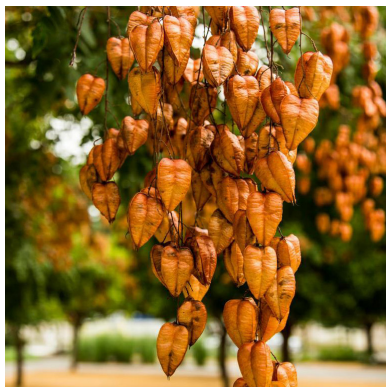


GUIDED TOUR

MYRIAD BOTANICAL GARDENS

October, 2023 **Autumn Plants**



Common Name: Golden Raintree

Botanical Name: *Koelreuteria paniculata*

Golden raintree is a deciduous tree that grows 30 to 40 feet tall and wide. Bright yellow flowers bloom in early summer and are said to look like golden rain as they fall. They are followed by brown papery seed capsules that resemble Chinese lanterns and persist through winter. This tree offers year-round interest with pinkish-bronze leaves in spring that turn bright green in summer, yellow fall color and seed capsules in winter.



Common Name: Greg's Mist Flower

Botanical Name: *Conoclinium greggii*

Mistflower is a must-have garden perennial for any fan of butterflies. Fluffy powder blue flowers appear atop this 2 foot tall plant from late summer to late October and attract hordes of butterflies. As a native of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, it's sure to thrive in the heat of Oklahoma's summers.



Common Name: Wild Senna

Botanical Name: *Senna marilandica*

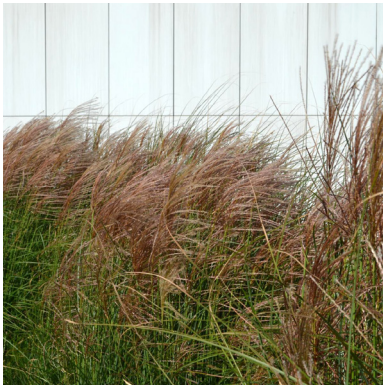
This deciduous shrub is an interesting addition for a more naturalized look in the landscape. Wild senna is native to Oklahoma and will thrive in our extreme summer conditions. It bears large clusters of black pea-like seed pods that stick out dramatically in the fall and winter garden. In the summer it has large clusters of dark yellow flowers. Its leaves are compound and feathery and provide an interesting texture in the landscape.



Common Name: Ravenna Grass

Botanical Name: *Saccharum ravennae*

Ravenna grass is native to northern Africa and the Mediterranean region. It can be very weedy, but it provides a large and handsome statement in the garden. The plum-like flowers appear on the up-to-12-foot stalks in early fall. The flowers have a silver gray color with purplish tones and are strong and last well in to the winter. The clumping grass will quickly spread to six feet wide in a few years.



Common Name: Maiden Grass

Botanical Name: *Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus'*

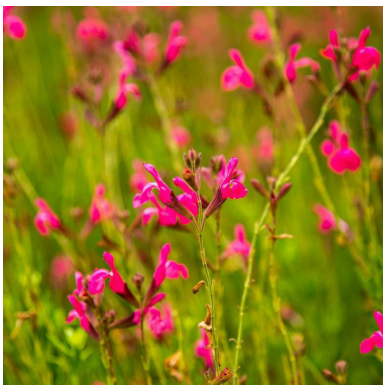
Maidenhair grass is an arching, fine-textured grass that forms dense, green clumps. The slender leaves spread out and up like a fountain. During the late summer and fall pink flowers form. Their pinkish or silvery plumes persist into the winter. Foliage is flexible and blows easily in the wind. Take caution when handling the grass; its edges are notoriously sharp and can cut skin.



Common Name: Blue Grama Grass

Botanical Name: *Bouteloua gracilis 'Blond Ambition'*

Blue grama, an Oklahoma native plant, is an easy to grow, small ornamental grass. 'Blonde Ambition' stays a very tame two and a half foot high with a one and a half foot spread. It bears a multitude of flowers that resemble little combs that persist from late summer through the winter, providing cool-season interest. This cultivar has proven to be very cold-hardy and is certain to return each year in central Oklahoma.



