

Far South Nursery



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Plant selection tips

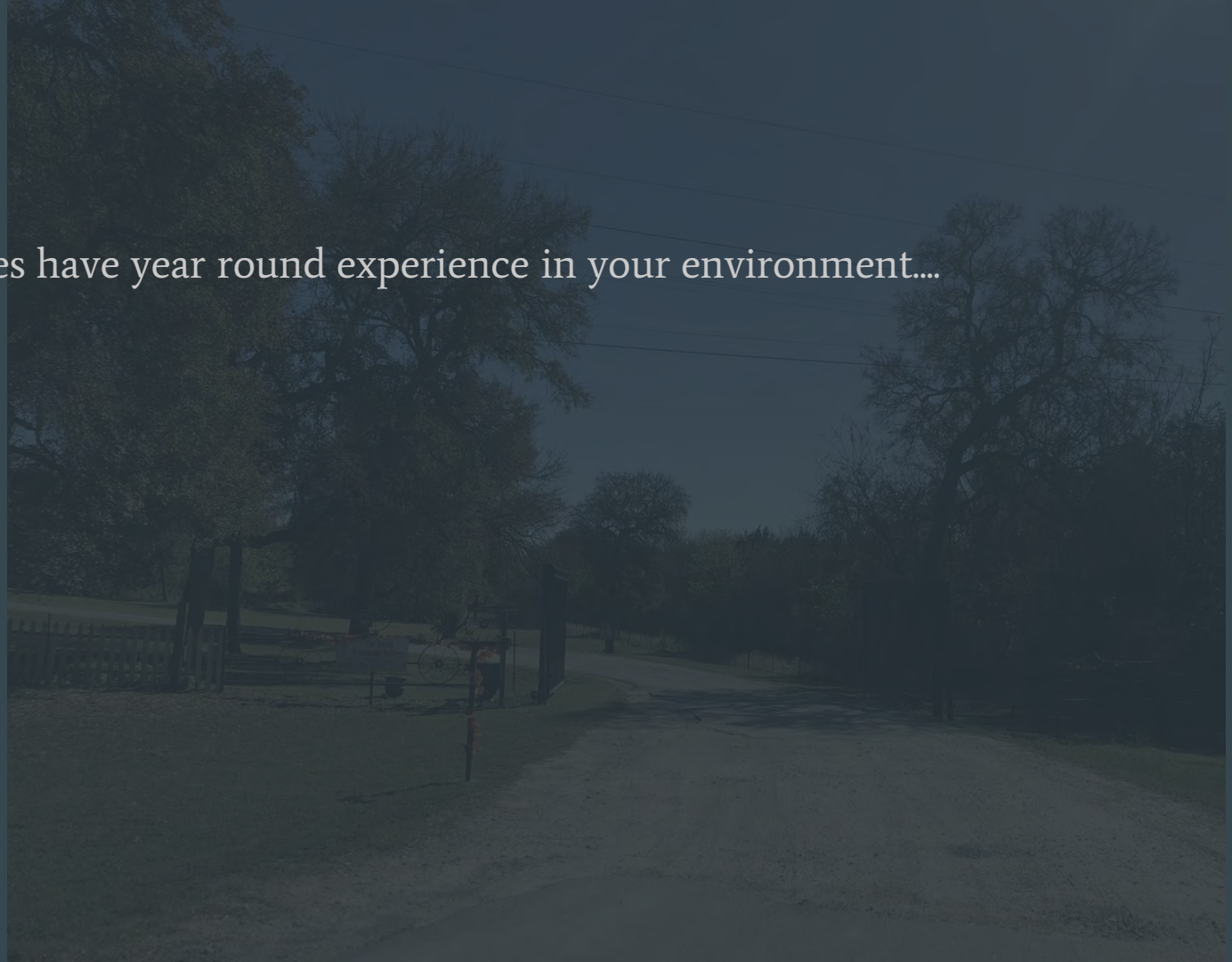


Your nursery is here to help!



Go local

Local nurseries have year round experience in your environment...



