



Groundcovers and Habiturf

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What is a groundcover?



Traditional ideas:

- Evergreen
- Low growing
- Spreads by runners
- Used to replace lawn grasses
- Perennial

What is a groundcover?



Expanding the definition:

- Deciduous
- Short, medium, tall
- Easily spreads
- Used in many situations
- Perennial or annual

A close-up photograph of several tall, slender flower spikes of the Cardinal feather plant. The flowers are small, white, and densely packed along the spikes, which have a reddish-brown tint at the base. The background is blurred green foliage.

Cardinal feather
Acalypha radians



White Sagebrush
Artemisia ludoviciana





Herb of Grace
Bacopa monnieri





Texas Sedge

Carex texensis





Inland Sea Oats
Chasmanthium latifolium





Blue Mistflower

Conoclinium coelestinum





Gregg's Mistflower
Conoclinium greggii





White Avens

Geum canadense



A close-up photograph of Scarlet Pea Vine flowers, showing several bright red, pea-like flowers with distinct petals and stamens, set against a background of green, trifoliate leaves.

Scarlet Pea Vine

Indigofera miniata



A close-up photograph of a Sensitive Briar plant. The image shows several clusters of small, purple, spherical flowers (inflorescences) growing on thin, brown stems. The leaves are compound and deeply lobed, with many small, serrated leaflets. The overall texture is delicate and intricate.

Senisitive Briar

Mimosa roemeriana



Nimblewill
Muhlenbergia schreberi



Baby Blue Eyes
Nemophila phacelioides





Pink Evening Primrose
Oenothera speciosa

Virginia Creeper

Parthenocissus quinquefolia





Gulf Coast
Penstemon
Penstemon tenuis





Texas Bluegrass

Poa arachnifera





Ground Cherry

Quincula lobata





Dewberry

Rubus trivialis





Cedar Sage
Salvia roemeriana



Heartleaf Skullcap

Scutellaria ovata





Prairie Goldenrod
Solidago nemoralis





Coralberry

Symphoricarpos orbiculatus





River Fern

Thelypteris kunthii



False Dayflower

Tinantia anomala

Habiturf



- Buffalograss (*Bouteloua dactyloides*), blue grama (*Bouteloua gracilis*), and curly mesquite (*Hilaria belangeri*).
- Requires 6 hours of sun
- Needs well drained, properly prepared soil
- Once established, requires little water and mowing

Resources



- www.wildflower.org
- www.growgreen.org
- www.npsot.org
- *Native Texas Plants* by Wasowski & Wasowski