Common Name: Autumn Sage

Botanical Name: *Salvia greggii Mirage™ Cherry Red*

Autumn sage is a mounding shrub with small, mintily aromatic green leaves that are evergreen in warmer climates. The flowers are borne on racemes that range in color from red to pink, purple, orange, or white. A popular landscape plant in the Southwest, autumn sage seems to be used as a small, ornamental, flowering shrub in a perennial bed or as a low hedge. The color of its blossoms in the wild is usually red but varies from area to area.



Common Name: Smooth Sumac

Botanical Name: *Rhus glabra*

Smooth sumac is a large deciduous shrub growing 9 to 15 feet tall and just as wide. During the fall, it presents a gorgeous show of color in shades of red and orange. The yellow-green flowers bloom in large cone-shaped clusters that, on female plants turn into bunches of showy dark red fruits. The fruit attracts birds and can be made into a lemonade-flavored drink. This plant spreads by suckers.



Common Name: Frostweed

Botanical Name: *Verbesina verbascum*

Frostweed is a native wild flower that blooms in very late summer and early fall, just in time to provide a nectar source for migrating monarch butterflies. Its white flowers are also highly attractive to bees and other pollinators. They can grow from 3 to 6 feet high and have interesting "wings" all along the stems. The most curious show from these plants occurs in the winter when they are dormant. When temperatures are below freezing, the base of the stems will start to "grow" ribbons of ice that melt in the morning sun light. So be sure to get up early and look for these fleeting frost flowers.



Common Name: Coralberry

Botanical Name: *Symphoricarpos Proud Berry®*

Coralberry is a North American native, deciduous shrub with a long lasting display of late season fruit. Small clusters of pale fruit appear by August, and grow and deepen to a dark pink. This shrub flowers and fruit more prolifically in the full sun. The display of fruit will last through winter as birds slowly eat them.



Common Name: Strawberry Bush

Botanical Name: *Euonymus americanus*

This Oklahoma native shrub is rather unassuming to the eye until autumn rolls around. Its bountiful crop of fruit starts rough textured and light pink. Over the course of a month they deepen to a nearly ruby color then burst open to reveal bright orange seeds. The autumn foliage can often turn a mix of light pink and creamy white. In the winter, all the stems are a deep green, which provides some color and interest.



Common Name: Fragrant Sumac

Botanical Name: *Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-Low'

Tall bellflower is a true biennial; seeds that germinate will grow for a year as a small clump of leaves, grow tall and flower the next year then die. Be sure to let the flowers fade and go to seed each year if you want to have this plant in your garden each year. This native bellflower may grow as tall as five feet before opening its light blue flowers in July. It is particularly attractive to bumblebees.



Common Name: Glossy Abelia

Botanical Name: *Abelia x grandiflora* 'Canyon Creek'

This semi-evergreen shrub has a unique foliage in shades of copper, yellow and green that turns bronze in the fall. From summer to frost you will notice its small, but fragrant pinkish-white flowers. It can reach a height and width of 4 feet. Other cultivars offer a wide range of colorful foliage, but all have the same light pink flower clusters. Abelias can be cut back or sheared heavily in the spring or early summer without affecting their flower display.



Common Name: Threadleaf Bluestar

Botanical Name: *Amsonia hubrichtii*

Threadleaf bluestar grows wild on the rocky outcrops of Arkansas and Oklahoma and is one of our all-around best native perennials. In the spring, blue star-shaped flowers top the long feathery shoots. Reaching up to 3 feet, the finely-textured foliage adds interest to perennial or mixed borders and looks great in mass plantings. Threadleaf bluestar really shines in the fall when the foliage turns a brilliant golden yellow.



Common Name: Bluebeard

Botanical Name: *Caryopteris x clandonensis* 'Dark Knight'

This is a fast-growing perennial plant that can take the worst of a hot summer (heat, lack of water, and humidity) and still manage to perform well. It offers dependable foliage and pretty blue flowers from mid to late summer. Growth habit is a low-growing, finely-textured mound and that is also deer-resistant. It likes full sun to part shade and very well-drained soil that is not overly rich. Cut back in late winter for a strong, dense shrub in summer.

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