Old Mexico Cacti



Ferox Agave

Yaupon Holly



Red Yucca



Spiderwort



Tri-Color Billbergia



Golden Groundsel



Mediopicta Alba
Agave



Nelson Nolina



Kerbey Lane
Agave





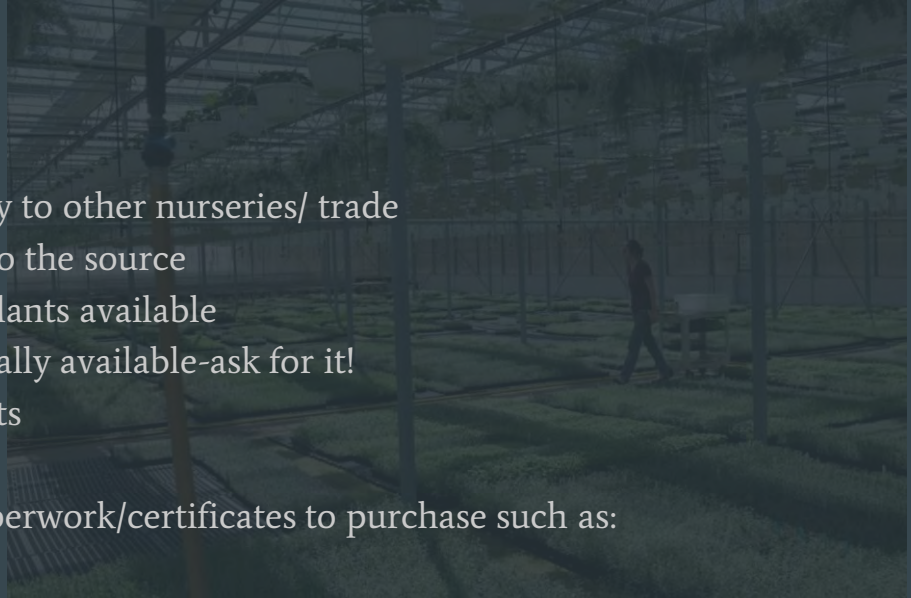
Little Bluestem, Firebush, Roughleaf Dogwood



Nursery types

- Wholesale Grower

- Propagates plant material to sell directly to other nurseries/ trade
- Generally least expensive--going right to the source
- Generally larger quantities of specific plants available
- An availability list with pricing is generally available--ask for it!
- They may offer to “contract grow” plants
- There may be a minimum order
- Some nurseries may require certain paperwork/certificates to purchase such as:
 - Nursery/Floral Certificate
 - Resale Tax Certificate (needed if not paying tax at time of purchase)
 - EIN (Employer Identification Number) for tax reporting purposes/proof of registration



- Re-Wholesale Nursery/ Broker

- Brings in plant material from growers to sell to the trade
- Able to source specialty items/out of state material
- Generally less expensive than retail nurseries
- May have other landscaping material such as rock, mulch, edging, irrigation supplies, etc.
- May still require paperwork for purchase



- Retail

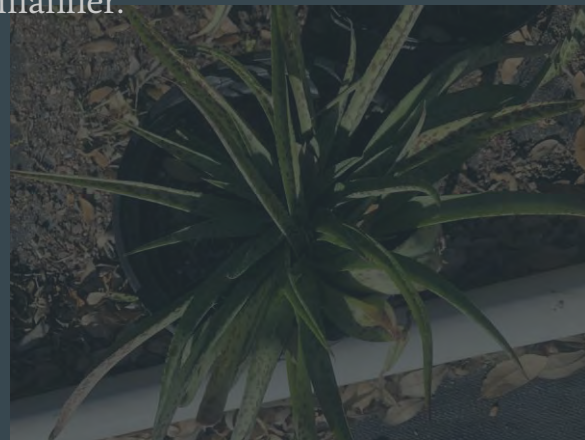
- Prime plant material brought in from several growers at peak performance
- May have a limited quantity of specific plants
- May have larger staff available to offer more hands on assistance
- Usually has additional wares such as: decorative pots/yard art, pesticides/herbicides, mulch, etc.
- Some may offer a discount to the trade



