

Our Garden Plots Support Wildlife



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These gardens identify prairie plants and native plants and illustrate elements that support wildlife. We provide what wildlife need in the way of water, food, shelter and space. We also have provided information about habitat and prairie gardens through our signs and pamphlets.

We try to have native plants that are local, but we sometimes include plants that have a special appeal for people. Two of these plants are Texas Bluebonnets, which are native to areas west and north of us, and the Texas Star Hibiscus, which is native to the coastal plains of Louisiana. The Texas Bluebonnet is even included in the Coastal Prairie Conservancy's 9 Native Plant Brochure.

We have added 2 plants to our 9 native plant garden that we think complement the other 9.

We hope you enjoy our garden and find something helpful to support wildlife where you live.

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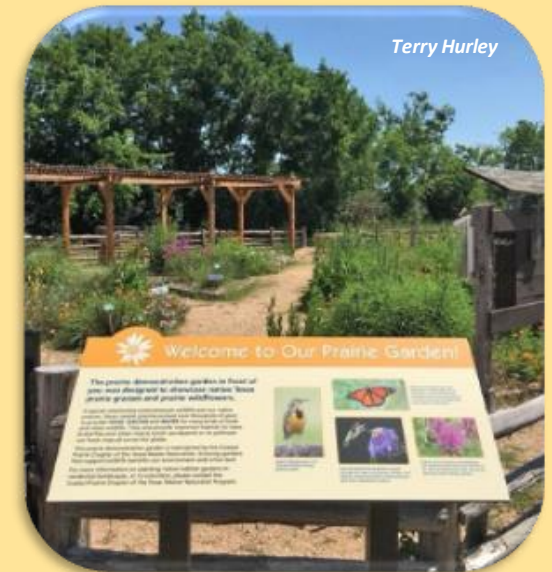
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Seabourne Native Plant Garden



Prairie Plots



The prairie plots in our garden represent plants that you would find in native prairies.

Native Prairies contain a high percentage of grasses, but there are quite a few forbs found there also. Forbs are non-woody flowering plants that are not grasses. Common grasses are Gulf muhly, little bluestem, switchgrass, and yellow Indian grass. Common forbs are coreopsis, yellow wild indigo, lemon beebalm, claspingleaf coneflowers, liatris, rosinweed, rattlesnake master and swamp sunflower.

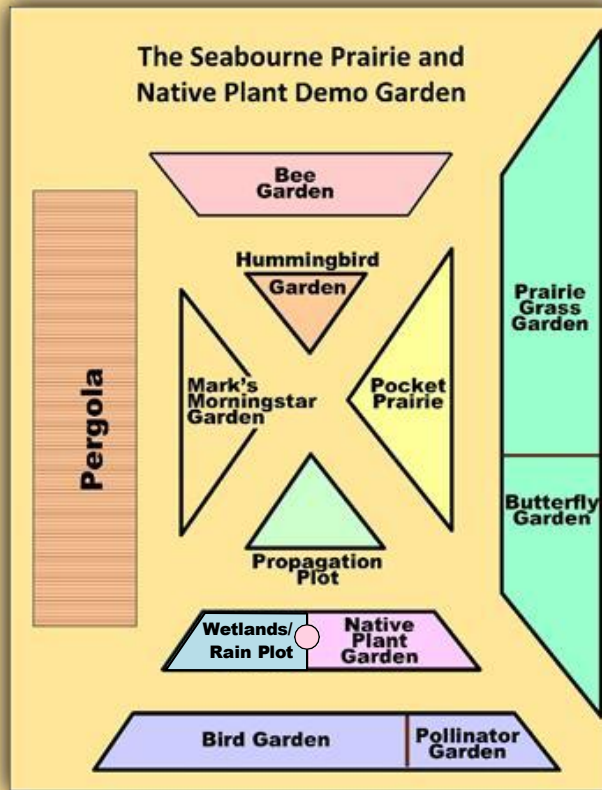
The prairie plots that we have in our garden are:

- Little Bluestem Propagation Plot
- Prairie Grass Garden
- Pocket Prairie
- Mark's Morningstar

Wetlands/Rain Plot

Contains native plants that like moist soil.

Garden Plot Plan



A puddling dish and bee house are ways to support wildlife in your backyard.

Habitat Plots

Our habitat plots have plants that attract and support specific wildlife. There are some plants that support multiple kinds of wildlife so you will see some of the same plants in several plots.

The Pollinator Plot shows plants that attract butterflies, bees, and birds.

The Bird Plot shows plants that attract and support birds through their seeds and by providing shelter. We also provide water for birds in this plot.

The Butterfly Plot has both host plants for the caterpillars and nectar plants for the adults, as well as a puddling dish.

The Hummingbird Plot supplies hummingbirds with plants that have tubular flowers.

The Bee Plot contains plants that provide bees with nectar and pollen. We aim to attract native bees to this plot, who mostly nest in the ground. We also have bee boxes for bees that nest in hollow stems and holes in trees.

The 11 Native Plant Garden follows the Coastal Prairie Conservancy's plan for native plant gardening.