



Denton County borders two distinct eco-regions: the crosstimbers forests and the blackland prairie. As a resident, this provides you with the unique opportunity to recreate the beautiful, diversified landscapes of our region in your yard.

- What is a “pocket prairie”?
  - A piece of the prairie brought to your yard or any other urban, small space. A prairie is an ecological region defined by non-woody plants (i.e. trees), offering an abundance of native flowers, grasses and other perennials.
  - Since a good portion of the soil in our region is conducive to the plants found in native prairies, residents can cultivate the plants and grasses in a confined space.
- How to get started?
  - Identify a sunny spot in your yard, ideally away from the street. Fence lines or backyards offer more shelter and protection to attract birds/pollinators.
  - Source seeds, or a mixture of seeds for planting. Be careful when selecting seed mixes and be sure to look for more native perennials, or flowers that come back year-after-year.
  - Plant native grasses (view resources below).
  - Visit: <https://www.lakedallas.com/523/Flutterby-Garden> for a listing of beautiful perennial options.
  - Be patient. Cultivating a pocket prairie takes time as it develops and matures season after season.
- Benefits Abound!
  - Native plants are exactly that – made for a specific area! This means less maintenance and watering.
  - Many native plants are [drought tolerant](#).
  - Pocket prairies are diversified and evolving.
  - Prairie plants are masters of erosion prevention. The majority of bio matter in prairies is below the surface due to long roots, which help hold soil together.
- Resources
  - <https://bit.ly/2U2ssHP>
  - <https://bit.ly/3z2CBTD>
  - <https://www.worldwildlife.org/ecoregions/na0814>

## POCKET PRAIRIES

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