses - Texas A & M Tested - Disease & Insect Resistant - Heat & Drought Tolerant					
Sun = at least 8 hours full sun					
P/Shade = at least 6 hours full sun					