



**SOUTH TEXAS  
BOTANICAL  
GARDENS  
& NATURE CENTER**

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## Botanical Gardens' Big Bloom replaced by **WATER SMART Plant Sale**, April 25; \$2 ADMISSION Day combines fun of Plant Sale and 'Birdiest Festival in America'

South Texas Botanical Gardens learned a lesson skipping its popular Plant Sale in 2025: "People are gonna' buy plants!" Trying to please, but being good water stewards in an historic drought, the non-profit attraction will educate residents in water-smart landscaping and water conservation—in a new take on its most popular event!

The **WATER-SMART Plant Sale**, 10 am-5 pm, Saturday, April 25, features a water-thrifty inventory of natives, succulents, low-water perennials, blooming nectar and pollinator plants, cacti and other xeriscape varieties -- plus limited orchids from the Conservatory, and Plumeria starts. Vendors will sell specialty plants and art.

Like Big Bloom, the **\$2 Admission Community Day** includes the usual exciting butterfly and ladybug releases, animal ambassadors, membership specials, food trucks--adding *Raptor Project* presentations and *Exhibitor Tent* from *Birdiest Festival in America* held that week. Members enter FREE at 9 am.

"Classes will emphasize critical water shortage calls for modern, airy landscape looks rather than a solid green "hedge" hiding half the house," said Marketing Director MaryJane Crull. "Water-smart plant groupings, decorative hardscape--rocks, colorful containers, sculpture, metal décor, stone pathways, mulched empty spaces blend well for attractive curb appeal."



"Corpus Christi Water (CCW) will have rain storage barrels for purchase, with conservation materials available. H-E-B will have free bird house kits for the first 150 kids to assemble on site and take home," Executive Director Michael Womack said. Texas Master Naturalists will have a "Build a Butterfly" booth," he added.

To apply for **Birding Festival Art Vendor**, email [denise@aquariaservicesinc.com](mailto:denise@aquariaservicesinc.com). **Plant Vendors** should email [kathie@stxbot.org](mailto:kathie@stxbot.org). FMI, follow [www.stxbot.org](http://www.stxbot.org), or 361-852-2100.



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### 'WATER-SMART Plant Sale' Enter Visitors Center Gazebo

- 9 Membership Sale Open--10% off Today!
- 9-10 Members-Only Plant Pre-Sale, MEMBERS FREE!
- 10-5 Opens to Public, \$2 Admission!  
Water-Smart Plant Sale • Orchids & Plumeria Sales  
Plant & Artisan Vendors • Gift Shop • FOOD TRUCKS  
CCW, Buy Water Barrels • Birding Exhibitor Tent  
TEXAS MASTER NATURALISTS, "Build A Butterfly"
- 10-2 H-E-B, Kids "Build A Birdhouse"
- 10:30, 1:30, 4 Raptor Project Presentation
- 11, 2 CLASS: Water-Smart Landscaping Tips, Pavilion
- 11, 1, 3:30 Meet Animal Ambassadors
- 12, 3 Butterfly Release, Butterfly House
- 11:30 Lady Bug Release, Sensory Garden
- 2:30 Lady Bug Release, Rose Garden

