



Trowel & Error

Maintaining Naturalistic Landscapes

or

DETAILS, DETAILS, DETAILS



- TRUTHS: About Landscape Maintenance
- KNOW YOUR PLANTS
- PLANT REMOVAL: Intruders
- PRUNING: Grooming, Shaping and Cutting back
- TIMING
- MULCH
- HARDSCAPE: Defining the Edge
- SPECIFIC SPECIES

TRUTHS

About Landscape Maintenance

**YOU
CAN'T
HANDLE
THE
TRUTH!**



Truth #1:

There is no landscape that is NO Maintenance



Truth #2:



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Truth #3:

One Maintenance Schedule – Does Not Fit All

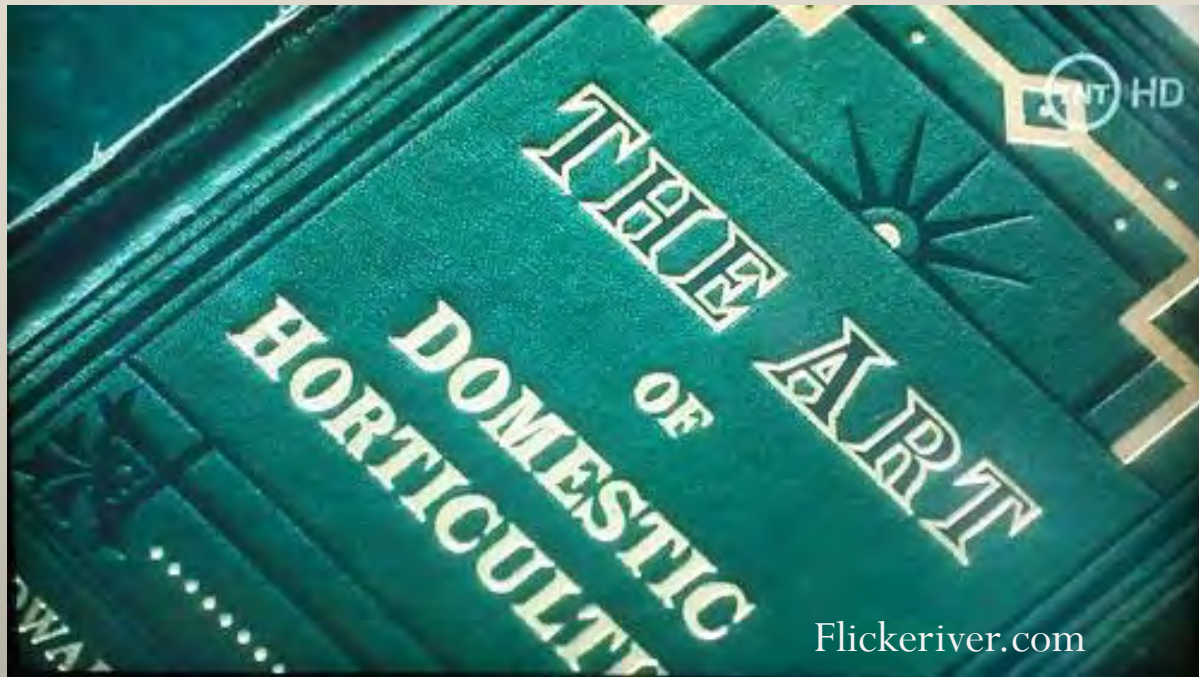


Truth #4:

It is About the Details, Details, Details



Truth #5: Horticulture is the Art & Science of Growing Plants



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TRUTH #6:

Sometimes the Best Thing to Do is Nothing





KNOW YOUR PLANTS





Native and Adapted

Landscape Plants

Texas AgriLife Extension ★ City of Austin



Find your perfect plant with our online search tool!



