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Use Category

C Culinary
FR Fragrance
M Medicinal
O Ornamental
T Teas

Best Herbs for North Texas

Basil, African Blue *Ocimum kilimandscharium*
'Afr. Blue'

O Annual. 3' Sun

Dark green leaves w/ purplish blue cast, dark purple stems, sweet camphor scent

Basil, Aroma *Ocimum basilicum*

C/FR Annual. 2-3' Sun

Genovese type with heavenly fragrance. More disease resistance and more reluctant to flower

Basil, Boxwood *Ocimum Balilicum* 'Boxwood'

C/O Annual. 6-12" Sun

Small leaved, dense habit. Rich basil flavor. Purple flowering plant makes great edging.

Basil, Eleanora *Ocimum Balilicum* 'Eleonora'

C/FR Annual. 15" Sun

Spicier flavor than traditional pesto types. Rapid grower. Less susceptible to disease.

Basil, Genovese Compact *Ocimum basilicum*
'Genovese'

C/FR Annual. 2-3' Shade-Part Shade

More compact, uniform growth habit, best basil for pesto, pinch blooms to extend life

Basil, Lime *Ocimum Balilicum*

C/O Annual. 16-20" Sun-Part Shade

Compact plant with great flavor & mild citrus aroma

Basil, Thai *Ocimum Balilicum*

C/FR/O Annual. 2-3' Sun

Aromatic leaves w/intense licorice-clove flavor and stunning purple flowers for gardens and containers.

Bee Balm, *Monarda didyma*

C/O Perennial. 2-3' Sun

Scarlet, pink, salmon, & crimson blooms, attracts Butterflies

Catmint *Nepeta mussini*

C/O/T Perennial. 12-18" Sun-Part Shade

Blue gray green leaves on upright stems, lavender blooms all fall

Chamomile, Roman *Chamaemelum nobile*

C/T A 1-2' Part Shade-Shade

Traditionally used as groundcover and between stepping stones

Catnip *Nepeta cataria*

C/O/M/T Perennial. 2-3' Sun-Part Shade

Gray green felty leaves, treat for cats, may become woody, shear for neater look

Chamomile, German *Matricaria recutita*

O/M/T Perennial. 3-5" Sun-Part Shade

Light apple scent, small, daisy-like spring blooms, fine lacy foliage

Chives, Onion *Allium schoenoprasum*

C/O Perennial. 12-18" Sun

Lavender flowers, green tubular leaves, wide variety of culinary uses, repels insects

Chives, Garlic *Allium tuberosum*

C/O Perennial 1' Sun-Part Shade

White flowers, flat leaved variety w/ garlic flavor, globe shaped blooms

Cilantro *Coriandrum sativum*

C Annual. 20" Sun

Finely cut, feathery foliage, used in Mexican and Asian dishes

Dill, Fernleaf *Anethum graveolens* 'Fernleaf'

C Annual. 18-24" Sun

Dwarf plant w/ dark green fern-like foliage, slow to bolt.

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Dill, Bouquet *Anethum graveolens 'Bouquet'*

C Annual. 2-3' Sun

Compact variety w/ finely cut foliage, many culinary uses, saffron substitute

Fennel, Sweet *Foeniculum vulgare*

C Biennial. 2-3' Sun

Large vigorous plant that looks like dill, used w/ fish

Lavender, Fernleaf *Lavandula multifida*

FR/O Tender Perennial. 2' Sun

Soft, lacy, blue green foliage, flowers all summer, pungent scent

Lavender, French *Lavandula dentata*

O Tender Perennial. 2-3' Sun

Blue Narrow, downy gray leaves, camphor-rosemary scent

Lavender, Goodwin Creek *Lavandula heterophylla 'Goodwin Creek'*

FR/O Evergreen Perennial. 2-3' Sun

Silver leaves, most vigorous of silver varieties

Lavender, Munstead *Lavandula angustifolia 'Munstead'*

FR/O Perennial. 12-18" Sun

Dwarf English-type, narrow, gray green leaves, flowers earlier than other varieties

Lavender, Provence *Lavandula x intermedia 'Provence'*

FR/O Evergreen Perennial. 3' Sun

The darker the flower the more fragrant the plant is. Drought and heat tolerant. Hardy zone 5-10.