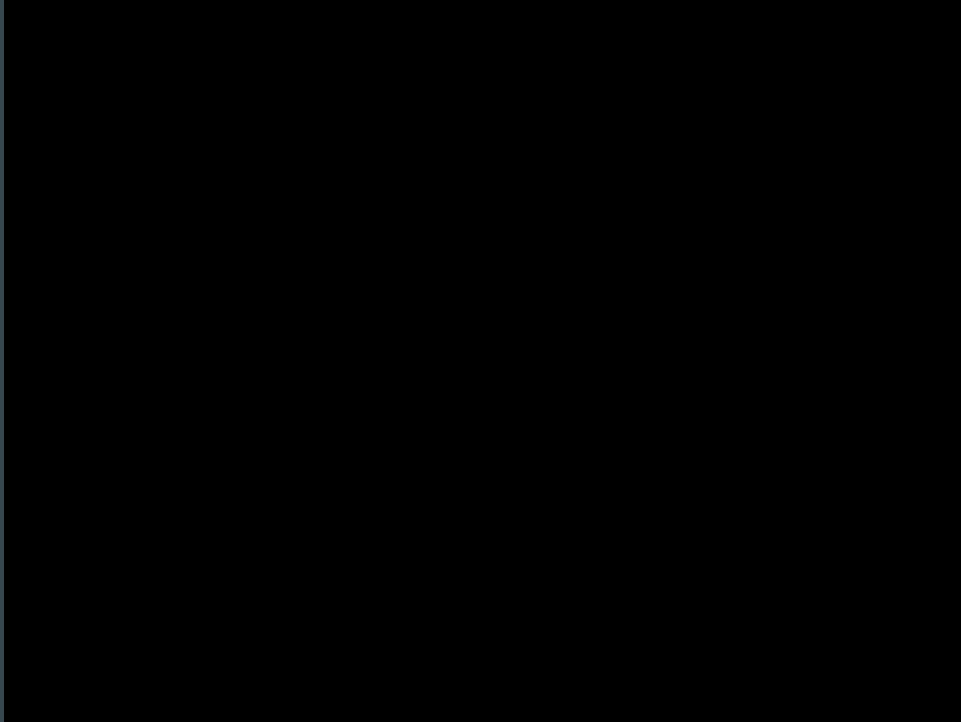
Your Local Nursery is a Gold Mine

- Whatever type of nursery, they have experience and can help!
- Get to know all your options--different nurseries specialize in different plant material
- As a grower, we have plenty of experience with killing plants and try to avoid it. The plants that we carry are tried and true for our area.
- We get recommendations from some of the best landscapers in the industry
 - Many of the plants that we carry were introduced to us by you!
 - We continue to get our starters plants, cuttings and seed in this manner.
 - We are looking to expand what is available--especially natives.

You can learn from us, but we learn from you as well.



Come visit!























Red Billbergia



Bronze Dyckia



Macho Mocha Manfreda











Become familiar with the nurseries in your area! Visit different times of the year to see how the plants and landscape change with the seasons.



Know your site

- Where does the sun travel
- How many hours of sun/shade
- What is your soil type
- Where does rain water move across the site
- Can you help keep water on the land
- What are the views you want to highlight or hide
- How will the site change during different times of year
- When in doubt, look to nature! Put plants back in that serve a purpose.

This information helps us narrow down our choices... and there are a lot!



Focal Plants

Choose focal plants first:

- Large shade trees? Flowering trees?
- Unique architectural look
- Highlight point of the garden
- Blocking or directing views
- Make sure you have the space for the future growth

*If you need a special plant, be sure to have it ordered in, tagged off or contract grow/held





Whale Tongue Agave



Yucca Rostrata



Mexican Plum Blooms



Texas Mountain Laurel





Chinese Goddess Bamboo



Alphonse Karr Bamboo





Cherry Laurel



Yaupon Holly



Middle Ground

- Fillers
- Color Bloom/ Foliage
- Bring in Pollinators, add in natives!
- Movement with Grasses
- Remember to plan for blooms/interest for different times of the year--this is when it is helpful that you visit the nurseries throughout the year
- Embrace the seasons--everything can't be evergreen!