an earthwise guide for Central Texas

Use Plants that Require Fewer Inputs



Mass Same or Similar Species



Use Compact & Clump-forming Plants



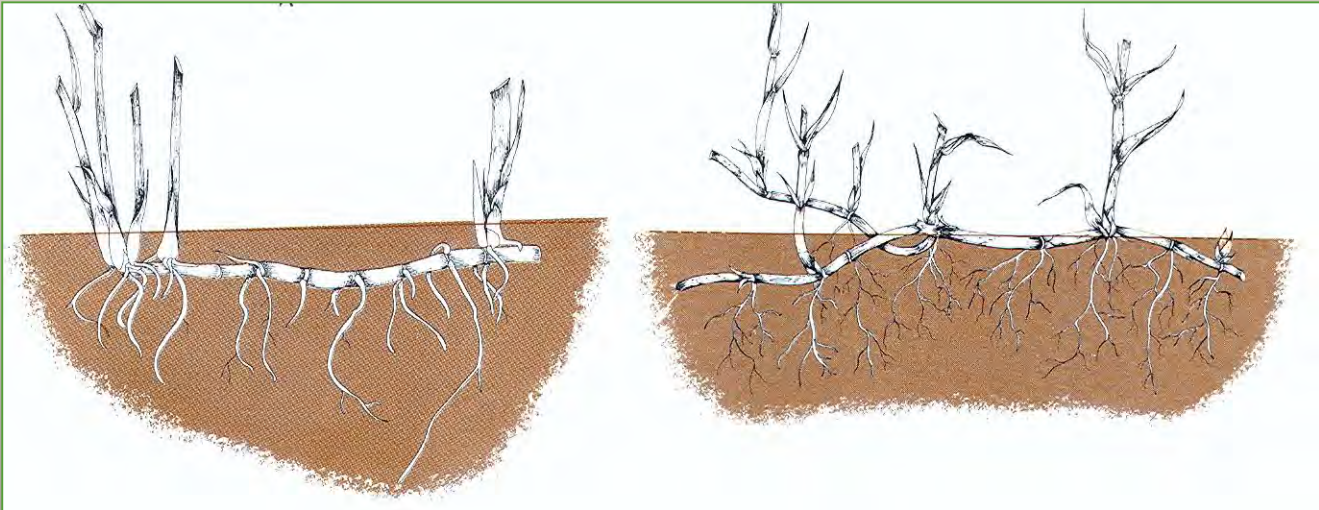
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Plan for Mature Size