Lavender, Sweet *Lavandula heterophylla*

C/FR/O Evergreen Perennial. 2-3' Sun

Most popular variety, compact, narrow foliage, more delicate aroma

Lemon Balm *Melissa officinalis*

C/FR/O/T Perennial. 2 -3' Sun-Part Shade

Member of mint family, very small white flowers, strong lemon scent, re-seeds

Lemon Grass *Cymbopogon citratus*

C/FR/O Tender Perennial. 4-6' Sun-Part Shade

Leaves used in Thai and Vietnamese cooking

Marjoram, Sweet *Origanum marjorana*

C Tender Perennial. 10-12" Sun

Leaves add strong, spicy flavor similar to oregano

Mint, Mojito *Mentha villosa*

C/FR/O Perennial. 2-3' Sun - Part Shade

Used to make mojitos and to flavor lamb and other meats

Mint, Chocolate *Mentha piperita 'Chocolate'*

C/FR/T Perennial. 12-16" Part Shade

Member of Peppermint family w/ faint chocolate scent

Mint, English *Mentha spicata*

O/FR/C/T Tender Perennial. 12-18" Part Shade

Traditional English favorite for jellies, juleps and teas

Mint, Grapefruit *Mentha x piperita 'Grapefruit'*

O Perennial. 10-20" Part Shade

Spearmint flavor w/ strong grapefruit overtone, Vigorous

Mint, Lime *Mentha aquatica*

C/FR/T Perennial. 18" Part Shade

Member of Peppermint family w/ crisp, citrus scent

Mint, Peppermint *Mentha piperita*

C/FR/M/T Perennial. 10-15" Sun-Part Shade

Culinary and garden favorite, all time classic mint

Mint, Pineapple *Mentha suaveolens 'variegata'*

C/FR/O/T Perennial. 12" Sun-Part Shade

Similar to Apple Mint w/ sweeter, fruity scent, more upright, non-invasive

Mint, Spearmint *Mentha spicata*

C/FR/T Perennial. 15-18" Sun-Part Shade

Best cooking mint for vegetables and mint sauces

Oregano, Golden *Origanum vulgare 'Aureum'*

C/O Perennial. 3" Sun

Mild oregano flavor, useful in rock gardens and as edging

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Oregano, Greek *Origanum vulgare*

C/O Perennial. 12-18" Sun

The true oregano, very hardy, excellent flavor, strong green color

Oregano, Hot & Spicy *Origanum Vulgare*

C/O Perennial. 18-24" Sun

Aromatic herb with spicy flavor. Blooms white flowers in summer. Great for borders.

Oregano, Italian *Oreganum x majoricum*

C Perennial. 12-15" Sun-Part Shade

Strong flavor, similar to Sweet Marjoram, light green and more trailing variety

Parsley, Curled *Petroselinum crispum*

C/O/M Annual. 1-2' Sun

Classic curled variety for cooking or garnish, attracts Swallowtail butterflies, can be perennial in N. Texas

Parsley, Italian *P. crispum var. neapolitanum*

C/M Annual. 1-2' Sun

Flat leaved variety, stronger flavor than curled, can be perennial in N. Texas

Rosemary, Hardy *Rosmarinus officinalis*

C/FR/O/M Evergreen Perennial. 2-3' Sun-Part Shade

Blue flowers, large, coarse leaves, classic bush form, very fragrant, great for cooking

