

The Western Frontier: Shortleaf Pine Restoration in Texas

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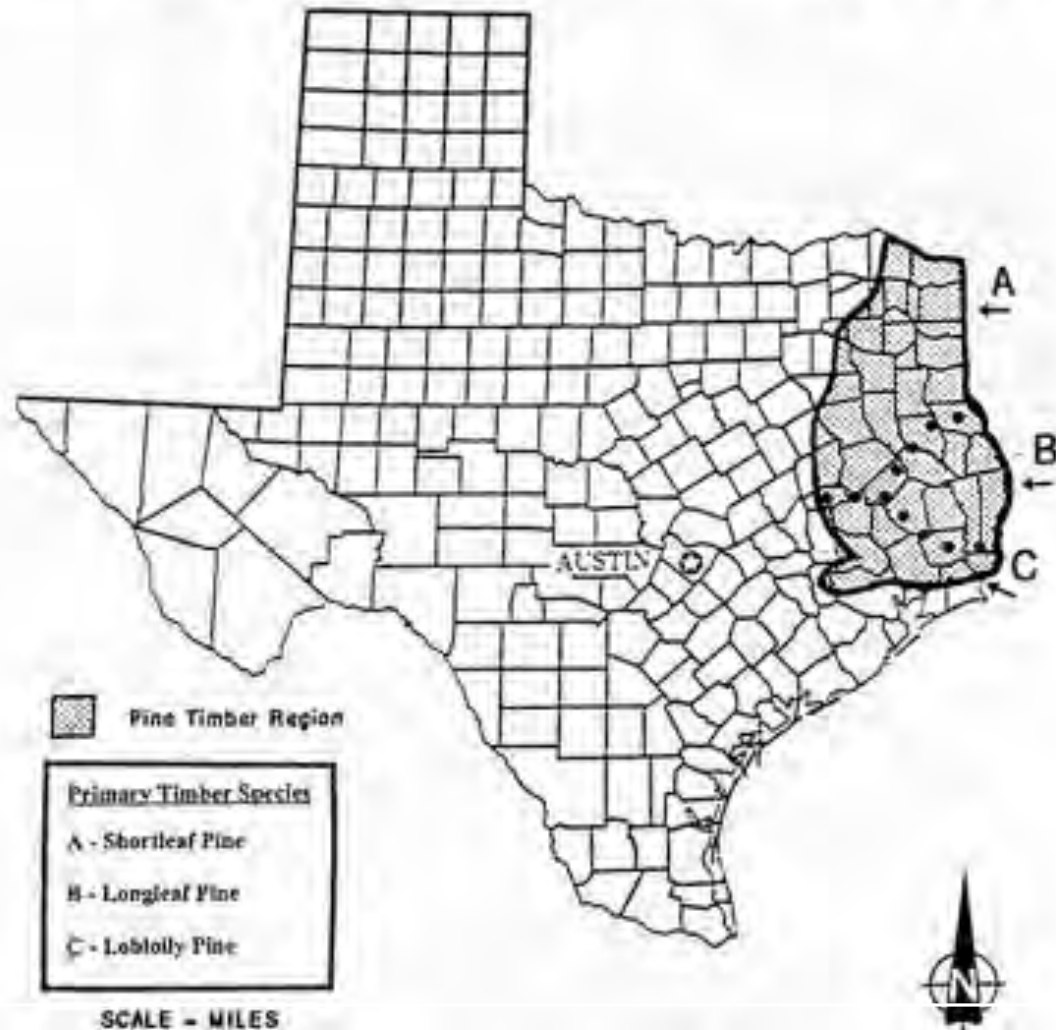
Nacogdoches, Texas



Shortleaf pine.

*Pinon pine (P. edulis), Rocky
Mountain oaks (Quercus grisea
and Q. emoryi), and cedars
(J. asperus pachyphloea, J. flaccida,
J. montosperma).*

From: Aldridge Sawmill Website



From: Maxwell and Martin, 1970



Historic Literature

- W. R. Mattoon, 1919-1920 – Life History of Shortleaf Pine
- J. H. Foster et al, 1917 – Forest Resources of Eastern Texas
- Bray, 1904 – Forest Resources of Texas
- Maxwell and Baker, 1983 – Sawdust Empire
- L. C. Walker and H.V. Wiant, 1966 – Forestry Bulletin No. 9 – Silviculture of Shortleaf Pine
- Will, Rodney et al, 2013 – Strategic Assessment of Shortleaf Pine