Contain Spreading Plants

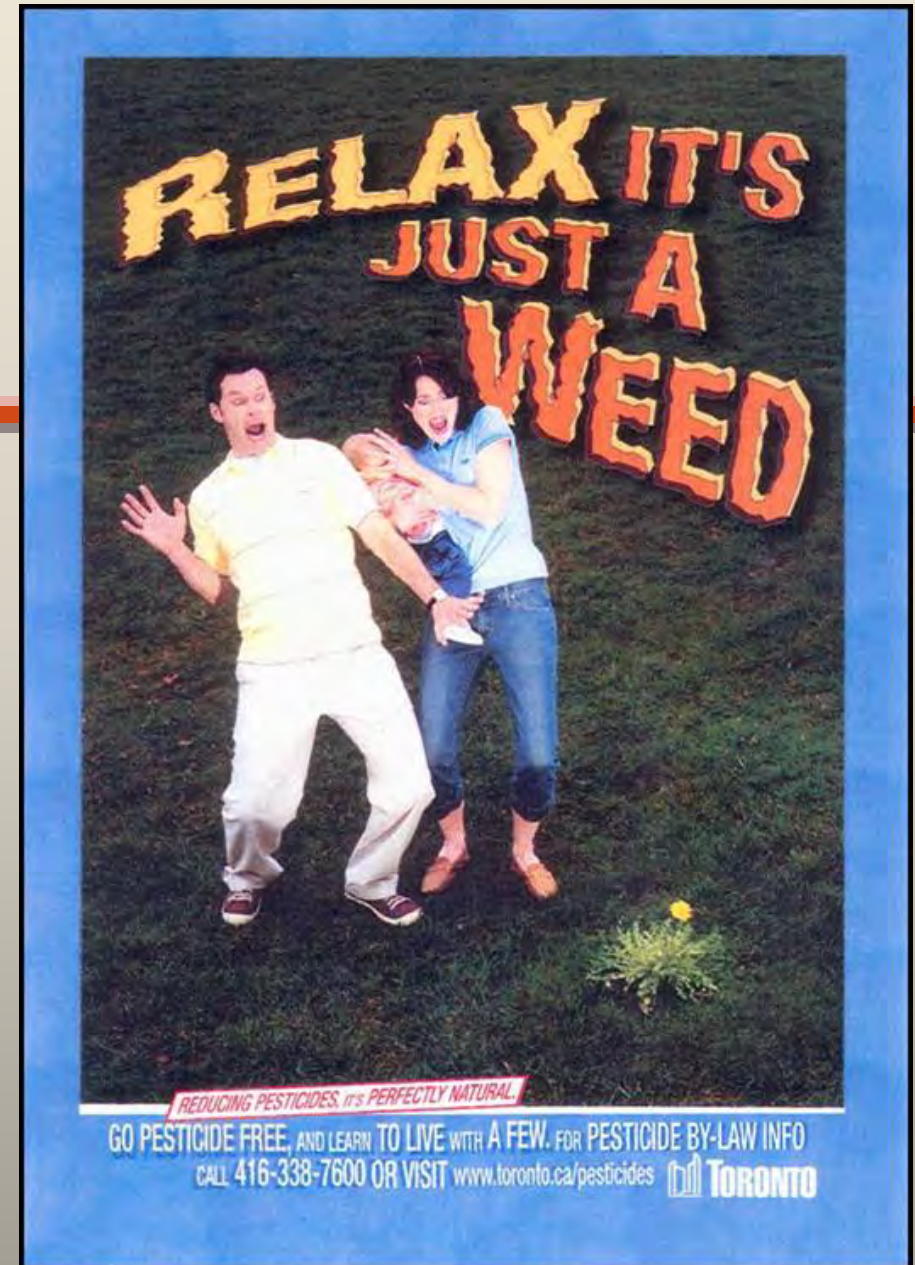


Trumpet Vine

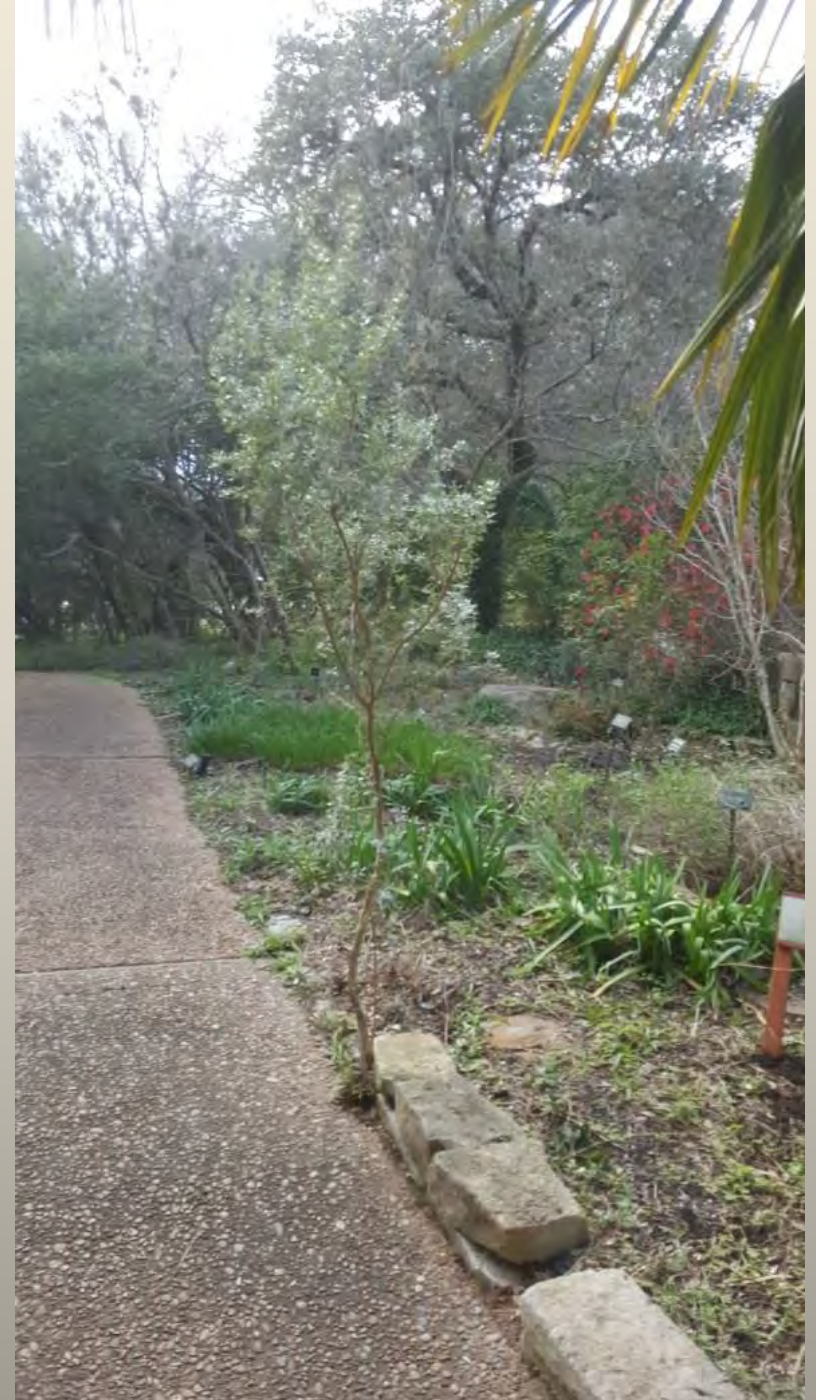


PLANT REMOVAL

Weeds & Other Intruders



Weeding Out “Desired” Plants



Remove Dead or Heavily Diseased Plants



Remove Extraneous Objects



PRUNING

Grooming, Shaping & Cutting Back



Mow a Pathway



Grooming: Remove Damaged or Dead Leaves



Grooming: Remove Bloom Stalks



Shaping



Selective Pruning: Over the Edge



Cutting Back



TIMING

- Cutback herbaceous and semi-woody perennials before they put on new growth in the spring