Rosemary, Trailing *Rosmarinus officinalis prostratus*

C/FR/O/T Evergreen Perennial. 18-24" Sun

Classic trailing rosemary, blooms readily, great for mixed herb containers

Rosemary, Tuscan Blue *R. officinalis 'Tuscan Blue'*

C/FR/O Evergreen Perennial. 4-6' Sun

Dark Blue flowers, upright habit easily formed into columns, very fragrant, great for cooking

Rue *Ruta graveolens*

C/O/M Evergreen Perennial. 2' Sun

Pungent, bitter leaves used sparingly in stews/soups. Host plant for Black Swallowtail butterflies

Sage, Berggarten *Salvia officinalis 'Berggarten'*

C/O/M Evergreen Perennial. 18" Sun

Numerous culinary uses, large silver leaf, interesting leaf

Sage, Golden *Salvia officinalis 'Aurea'*

C/O/M/T Tender Perennial. 1-2' Sun

Wonderful chartreuse-yellow foliage w/ dark green veins, nice in mixed flower borders

Sage, Pineapple *Salvia elegans*

C/FR/O/T Tender Perennial. 3-4' Sun

Pineapple scent, brilliant red flower color, bright green yellow leaves

Sage, Purple *S. officinalis 'Purpurascens'*

C/O/M/T Evergreen Perennial. 2' Sun

Aromatic purple foliage, strong growth habit nice in mixed flower borders

Sage, Tricolor *Salvia officinalis 'Tricolor'*

C/O Tender Perennial. 18-24" Sun

Aromatic gray green foliage w/ white & pink streaks, nice in mixed flower borders

Stevia *Stevia rebaudiana*

C Tender Perennial. 12-15" Part Shade

Sugar substitute, hundreds times sweeter, pleasant flavor

Tarragon, French *Artemisia dracunculus sativa*

C Perennial. 12-18" Sun-Part Shade

True culinary tarragon, green, silvery leaves

Thyme, Creeping Mother of *Thymus praecox*

C/FR/O/M Evergreen Perennial. 2-3" Sun

Light Pink flowers, low creeping variety good between stepping stones, used as garnish, popular in cooking

Thyme, Doone Valley *Thymus pulegiodes 'DooneValley'*

C/FR/O/M Evergreen Perennial. 2-3" Sun

Golden mottled leaves, turns green in summer

Thyme, Elfin *Thymus praecox articus*

FR/O Evergreen Perennial 1-2" Sun-Part Shade

Pink flowers, extremely compact and low growing, used in rock gardens

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Thyme, English *Thymus vulgaris*
C/O/M/T Evergreen Perennial 12-15" Sun
Lavender flowers, most utilized variety, aromatic, culinary uses

Thyme, Lemon *Thymus x citriodorus*
C/O Evergreen Perennial 8" Sun
Lavender flowers, lemon scented, true green color, very hardy

Thyme, Lemon Variegated *Thymus x citriodorus variegata*
C/O Evergreen Perennial. 8-10" Sun
Distinct yellow variegation, citrus scent, turns green in summer

Thyme, Pink Chintz *Thymus pracox 'Pink Chintz'*
FR/O Evergreen Perennial. 1-2" Sun-Part Shade
Excellent specimen w/ fuzzy, silver foliage and sweet licorice scent

Thyme, Woolly *Thymus pseudolangiunosus*
FR/O Evergreen Perennial. 1-2" Sun
Low carpet of gray woolly leaves

Verbena, Lemon *Aloysia triphylla*
C/FR/M/T Tender Perennial. 1-2' Sun
Strong lemon scent, used in teas and other dishes using lemon, sweet tasting blooms

Mosquito Repelling Herbs



- Basil
- Catmint
- Bee Balm
- Lavender
- Lemon Balm
- Lemon Grass
- Lemon Thyme
- Lemon Verbena
- Mexican Mint Marigold
- Peppermint
- Rosemary

Butterfly Attracting Herbs



- Catnip
- Catmint
- Chives
- Dill
- Fennel
- Lavender
- Parsley
- Rue