False Red Yucca, Coral Honeysuckle, Green Puya



Winter Honeysuckle



Anacacho Orchid



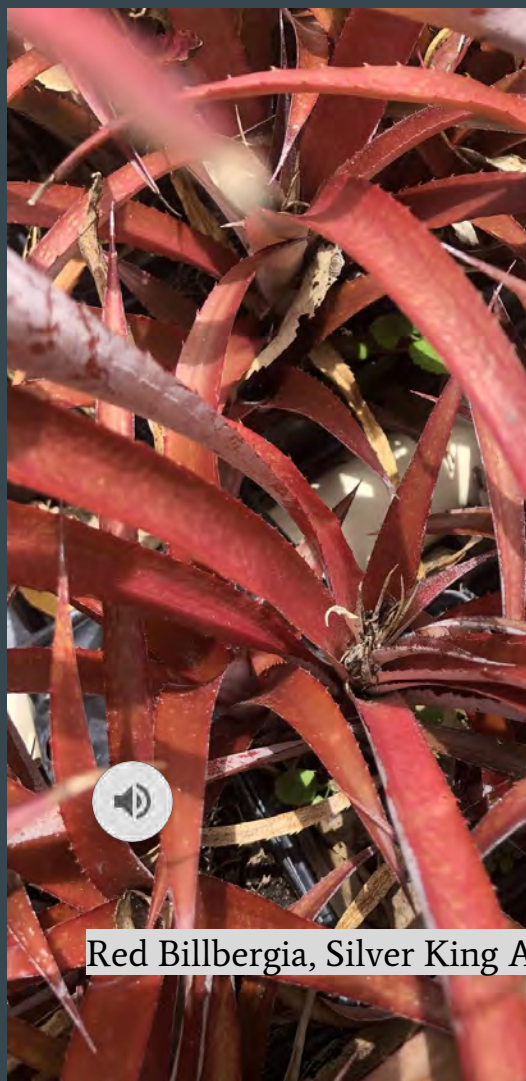


Cinnamon Ginger



Root Beer Plant/ Hoja Santa





Red Billbergia, Silver King Artemisia, and Giant Leopard Plant

Pollinator Plants?

Just ask!



Woolly Bee Brush











Bloom--Autumn Sage, Batface Cuphea, Jerusalem Sage



Bamboo Muhly



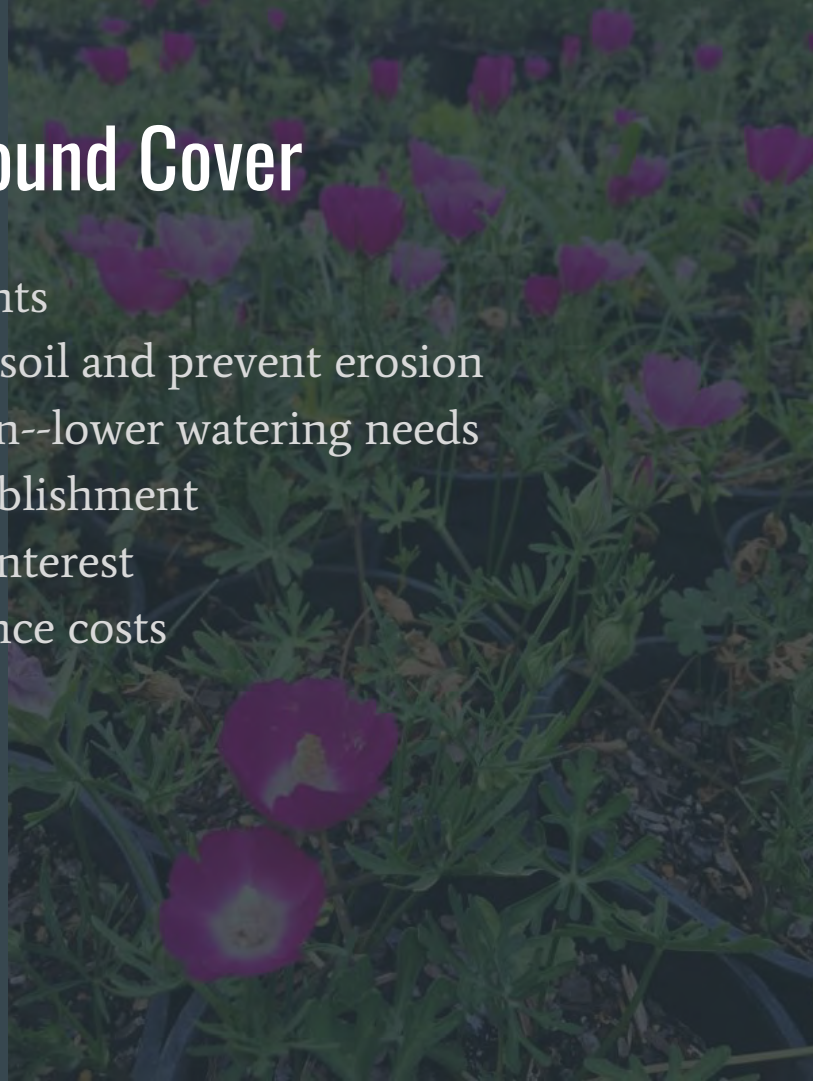
Gulf Coast Muhly





Foreground/ Ground Cover

- Low Growing Plants
- Help stabilize the soil and prevent erosion
- Alternative to lawn--lower watering needs
- Prevent weed establishment
- Provide seasonal interest
- Reduce maintenance costs



