

Common Plants of Riparian Areas - Southwestern Texas-Northern Mexico  
With Wetland Indicator (WI) and Draft Stability Rating (SR)

| <u>Sedges / Grasses</u> | <u>WI</u> | <u>SR</u> | <u>Forbs</u>          | <u>WI</u> | <u>SR</u> | <u>Woody</u>           | <u>WI</u> | <u>SR</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Spikerushes (most)      | OBL       | 5/6       | Water willow          | OBL       | 7         | Buttonbush             | OBL       | 7         |
| Emory sedge             | OBL       | 9         | Ludwigia              | OBL       | 3         | Bald Cypress           | OBL       | 7         |
| Sawgrass                | OBL       | 9         | Watercress            | OBL       | 3         | Indigobush amorpha     | OBL       | 6         |
| Rice cutgrass           | OBL       | 5         | Scouring rush         | OBL       | 7         | Gooding willow         | OBL       | 6         |
| Water bentgrass         | OBL       | 5         | Marsh aster           | OBL       | 3         | Seepwillow baccharis   |           |           |
| Cattail                 | OBL       | 9         | Marsh fleabane        | OBL       | 5         | (B. salicifolia)       | FACW      | 6         |
| Bulrushes (most)        | OBL       | 9         | Cardinalflower        | FACW      | 5         | Black willow           | FACW      | 6         |
| Knotgrass               | FACW      | 4         | Tall aster            | FACW      | 5         | Arroyo willow          | FACW      | 6         |
| Hairyseed paspalum      | FACW      | 6         | Spiny aster           | FACW      | 8         | Sandbar willow         | FACW      | 6         |
| Bushy bluestem          | FACW      | 6         | Smartweed (most)      | FACW      | 3         | Fremont cottonwood     | FACW      | 6         |
| Flatsedges (most)       | FACW      | 5/6       | Mint                  | FACW      | 3         | Spiny aster            | FACW      | 8         |
| Inland saltgrass        | FACW      | 7         | Frogfruit             | FAC       | 4         | Box elder maple        | FACW      | 6         |
| Common reed             | FACW      | 9         | Joe pye weed          | FAC       | 4         | Saltcedar              | FACW      | 7         |
| Torrey rush             | FACW      | 5         | Giant ragweed         | FAC       | 3         | Sycamore               | FAC       | 6         |
| Aparejogress            | FACW      | 6         | Annual sumpweed       | FAC       | 3         | Eastern cottonwood     | FAC       | 6         |
| Spike bentgrass         | FACW      | 5         | Brazilian verbena     | FAC       | 4         | Pecan                  | FAC       | 6         |
| Junglerice              | FACW      | 4         | Tall goldenrod        | FACU      | 8         | Little walnut          | FAC       | 6         |
| Rabbitsfoot grass       | FACW      | 3         | Common ragweed        | FACU      | 4         | Roosevelt baccharis    |           |           |
| Carolina canarygrass    | FACW      | 3         | Frostweed             | FACU      | 6         | (B. neglecta)          | FAC       | 6         |
| Wetland sprangletops    | FACW      | 4         | Maximilian sunflower  | FACU      | 6         | Yewleaf willow         | FAC       | 6         |
| Switchgrass             | FAC       | 9         | Heath aster           | FACU      | 5         | American elder         | FAC       | 6         |
| Eastern gammagrass      | FAC       | 9         | Illinois bundleflower | FACU      | 4         | Roughleaf dogwood      | FAC       | 6         |
| Wildrye                 | FAC       | 5/6       | Carolina snailseed    | FACU      | 4         | Sugar hackberry        | FAC       | 5         |
| White tridens           | FAC       | 5         | Clammyweed            | FACU      | 3         | American elm           | FAC       | 6         |
| Vine-mesquite           | FAC       | 6         | Western ragweed       | UPL       | 5         | Cedar elm              | FAC       | 6         |
| Lindheimer muhly        | FAC       | 7         | Field ragweed         | UPL       | 5         | Bur oak                | FAC       | 6         |
| Western wheatgrass      | FAC       | 7         | Mexican sagewort      | UPL       | 5         | Chinquapin oak         | FAC       | 6         |
| Dallisgrass             | FAC       | 7         | Turk's cap            | UPL       | 5         | Chokecherry            | FAC       | 6         |
| Vaseygrass              | FAC       | 6         |                       |           |           | Velvet ash             | FAC       | 6         |
| Big sacaton             | FAC       | 9         |                       |           |           | Lindheimer indigo      | FAC       | 5         |
| Alkali sacaton          | FAC       | 7         |                       |           |           | Wafer ash (Ptelea)     | FAC       | 6         |
| Deergrass               | FAC       | 8         |                       |           |           | Live oak               | FACU      | 6         |
| Giant reed              | FAC       | 9         |                       |           |           | Netleaf hackberry      | FACU      | 5         |
| Buffalograss            | FACU      | 3         |                       |           |           | Red mulberry           | FACU      | 6         |
| Indiangrass             | FACU      | 7         |                       |           |           | Mesquite               | FACU      | 5         |
| Johnsongrass            | FACU      | 6         |                       |           |           | Western soapberry      | FACU      | 6         |
| Bermudagrass            | FACU      | 6         |                       |           |           | Bumelia                | FACU      | 6         |
| Big sandbur             | FACU      | 7         |                       |           |           | Black walnut           | FACU      | 6         |
| Southwestern bristle    | UPL       | 5         |                       |           |           | Desert willow          | FACU      | 6         |
| Bulb panicum            | UPL       | 7         |                       |           |           | Bigtooth maple         | UPL       | 6         |
| Texas wingergrass       | UPL       | 5         |                       |           |           | Emory oak              | UPL       | 6         |
| Texas bluegrass         | UPL       | 6         |                       |           |           | Gravelbar bricklebrush | UPL       | 5         |
| Purpletop tridens       | UPL       | 5         |                       |           |           | Burrobush              | UPL       | 6         |
| King Ranch bluestem     | UPL       | 5         |                       |           |           | Whitebrush             | UPL       | 6         |
| Creeping muly           | UPL       | 6         |                       |           |           | Apache plume           | UPL       | 5         |
|                         |           |           |                       |           |           | Fourwing saltbush      | UPL       | 4         |
|                         |           |           |                       |           |           | Prairie baccharis      |           |           |
|                         |           |           |                       |           |           | (B. texana)            | UPL       | 5         |
|                         |           |           |                       |           |           | Juniper                | UPL       | 5         |

**WI - Wetland Indicator Categories**

(Region 6 USFWS)

**OBL** *Obligate Wetland*  
almost always occur in wetlands.

**FACW** *Facultative Wetland*  
Usually occur in wetlands;  
67-99% probability.  
Occasionally occur in non wetlands.

**FAC** *Facultative*  
Equally likely to occur in wetlands  
and non wetlands.

**FACU** *Facultative Upland*  
Usually occur in non wetlands;  
67-99% probability;  
Occasionally occur in wetlands.

**UPL** *Obligate Upland* species;  
almost always occur in non wetlands

**SR** - Numbers indicate draft Stability Ratings on a scale of 1 – 10. Bare ground has a SR of 1. Anchored rock or logs have a SR of 10. A SR of 7 is considered the minimum for acceptable bank stability.

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