



# NRCS Species for Plant Collections

*Prunus texana*

**Scientific Name:** *Prunus texana* D. Dietr.

**Common Name:** Texas peachbush

## **Morphological Characteristics:**

**Habit-** native perennial shrub; deciduous; 60-90 cm. tall; flowers February to March; reproduces by seed

**Leaves-** simple, alternate, white-woolly beneath

**Flowers-** clustered on short spurs; flowers appear before or with leaves; 5-petaled flowers; white petals about 5 cm. long

**Fruit-** drupe about 1.8 cm. long; looks just like a very small peach

**Habitat and Range:** Occurs on deep sand in openings and prairies.



## **Conservation Use:**

Why collect this plant? Texas Plant Materials Centers have identified this plant as having potential benefits to the following conservation practice standards: 562 Recreation Area Improvement and 645 Upland Wildlife Habitat. Your assistance in collecting this plant helps support the NRCS conservation practice standards which are employed daily to conserve the natural resources of Texas!

## **Centers Requesting Seed:**

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## How to Collect Seed

1. Identify native plant stands in your area. You can go to the following websites for helpful photos <http://plants.usda.gov> or <http://www.noble.org/imagegallery/index.html> or [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org)
2. Determine if seed is mature. Mature seed is typically dry and will easily separate from the seed head.
3. Hand strip mature seed by grasping the bottom of the seed head then gently pulling away from the base of the plant. Deposit seed in a brown paper sack. Collect seed from a minimum of 30 to 50 plants.
4. Label each collection as it is made so collections do not get mixed up. Information required includes: Collector's name, number of plants collected, location (parish, city, highway, GPS coordinates), site description (soil type, slope, plants growing in association).
5. Complete NRCS-ECS-580; Plant Collection Information Form and mail with collected seeds to the NRCS Plant Materials Center requesting the species.

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## Helpful Tips

Look for superior plants that display differences in color, height, or forage abundance and record observations. Differences in growing site or location should be made into separate collections if they are separated by more than 1 mile between sites.

## Other Photos:

