

Mockingbird Trail  
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1. *Allium canadense* var. *fraseri*, **wild onion, wild garlic**. Native perennial herb that spreads largely by seed
2. *Allium drummondii*, **Drummond's onion**. Native bulbous perennial herb with pink flowers
3. *Anemone berlandieri* (*A. heterophylla*), **ten-petal anemone, windflower**. Native perennial herb with 3-parted leaves and on a stalk a solitary flower with eleven to seventeen white to purple petals (here not ten)
4. *Aristida purpurea* var. *longiseta*, **red threeawn**. Native perennial bunchgrass with purple-red inflorescence having a spikelet with only one floret, that with three awns on each lemma
5. *Asclepias asperula* subsp. *capricornu*, **antelope horns**, Native perennial herbs with several shoots close to the ground, fantastic flowers pollinated by wasps and plants used by butterflies
6. *Baccharis neglecta*, **willow baccharis, Roosevelt-weed**. Native shrub but terribly invasive, common in Sun City, with sweetly fragrant flowers in late summer and clouds of windborne fruits with small parachutes
7. *Bouchetia rigida*, **erect bouchetia**. Native perennial herb with white, funnel-shaped flowers, closely related to the genus of tobacco but not with the foul odor
8. *Bromus catharticus*, **rescue grass**. Perennial herb introduced from the Old World and widely established in grassy areas throughout the region; spikelets have very short awns
9. *Bromus japonicus*, **Japanese brome**. Introduced annual from Eurasia with slender, awned spikelets
10. *Buglossoides arvensis*, **field bugloss**. Native annual with tiny white flowers, of open and grassy sites.
11. *Carex planostachys*, **cedar sedge?**. Native perennial herb of cedar brakes; with the flowers clustered at the top of the stalk well above the foliage
12. *Castilleja indivisa*, **Texas paintbrush, entire-leaf paintbrush**. Native perennial herb, with scarlet to orange-red inflorescence having colorful bracts and bractlets and less showy flowers
13. *Centaurea melitensis*, **star-thistle**. Invasive annual now widespread in the region and increasing in occurrence, which forms thistlelike heads now later producing yellow flowers
14. *Chaerophyllum tainturieri*, **wild chervil**. Native annual of the carrot family in this park the common understory herb with tiny white flowers and slender fruits in clusters of 5 or 6. Two varieties have been described for fruits with or without hairs
15. *Chaetopappa asteroides*, **common least daisy**. Native annual with white to light violet or bluish ray flowers and yellow disc flowers, extremely common in native open areas in Sun City
16. *Cirsium texanum*, **Texas thistle**. Native biennial herb occurring throughout Sun City, including lawns and flowering in late spring
17. *Cyclosporum leptophyllum*, **marsh parsley**. Introduced annual of the carrot family with finely dissected leaves with very slender lobes and tiny white flowers

18. *Diaperia verna* var. *verna* (= *Evax verna*), **many-stem evax**. Tiny native annual, a densely hairy belly plant with minute flowers not typically examined by “normal” people
19. *Dichanthelium sphaerocarpon*, **round-seed panic?**. Native perennial panic grass flowering in early and mid spring, often in partial shade
20. *Echinocereus reichenbachii* var. *reichenbachii*, **lace cactus**. Native perennial stem succulent, with white spines flattened sets along rows, and in May producing a disproportionately large, magenta flower
21. *Elymus canadensis*, **Canada wild rye**. Native perennial bunchgrass common in Williamson County and shady parts of this and other nature trails in Sun City; heads have conspicuous awns
22. *Erigeron modestus*, **prairie fleabane**. Native perennial herb with small, daisylike heads of flowers with white ray flowers
23. *Erodium texanum*, **Texas filaree**. Native annual growing on open ground throughout Sun City, with deep purple flowers and leaves that are not lobed or greatly divided
24. *Euphorbia spathulata*, **warty euphorbia**. Native annual of disturbed areas and prairie; so named because the fruits has distinctive warts
25. *Festuca octoflora* var. *octoflora* (= *Vulpia octoflora*), **common sixweeks grass**. Native annual grass, often difficult to identify unless in flower, often seen growing on seed harvester ant mounds
26. *Forestiera pubescens* var. *pubescens*, **elbow bush**. Native common in woodlands throughout Sun City growing in shade, having male and female individuals with fragrance but nonshowy flowers in February
27. *Galium aparine*, **common bedstraw**. Annual introduced throughout North America from Europe, having catching, prickles along the stem, whorled leaves of 6 or more, and small white flowers
28. *Galium texense*, **Texas bedstraw**. Native perennial herb that appears like the common and weedy bedstraw, but this one has no prickles along stems, mostly 4 or 5 leaves in a whorl, tiny white flowers, and no prickles on the fruits (mericarps)
29. *Galium virgatum*, **southwest bedstraw**. Native perennial herb generally with 4 leaves at a node, flowers crowded in the axils of leaves, yellowish flowers, and hooked hairs on the fruits
30. *Gamochaeta* sp., **cudweed**. Native annual often in disturbed habitats or washes, having minute flowers in woolly heads and woolly hairs on the plant
31. *Geranium carolinianum*, **Carolina storksbill**. Native annual in mixed stands of annuals and grasses
32. *Glandularia bipinnatifida* (*Verbena bipinnatifida*), **prairie verbena**. Native perennial herb found throughout Sun City, low growing with dissected, paired leaves and showy purple flowers during most months of the year
33. *Hedeoma drummondii*, **false pennyroyal**. Native annual of the mint family, with lavender to light purple, slender flowers
34. *Ilex vomitoria*, **yaupon**. Evergreen native shrub, a holly, which has male and female flowers on separate plants,
35. *Juniperus ashei*, **Ashe’s juniper, mountain-cedar**. Native but invasive shrub or small tree.
36. *Krigia cespitosa* var. *cespitosa*, **dwarf-dandelion**. Native annual rarely observed by hikers but present in grassy habitats

