

**LIST OF DOMINANT AND COMMON  
WETLAND, DUNE AND COASTAL PLANTS  
OF THE WETLANDS CENTER PREMISES AND GALVESTON BAY  
IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY FAMILY**

References and resources for this listing include, but are not limited to;

*Manual of the Vascular Plants of Texas* (Correll and Johnston, 1996),  
*Aquatic and Wetland Plants of the Southeastern United States - Monocotyledons*  
(Godfrey and Wooten, 1979),  
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(Godfrey and Wooten, 1981),  
*Aquatic and Wetland Plants of the Western Gulf Coast* (Stuyzenbaker, 1999),  
National Wetland Plant List (Lichvar, 2012),  
course notes from Dr. Jim Webb's Coastal Plant Ecology (MARB 430), and  
Wetlands Ecology (MARB 431) at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

The National Wetland Plant List (Lichvar, 2012) served as final arbiter for scientific and common names. This wetland plant list is available on-line.

**Family Aizoaceae (Fig-Marigold Family)**

sea purslane - *Sesuvium portulacastrum*

**Family Amaranthaceae (Amaranth Family)**

Josiah amaranth - *Amaranthus greggii*

**Family Apiaceae (Carrot Family)**

coastal marsh- pennywort - *Hydrocotyle bonariensis*

**Family Asclepiadaceae (Milkweed Family)**

Gulf coast swallow-wort - *Cynanchum angustifolium*

**Family Asteraceae (Aster Family)**

perennial ragweed - *Ambrosia psilostachya*  
lazy daisy - *Aphanostephus skirrhobasis*  
groundsel-tree - *Baccharis halimifolia*  
bushy seaside-tansy - *Borrichia frutescens*  
firewheel - *Gaillardia pulchella*  
yellowdicks - *Helenium amarum*  
camphorweed - *Heterotheca subaxillaris*  
narrowleaf marsh-elder - *Iva angustifolia*  
annual marsh-elder - *Iva annua*  
Jesuit's-bark - *Iva frutescens*  
sweetscent - *Pluchea odorata*  
camphor daisy - *Rayjacksonia phyllocephala*  
seaside goldenrod - *Solidago sempervirens*

perennial saltmarsh American-aster - *Symphyotrichum tenuifolium*  
sea-oats - *Uniola paniculata*

**Family Bataceae (Saltwort Family)**  
turtleweed - *Batis maritima*

**Family Boraginaceae (Borage Family)**  
seaside heliotrope - *Heliotropium curassavicum*

**Family Brassicaceae (Mustard Family)**  
coastal searocket - *Cakile lanceolata*

**Family Chenopodiaceae (Goosefoot Family)**  
hastate orache - *Atriplex prostrata*  
dwarf saltwort - *Salicornia bigelovii*  
woody saltwort - *Salicornia depressa*  
annual seepweed - *Suaeda linearis*

**Family Convolvulaceae (Morning-Glory Family)**  
beach morning-glory - *Ipomoea imperati*  
bay hops - *Ipomoea pes-caprae*  
glade morning-glory - *Ipomoea sagittata*

**Family Cupressaceae (Cypress Family)**  
southern bald-cypress - *Taxodium distichum*

**Family Cuscutaceae (Dodder Family)**  
bigseed alfalfa dodder - *Cuscuta indecora*

**Family Cymodoceaceae (Manatee-Grass Family)**  
shoalweed - *Halodule wrightii*

**Family Cyperaceae (Sedge Family)**  
spike-rushes - *Eleocharis* spp.  
marsh fimbry - *Fimbristylis castanea*  
chairmaker's club-rush - *Schoenoplectus americanus*  
threesquare - *Schoenoplectus pungens*  
seaside club-rush - *Schoenoplectus robustus*

**Family Euphorbiaceae (Spurge Family)**  
hogwort - *Croton capitatus*  
Gulf croton - *Croton punctatus*  
Chinese tallowtree - *Triadica sebifera*

**Family Fabaceae (pea Family)**  
thorntrees - *Acacia* spp.  
sleepingplant - *Chamaecrista fasciculata*

poison-bean - *Sesbania drummondii*  
trailing fuzzy-bean - *Strophostyles helvola*

**Family Gentianaceae (Gentian Family)**  
catchfly prairie gentian - *Eustoma exaltum*

**Family Hydrocharitaceae (Tape-Grass Family)**  
Engelmann's sea-grass - *Halophila engelmannii*  
turtle-grass - *Thalassia testudinum*

**Family Juncaceae (Rush Family)**  
Roemer's rush - *Juncus roemerianus*

**Family Lamiaceae (Mint Family)**  
spotted bee-balm - *Monarda punctata*

**Family Moraceae (Mulberry Family)**  
white mulberry - *Morus alba*

**Family Onagraceae (Evening-Primrose Family)**  
beach evening-primrose - *Oenothera drummondii*

**Family Plumbaginaceae (Leadwort Family)**  
Carolina sea-lavender - *Limonium carolinianum*

**Family Poaceae (Grass Family)**  
bushy bluestem - *Andropogon glomeratus*  
coastal salt grass - *Distichlis spicata*  
red love grass - *Eragrostis secundiflora*  
shore grass - *Monanthochloe littoralis*  
bitter panic grass - *Panicum amarum*  
gulf dune crown grass - *Paspalum monostachyum*  
seashore crown grass - *Paspalum vaginatum*  
common reed - *Phragmites australis*  
knotroot bristlegrass - *Setaria parviflora*  
saltwater cord grass - *Spartina alterniflora*  
salt-meadow cord grass - *Spartina patens*  
Gulf cord grass - *Spartina spartinae*  
seashore dropseed - *Sporobolus virginicus*

**Family Rosaceae (Rose Family)**  
Southern dewberry - *Rubus trivialis*

**Family Ruppiaceae (Ditch-Grass Family)**  
beaked ditch-grass - *Ruppia maritima*

**Family Scrophulariaceae (Figwort Family)**

saltmarsh false foxglove - *Agalinis maritima*  
herb-of-grace - *Bacopa monnieri*

**Family Solanaceae (Potato Family)**

Carolina desert-thorn - *Lycium carolinianum*

**Family Tamaricaceae (Tamarisk Family)**

French tamarisk - *Tamarix gallica*

**Family Typhaceae (Cat-Tail Family)**

broad-leaf cat-tail - *Typha latifolia*

**Family Ulmaceae (Elm Family)**

sugar-berry - *Celtis laevigata*

**Family Verbenaceae (Verbena Family)**

black mangrove - *Avicennia germinans*

lantanas - *Lantana* spp.

verbains - *Verbena* spp.