

Most common mistakes I see:

1. Wrong plant, wrong place.
 - a. Sun/shade
 - b. Ultimate size
 - c. Plants not planted with enough room to grow, becomes maintenance problem
 - d. Too close to nearby plants
 - e. Short ones in front, tall in back
 - f. Tall plant in front of windows
2. Beds too narrow
3. Pool design considerations
4. Wrong plants near walkways
 - a. Nothing that hurts
 - b. Too far grown over walkway
5. Beds
 - a. No definition
 - b. Too many small beds
6. No repetition of forms, plants, colors
7. Don't divert water from property
8. Narrow 2' entry walkways
9. Trees planted that, when grown, will cover great view

Maintenance mistakes that detract from beauty of design

1. Improper Maintenance
2. Whacking wrong plants
3. Prune/whack more of plant but less often; careful of large leaf hedges
4. Divide dietes, agaves, sagos. Don't whack.
5. Chlorosis.
6. No mulch. Also, blowers that remove mulch and rape soil.
7. Hedges should be pruned so that
 - a. bottom of plant is wider than top
 - b. hedge does not lap over walkway

My favorite resources and places:

4. Native Texas Nursery

1. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center – beautiful gardens to visit www.wildflower.org
2. www.seedsource.com --can buy wildflower seeds and mixes
3. www.GrowGreen.org -- fantastic info about landscaping and caring for the environment through our landscaping. Has an on-line plant guide with pictures for the best plants in our area. My favorite website.
4. The Natural Gardener – www.NaturalGardenerAustin.com fantastic nursery with plants that do well in our area, focusing on organics. Great on veggie gardening. Their website also has a plethora of great info.
5. The Great Outdoors -- www.gonursery.com -- fun nursery with great help
6. Barton Springs Nursery -- www.bartonspringsnursery.net -- absolutely great nursery
7. The Master Gardeners will give free advice over the phone and via email. You can even send them pictures of problem plants and they will advise you.
www.tcmastergardeners.org
8. ~~Backbone Valley Nursery~~ Backbone Valley Nursery.com

Native "shrub", deer-resistant

"woody"	"perennial"	"grass" or "grass-like"
Yaupon Holly (E) Agarita (E) American Beauty Berry (D) Wooly Butterfly Bush (D) Flame acanthus (D) Texas Sage(E) Lindehimer Senna (D) Lantana (D) Damianita (E) Yellow Bells (D) Maximilian Sunflower (D) Rock rose (D) Salvia Greggii (E) Skeleton GoldenEye (E) Wax Myrtle (E) Nolina (X) Prickly Pair cactus(E) Sotol (E) Twisted Leaf Yucca(E) Pale Leaf yucca (E) Mexican Plum (D) Mountain Laurel (E) Possum Haw Holly (D) Pride of Houston Holly (E) Desert Willow (D) GoldenBall LeadTree (D) Texas Persimmon (D) Fragrant mimosa Anacacho Orchid (D) Anacua (SE) Huisache (SE) Possumhaw Holly (D) Mexican/Texas Redbud (D) Palo Verde (D) Mexican Silktassel (E)	Columbine (SE) Coreopsis (D) Gayfeather (D) Gaura (D) Four Nerve Daisy (E) Indigo Spires (D) Maximilian Sunflower (D) Greg's MistFlower (D) Hill Country Penstemon (D) Rock Penstemon (E) Rock rose (D) Cedar Sage (D) Salvia Greggii (E) Mealy Blue (D) Tropical Sage (D) Skeleton GoldenEye (E) Wrights purple skullcap (E) Texas Betony (D) Wine Cup *perennial Frost Weed (D) *shade Horseherb (SE) frog fruit (D) Snake Herb (E) Wooly Stemodia (E)	Inland sea oats (D) Big Muhly (SE) Meadow Sedge (D) Gulf Muhly (D) Switchgrass (D)

Non-native, adaptive, deer resistant

"shrubs"	"perennial"	"grass" or "grass-like"
Abelia (E) Bush germander (E) Dwarf Burford Holly (E) Green Cloud (E) Upright Rosemary (E) Flowering Senna (SE)	Dwarf Ruellia (D) Society Garlic (E) Yarrow (E) Oregano (D) Purple Heart (D)	Bamboo Muhly (SE) Miscanthus (D)

Thryallis (E) Pride of Barbados (D) Butterfly Weed (D) Copper Canyon Daisy (SE) Dwarf Yellow Bell (D) Firecracker fern (E) Mexican Honeysuckle (SE) Mexican mint marigold (D) Mexican Oregano (D) Garden Phlox (D) Plumbago (D) Jerusalem Sage (E) Mexican bush sage (D) Russian Sage (D) Shrimp Plant (D) Pink Skullcap (E) Agave (E) Soft Leaf Yucca (E) Santolina (E) Loropetalum (E) Pineapple Guava (E) Nana Nandina (E) Japanese Yew (E) Spring Bouquet Viburnum (E) Sweet Viburnum (E) Crepe Myrtle (D) Osmanthus- sweet olive (E) Ollie Olives- (E) Leatherleaf Mahonia (E) Oak Leaf Hydrangea (D)	Ajuga (E) Dianella (D)	
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