37. *Lindheimera texana*, **Texas-star**. Native annual with bright yellow, 5-pointed heads (aka flowers)
38. *Lupinus texensis*, **Texas bluebonnet**, **Texas lupine**. Native annual abundant throughout along roadside and meadows, often where reseeded, with palmately compound leaves and showy stalks of flowers
39. *Medicago hispida/minima*, **bur-clover**. Invasive annual legume with clusters of bright yellow flowers, 3-foliolate leaves, and hooked bristles on the fruit
40. *Myosotis macrosperma*, **big-seed scorpiongrass**, **spring forget-me-not**. Native herb along creek bank in shade, with white flowers 2 mm across and glossy nutlets
41. *Nassella leucotricha* (= *Stipa leucotricha*), **spear grass**, **Texas needlegrass**. Native perennial bunchgrass easy to identify in springtime with it has spikelets with long awns
42. *Nuttallanthus* sp., **toad-flax**. Native annual seldom observed, but around, Sun City, an erect plant with spurred flowers
43. *Oenothera speciosa*, **pink evening primrose**. Native showy, pink evening primrose common along roads
44. *Oenothera trifida*, **stemless evening primrose**. Native annual with a flat rosette of lobed and cut leaves like a dandelion but showy yellow flowers with a long tube; winged fruits at the stem
45. *Opuntia engelmannii* var. *lindheimeri*, **Texas prickly pear**. Native succulent shrub with flattened stems and cluster of sharp spines and tiny, irritating glochids
46. *Opuntia macrorhiza* var. *macrorhiza*, **plains prickly pear**, **grassland prickly pear**. Native, low shrub with flattened, succulent stems; flowers of this species typically have red center, but this is not a totally reliable feature for identification
47. *Oxalis dillenii*, **Dillen's oxalis**, **wood sorrel**. Native but weedy annual found throughout Sun City, including lawns, with cloverlike leaves (3-parted) and fairly showy yellow flowers
48. *Papaver rhoeas*, **red poppy**. Annual from the Old World introduced locally by seed packets in honor of the local poppy festival celebration in Georgetown
49. *Parietaria pensylvanica*, **Pennsylvania pellitory**. Native annual of shade beneath woodland plants, with incredibly small and nonshowy flowers and lacking stinging hairs (it is a nettle)
50. *Parthenocissus heptaphylla*, **sevenleaf-creeper**. Native woody climber endemic to the region having seven leaflets per leaf
51. *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*, **Virginia-creeper**. Somewhat invasive woody climber with five leaflets per leaf
52. *Phacelia congesta*, **blue curls**. Native annual with coiled inflorescences on canopy
53. *Plantago rhodosperma*, **red-seeded plantain**. Native annual growing along trails and currently producing an erect spike of flowers and fruits
54. *Ptelea trifoliata*, **hoptree**, **wafer-ash**. Native shrub in woodlands having distinctive, winged fruits that resemble papery discs
55. *Pyrrhopappus pauciflorus*, **Texas dandelion**. Native perennial herb with yellow, heads flatter than typical dandelion
56. *Quercus buckleyi*, **Texas red oak**. Native oak tree with deciduous leaves that are pointy and deeply lobed
57. *Quercus fusiformis*, **plateau live oak**. Native evergreen tree dominant in Sun City