Or

When your plants need rejuvenating



MULCH

For Continuity



Your Plants will Thank you Very Mulch



Get Free Mulch

(and drop off unused pesticides and fertilizer)



3810 Todd Ln.
Austin, TX 78744
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday – Friday
512-974-4343

- Free mulch is available from Austin Resource Recovery
- Please come ready to self-load the mulch.
- Staff is unavailable for loading



Improper Mulching is not Helpful for the Tree and it Looks Bad



Keep Mulch Away From the Base of Plants





HARDSCAPE

PATHWAYS, PLANTER BEDS, EDGING, HOSES

Sweep the Stonework



Rake the Gravel



Define the Edge



SPECIFIC SPECIES

Texas Sage

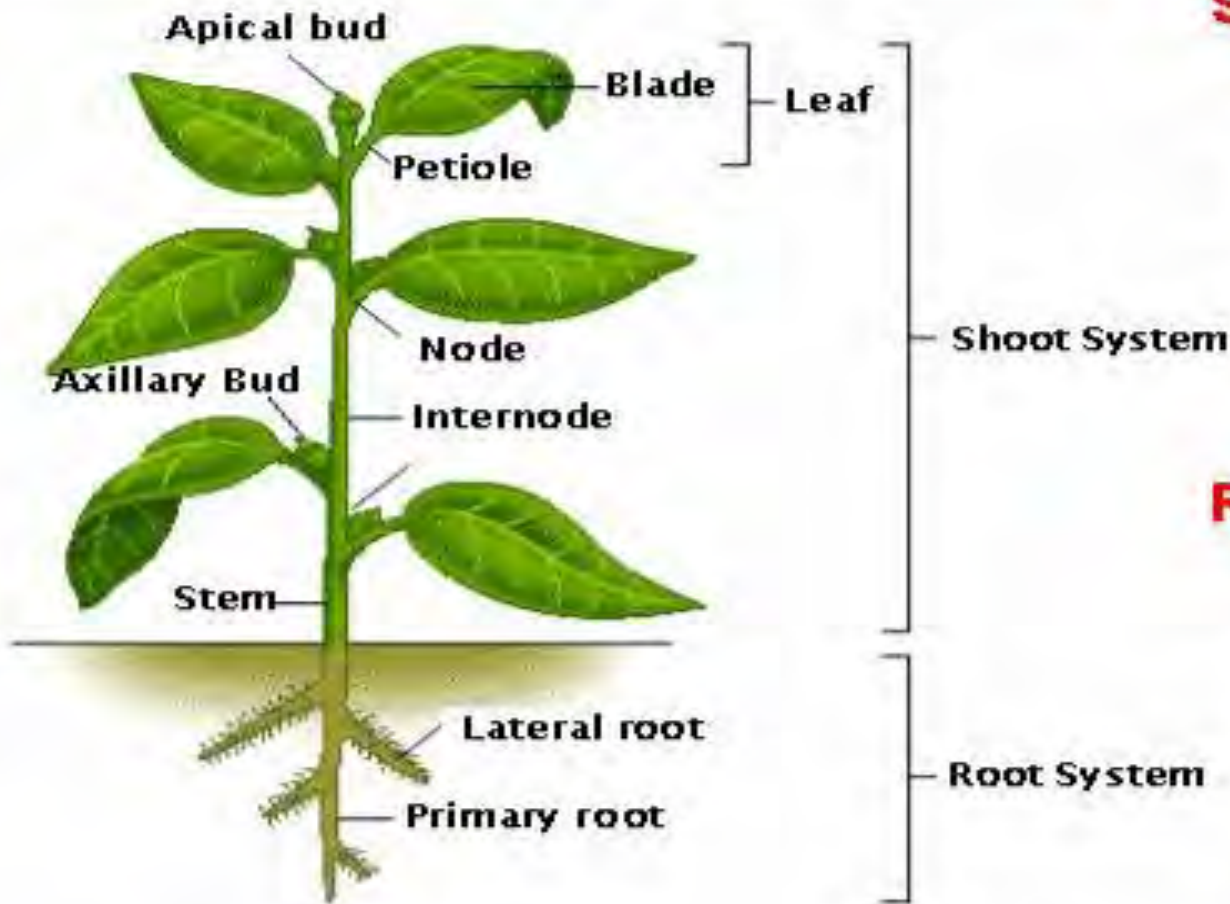






Rejuvenated





Shoot System - Functions

- Photosynthesis
- Reproduction
- Storage
- Transport
- Hormones

Root System - Function

- Anchorage
- Absorption
- Storage
- Transport
- Hormones

Texas Mountain Laurel





Crape Murder



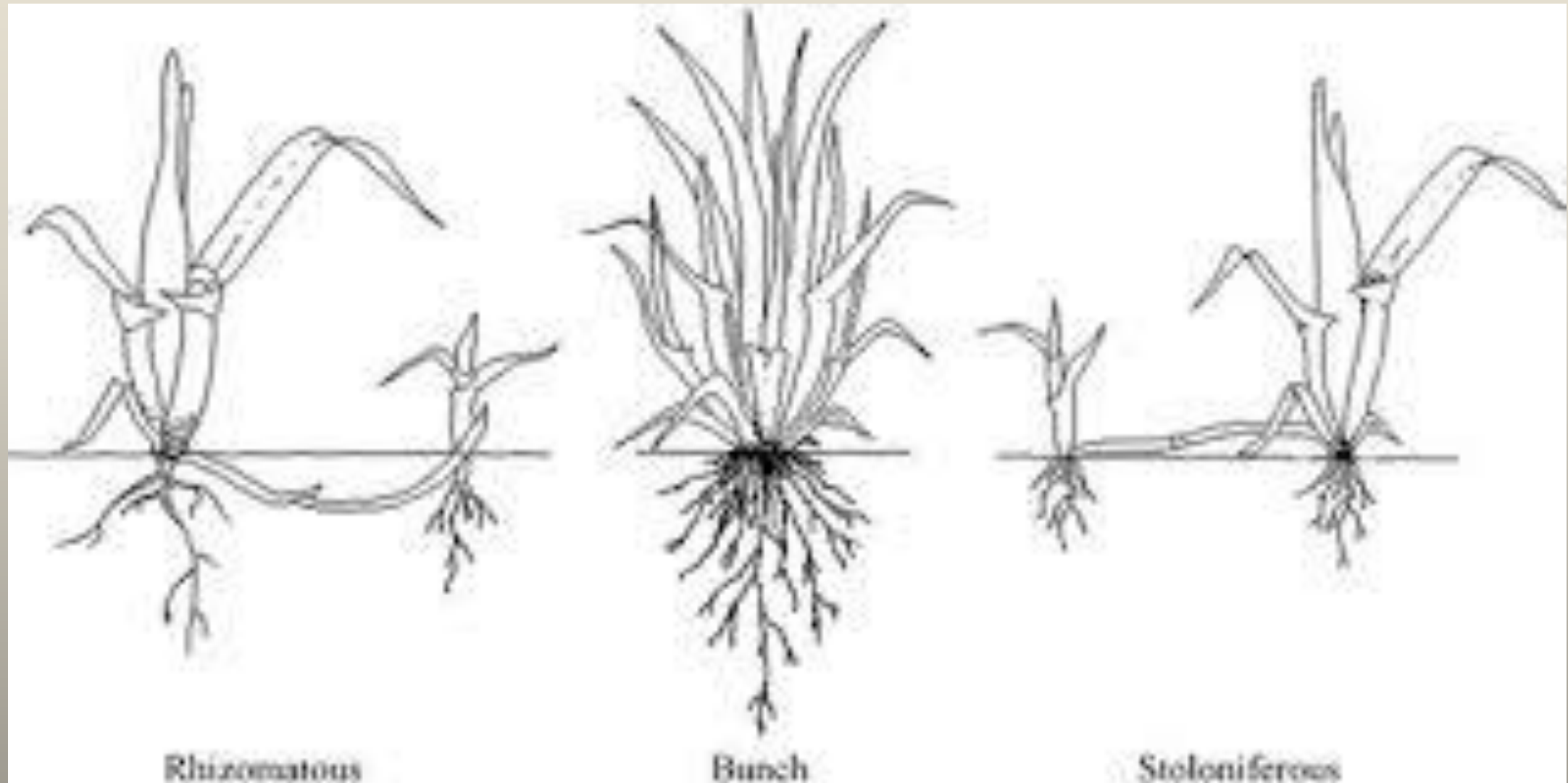
Autumn Sage



Big Muhly



Grass Growth Habits



Sago Palm



Daminiata & Blackfoot Daisy



Mexican Bush Sage





Pink Skullcap



Zexmenia



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