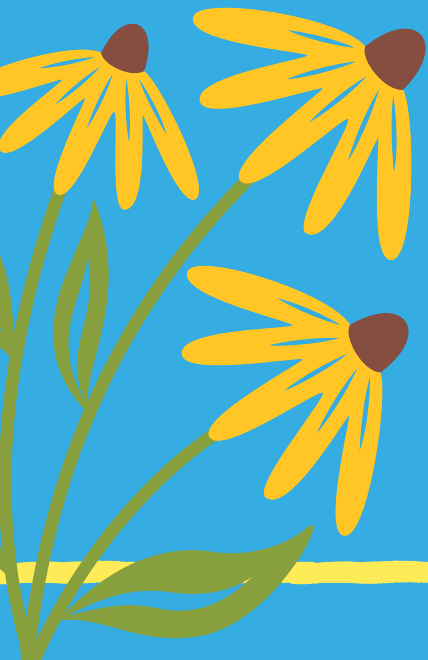




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Bird-friendly Gardening Day

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When we bought this house 4½ years ago, I dove headfirst into wildscaping. I started by hiring help to design and install the largest bed on the southwest corner and some foundation plantings out front—just to get things rolling.



Since then, it's been a constant evolution. I've expanded and edited those original plantings, tackled a hell patch on the northwest side of the property, and added a rain garden along the east property line. I've been slowly filling in the backyard with understory trees, shrubs, and shade-tolerant forbs I've been experimenting with.

Right now, my biggest challenge is the west-side hell strip. After a drought wiped out most of the grass, I started plugging in native grasses, forbs, shrubs, and ground covers. The grass is trying to come back—mostly King Ranch bluestem—but I've got a new plan to help the good stuff win out. It's all a work in progress, but every corner tells a story