58. *Quercus macrocarpa*, **bur oak**. Native oak tree with shallowly lobed leaves, heavily damaged by the drought years and now sprouting from roots forming a curious skirts around the tree trunk
59. *Ranunculus*, **large buttercup**, Native perennial herb of wet soil, producing showy bright yellow flowers in early spring
60. *Ranunculus sceleratus* var. *sceleratus*, **celery-leaf buttercup**. Introduced buttercup of wetlands with flowers having leaves like celery but flowers of a small buttercup with 5 small petals
61. *Ratibida columnifera*, **Mexican-hat**. Native perennial herb in early spring with a distinctive basal rosette of compound and deeply dissected leaves but mostly flowering during summer
62. *Rhus lanceolata*, **prairie sumac**. Large shrub with compound leaves typically growing in a small clump, flowering during summer and on female plants producing small, round fruits that persist during winter
63. *Rubus trivialis*, **dewberry**. Native trailing perennial with prickles and 3-pated leaves
64. *Scutellaria drummondii* var. *drummondii*, **Drummond's skullcap**. Native herb in full sun grassland, with showy flowers typically positioned on one side
65. *Sedum nuttallianum*, **yellow stonecrop**. Native annual with fleshy leaves growing in dense stands in full sun on the shallow soil covering exposed limestone; now forming bright yellow, star-shaped flowers
66. *Sisyrinchium ensigerum*, **blue-eyed grass**. Native perennial herb with rhizomes and vertically positioned leaves; flowers usually with 6 blue tepals
67. *Smilax bona-nox*, **greenbrier**. Introduced, often somewhat spiny perennial vine common throughout Sun City
68. *Sonchus asper* subsp. *asper*, **spiny sow thistle**. Introduced annual with dandelionlike heads of flowers and spiny leaves and stems
69. *Sonchus oleraceus*, **sow thistle**. Introduced annual and close relative of lettuce, with toothed leaves and yellow heads of flowers
70. *Stachys agraria*, **shade betony**. Native annual growing in patch of shade, having square stems and short and slender white flowers
71. *Tetraneuris scaposa*, **slender-stem bitterweed**. Native perennial herb with yellow sunflowerlike heads, growing with mostly basal leaves and the head solitary on a long stalk
72. *Torilis arvensis*, **hedge-parsley, sock destroyer**. Terribly invasive annual of the carrot family, uncommon here in shady areas, a plant with small white flowers and barbs on the fruits
73. *Tradescantia* sp., **spiderwort**. Native perennial herb with lance-shaped leaves and blue flowers
74. *Triodanis perfoliata* var. *perfoliata*, **clasping Venus'-looking-glass**. Native annual occasionally seen in open habitat, where recognized by its distinctive, clasping leaves
75. *Ulmus crassifolia*, **cedar elm**. Invasive native shrub and small tree of the region, abundant throughout Sun City and considered by many undesirable; currently leafing out
76. *Valerianella amarella*, **hairy cornsalad**. Native annual common during springtime throughout Sun City along nature trails, with paired leaves and forked clusters of small white flowers

77. *Verbascum thapsus*, **common mullein**. Introduced biennial evergreen with persistent, woody rosette during winter and a distinctive, erect stalk of yellow flowers or persistent fruits
78. *Verbena canescens* **gray vervain**. Native annual with comparatively small flowers for a vervain and hairy, toothed leaves
79. *Verbena halei*, **Texas vervain**. Native annual with slender clusters of light violet flowers
80. *Veronica arvensis*, **common speedwell**. Introduced annual common throughout Sun City, including many lawns, being small and having minute flowers
81. *Vicia ludoviciana* subsp. *ludoviciana*, **deerpea vetch**. Introduced annual with two to four small flowers at the end of a long stalk
82. *Vitis mustangensis*, **mustang grape**. Woody climber of the grape family.
83. *Warnockia scutellaroides*, **prairie brazoria, rattlesnake flower**. Native annual with aromatic shoots and stacks of showy flowers