Cold Hardy Succulents



Palmer's Sedum



Ghost Plant



Dragon's Blood Sedum



Ice Plant





Mexican Feather Grass, Blue Eyed Grass, Chinese Ground Orchid





Silver Ponyfoot



Red Columbine



Mountain Pea



Sedges



Set your clients expectations

- What time of Year is it?
 - Early Spring--depending on where grown, plants may not be large yet, biggest concern is roots
 - Early Fall--plants may show signs of summer stress if grown outdoors in Texas.... They'll be stronger for it
 - Winter--Ok with dieback? Willing to cover plants? Many plants, especially native trees, can still be transplanted successfully and even perform better when they get in the ground and established before the heat of summer
 - Summer--Irrigation system or hand watering-- set up the project and plants for success
- Remind your clients that there may be changes to planting plans due to availability. If you have your heart set on a specific plant, call ahead. Do you have the option to contract grow?
- Part of gardening is enjoying the plants grow and seeing the space change. Remember you may need to modify the plants in the future. Gardens require a bit of faith

“First year it sleeps, Second year it creeps, Third year it leaps.”



Red Buckeye



Heartleaf Skullcap





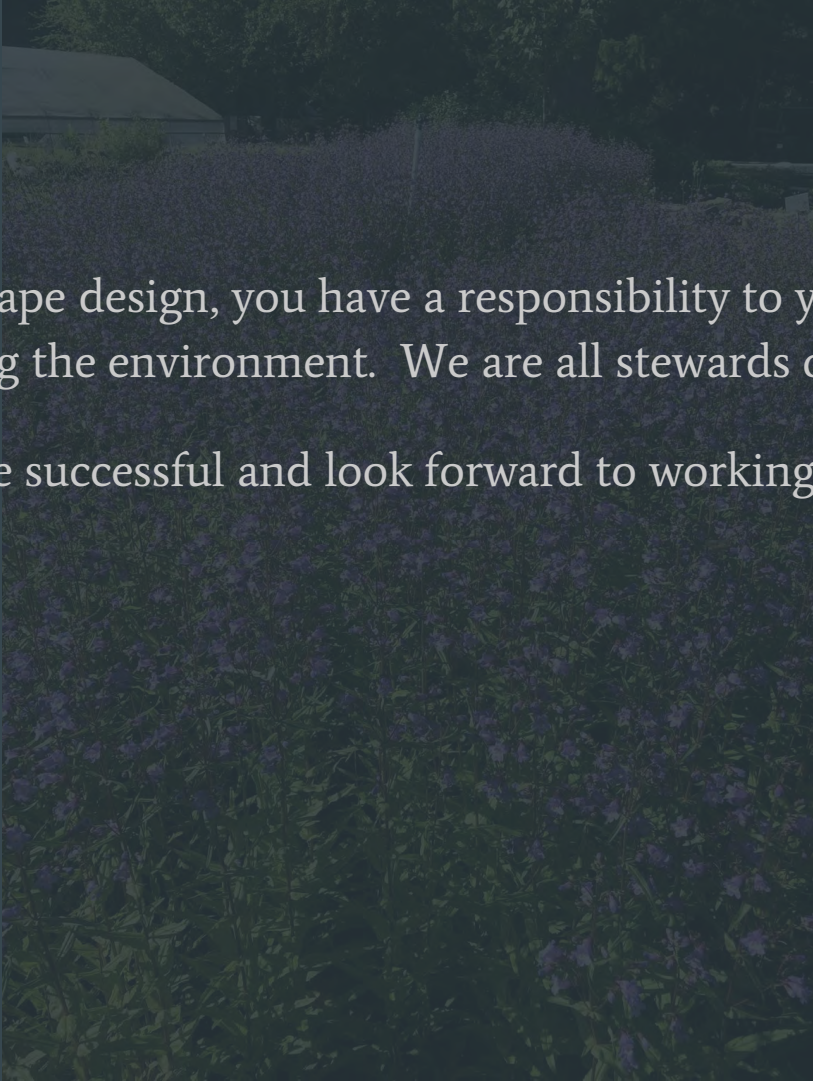
Growing facility

Woolly Stemodia







A photograph of a large field of purple flowers, possibly lavender, in full bloom. In the background, a house with a grey roof is visible, partially obscured by trees. The image is dimmed and serves as a background for the text.

With plants and landscape design, you have a responsibility to your client but also to us all as you are shaping the environment. We are all stewards of the land.

We want to help you be successful and look forward to working with you!





Juvenile Road
Runner



Green Tree Frog



Praying Mantis







Thank you