**9.6 Tamaulipas-Texas Semi-Arid Plain**

- **Black Cherry (Prunus serotina)**
  - **Light:** Full Sun, Partial Sun
  - **Water:** Average
  - **Height:** 50 - 80 ft
  - **Spread:** 30 - 60 ft
  - This plant has glossy green leaves with pointed tips, has fragrant white flowers in the spring, and produces berries that can be used in jams and jellies. It is tolerant of dry soil.
  - *Not native to southern portions of ecoregion*

- **Black Willow (Salix nigra)**
  - **Light:** Full Sun, Partial Sun
  - **Water:** Average, High
  - **Height:** 30 - 60 ft
  - **Spread:** 30 - 60 ft
  - This versatile and fast-growing tree thrives in moist environments, adding visual interest to the landscape with its elegant leaves and grayish-brown bark. It is a great choice for gardens seeking both aesthetic appeal and tolerance of wet conditions.

- **Coyote Willow (Salix exigua)**
  - **Light:** Full Sun
  - **Water:** Average, High
  - **Height:** 15 - 20 ft
  - **Spread:** 15 - 20 ft
  - This plant thrives in diverse habitats, offering drought resistance, flood tolerance, and erosion prevention. With gray-green leaves and pale lemon catkins in spring, it adds visual interest and supports various wildlife species.

- **Eastern Cottonwood (Populus deltoides)**
  - **Light:** Full Sun
  - **Water:** Average
  - **Height:** 50 - 80 ft
  - **Spread:** 35 - 60 ft
  - This tree has green leaves up to 5 inches long that turn yellow in the fall. Before the leaves emerge, small male and female flowers appear on separate trees in mid-spring.

- **Hardy Pecan (Carya illinoinsensis)**
  - **Light:** Full Sun
  - **Water:** Average
  - **Height:** 70 - 100 ft
  - **Spread:** 40 - 70 ft
  - This tree produces sweet and buttery pecan nuts, has golden-yellow foliage in the fall, and is adaptable to various soil types. This tree can be grown from seed, but will take 8-10 years to produce nuts.

- **Texas Live Oak (Quercus fusiformis)**
  - **Light:** Full Sun, Partial Sun
  - **Water:** Low
  - **Height:** 20 - 40 ft
  - **Spread:** 20 - 40 ft
  - This picturesque tree has a short trunk supporting spreading, gnarled branches and semi-evergreen leaves. It is valued for its drought resistance and robust appearance, but must be protected from oak wilt and live oak decline when stressed by drought.