**Texas Longleaf Implementation Team-Understory Technical Team**

**Mission Statement**

To facilitate and promote the development, availability, diversity, and use of native plant understory material for the benefit of longleaf forest establishment and management in east Texas.

Goals

1. To serve as the regional technical team for the Longleaf Implementation Team of Texas.
2. To identify the needs, issues and challenges for use of native understory plant material for the establishment, restoration and management of longleaf forest systems.
3. To collaborate with the native plant industry and partners to increase the availability and diversity of commercial native understory materials appropriate for the region.
4. To provide technical information and guidance to interested landowners/managers for the benefit of establishing and increasing native understory species.
5. To provide information and educational opportunities for all to learn of the economic, scientific, biologic, recreation and aesthetic values of native understory in the longleaf forest.