

# Stuck on Texas Cactus

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This presentation will focus on cacti from Texas. We will begin in Central Texas and move south near Corpus Christi, westward to Laredo, Zapata, Del Rio, and on to the Trans Pecos country. We will discuss most of the nearly one hundred species of cacti found throughout the state and even highlight a few other succulents of interest. The genera discussed will include Echinocereus, Mammillaria, Coryphantha, Escobaria, Echinocactus, Ancistrocactus, Ariocarpus, Echinomastus, Epithelantha, Thelocactus, Peniocereus, Lophophora, and others.

## Bio

Steven Lovecky has been growing succulents in Central Texas for over 45 years. He has had the opportunity to attend many cactus and succulent conferences across the nation and has visited most of the cacti habitats in the USA. His goal is to successfully grow and propagate these amazing plants and to share his successes and failures for the benefit of others. He has spent countless hours identifying and photographing cacti throughout Texas, guiding cactus clubs and individuals, sharing the beauty of these amazing plants. Steven is one of the founders of the Central Texas Cactus and Succulent Society and is a past TACSS (Texas Association of Cactus and Succulent Societies) president. He has presented programs in conjunction with the Mid States Biannual Cactus and Succulent Conference as well as the TACSS Annual Seminar. Also, he was privileged to guide participants in the CSSA 2013 Pre-Convention Field Trip to Big Bend National Park. Steven is a member of the McLennan County Master Gardeners, serving in various offices and speaking to gardening clubs in Central Texas. Steven and his wife Darlene live in Hill County, Texas where he is actively farming and ranching.

