

# Earth-Kind® Garden at McCulloch Mercantile

Sidney Park has existed since Richards Memorial Library was established in 1954. In 2007 Central Texas Master Gardeners removed most of the existing plant material and installed Earth-Kind roses and other Texas tough plants They have maintained the garden since that time.

Earth-Kind Landscaping uses research-proven techniques to provide maximum garden and landscape enjoyment while preserving and protecting the environment. The objective of Earth-Kind Landscaping is to combine the best of organic and traditional gardening and landscaping principles to create a horticultural system based on real world effectiveness and environmental responsibility.

Earth-Kind is a special designation given to select rose cultivars by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service through the Earth-Kind landscaping program. It is based on the results of extensive research and field trials and is awarded only to those roses demonstrating superior pest tolerance, combined with outstanding landscape performance.

Texas Superstar® Plants are only the toughest, most reliable and best-looking plants. Every plant earning the designation undergoes several years of extensive field trials by Texas A&M AgriLife Research and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, both part of the Texas A&M System. They must show superior performance under Texas' tough growing conditions. During the field trials, plants receive minimal soil preparation, reasonable levels of water and no pesticides.

<https://texassuperstar.com/>

<https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/>

## Belinda's Dream

Classification: shrub  
Color: pink  
Average Size: 3'x3' to 6'x4'  
Fragrance: some  
Repeat Blooms: yes  
Hips: yes  
Resistance to Disease: yes  
Designated Earth-Kind and Texas Superstar



## Marie Daley

Classification: Polyantha  
Color: medium pink  
Average Size: 2'x2' to 4'x2'  
Fragrance: sweet musk  
Repeat Blooms: spring-frost  
Hips: no  
Resistance to Disease: yes  
Designated both Earth Kind and Texas Superstar



## Knock Out™

Classification: shrub  
Color: cherry-red  
Average Size: 3'x3' to 4'x4'  
Fragrance: no  
Repeat Blooms: yes  
Hips: yes  
Resistance to Disease: yes  
Designated Earth-Kind and Texas Superstar



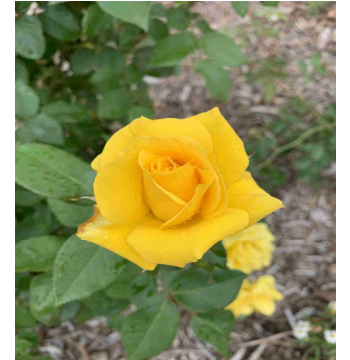
## The Fairy

Classification: Polyantha  
Color: pink  
Average Size: 2'x4' to 4'x4'  
Fragrance: slight  
Repeat Blooms: spring-frost  
Hips: no  
resistance to Disease: yes  
Tolerates partial shade and poor soils  
Designated Earth-Kind



## Grandma's Yellow (Nacogdoches)

Classification: shrub  
Color: yellow  
Average Size: 4-5' x 3'  
Fragrance: yes  
Repeat Blooms: yes  
Hips: yes  
Resistance to Disease: yes  
Designated Texas Superstar



## Leadwort

*Ceratostigma plumbaginoides*  
Classification: Perennial  
Color: blue  
Average Size: 12-18 inches  
Blooms: Aug-Oct  
Light: Part Sun, Shade  
Water: medium



## Dwarf Mexican Petunia

*Ruellia brittoniana*  
Classification: Perennials  
Size: 1.0 ft x 1.0 ft  
Light: Sunny/Part Shady  
Blooms: Early Summer to Frost  
Color: Blue, Pink, Purple  
Water: Low  
Texas Superstar



## Hardy Ice Plant

*delosperma*  
Classification: perennial  
Height: ¼ to ½ ft  
Spread: 1 to 2 ft  
Blooms: June to Sept  
Light: Full sun  
Water: Low

