

# Texas State Wildflower & Tree

## Fact Sheet



Bluebonnet

Bluebonnet seeds can lay dormant for up to 35 years, meaning they might be in the soil but not bloom for a long time. Though bluebonnets are typically blue, occasionally you'll come across light blue, white or pink flowers growing in the wild. These are natural variants caused by genetic mutations. These variants generally don't stick around in wild populations because blue flower color is dominant. They became the official state flower of Texas in 1901, however, lawmakers originally chose the wrong flower variety. This was remedied in 1971 to include all bluebonnets in Texas as state flowers - meaning we actually have 6!

Pecan Trees produce an average of 70-150 pounds of nuts per year. They have a lifespan of 300 years or more and are prized in the woodworking world for their handsome grain. Early settlers loved these tasty nuts, but unfortunately harvested them by chopping down the entire tree, harvesting that season's crop and leaving the tree to rot. This short-sighted approach led to the trees eventually becoming scarce. The Pecan Tree was made the official state tree of Texas in 1919.



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