Some Notes from the Literature

- “There is no typical site for shortleaf pine; often in the coves, the growth is very good”.....from Walker and Wiant, 1966
- “Available soil moisture is the most important variable influencing survival and growth”.....from Bray, 1904
- “Prefers clay in surface and subsurface horizons”.....Will et al 2013
- “Can grow on rocky uplands to saturated floodplains”....Will et al 2013

Soil Attributes Used for Query

- $\text{pH} > 6 = 0$
- Hydric Soils = 0
- Excessively drained = 0
- Somewhat excessively drained = 1
- Well drained = 3
- Moderately well drained = 3
- Somewhat poorly drained = 2
- Poorly drained = 1
- Very poorly drained = 0
- Calcium Carbonate = 0

Site Index - Attributes

- Good = > 70
- Marginal = $60 - 70$
- Low = < 60

Shortleaf Pine Suitability **DRAFT**

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- Good
- Marginal
- Low
- Not Suitable
- Open Water
- Texas Counties

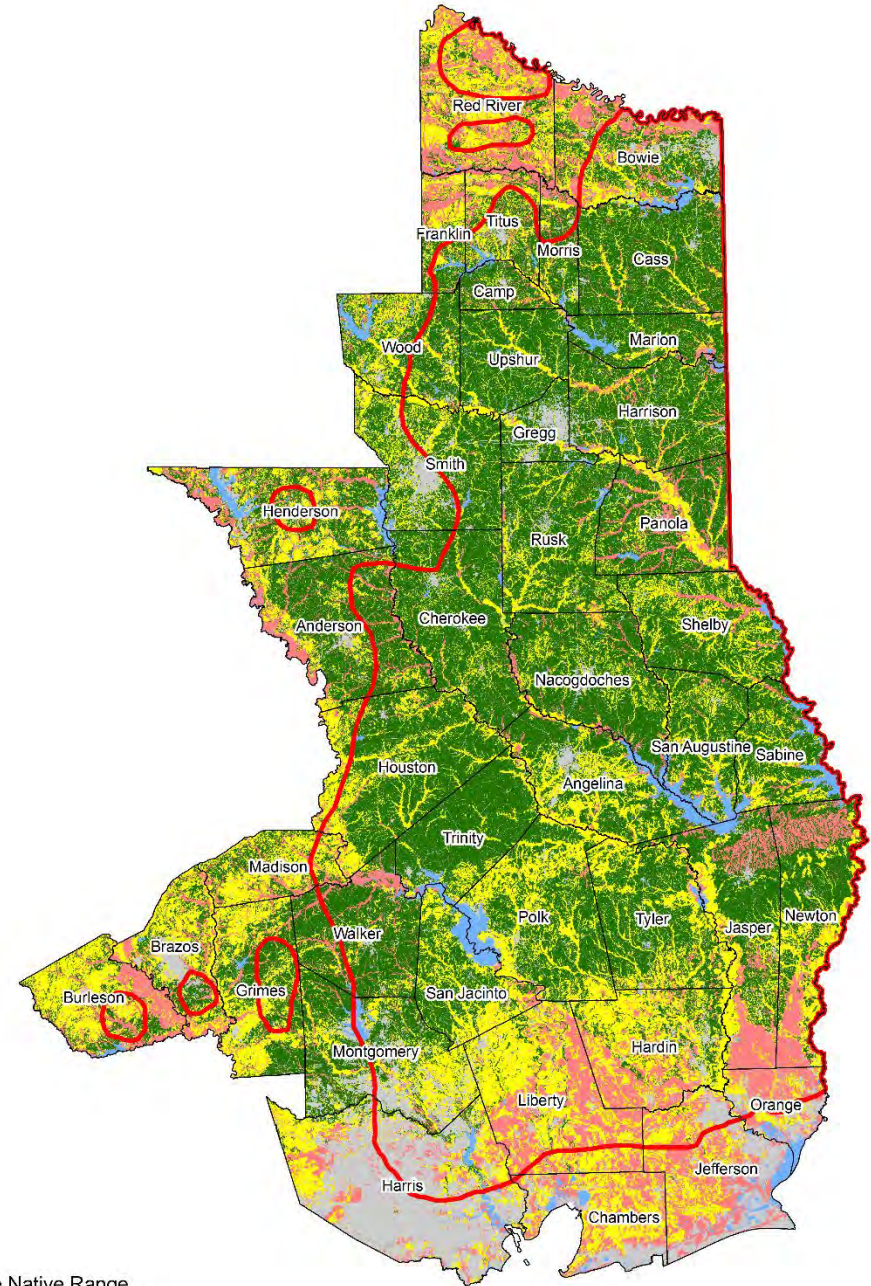
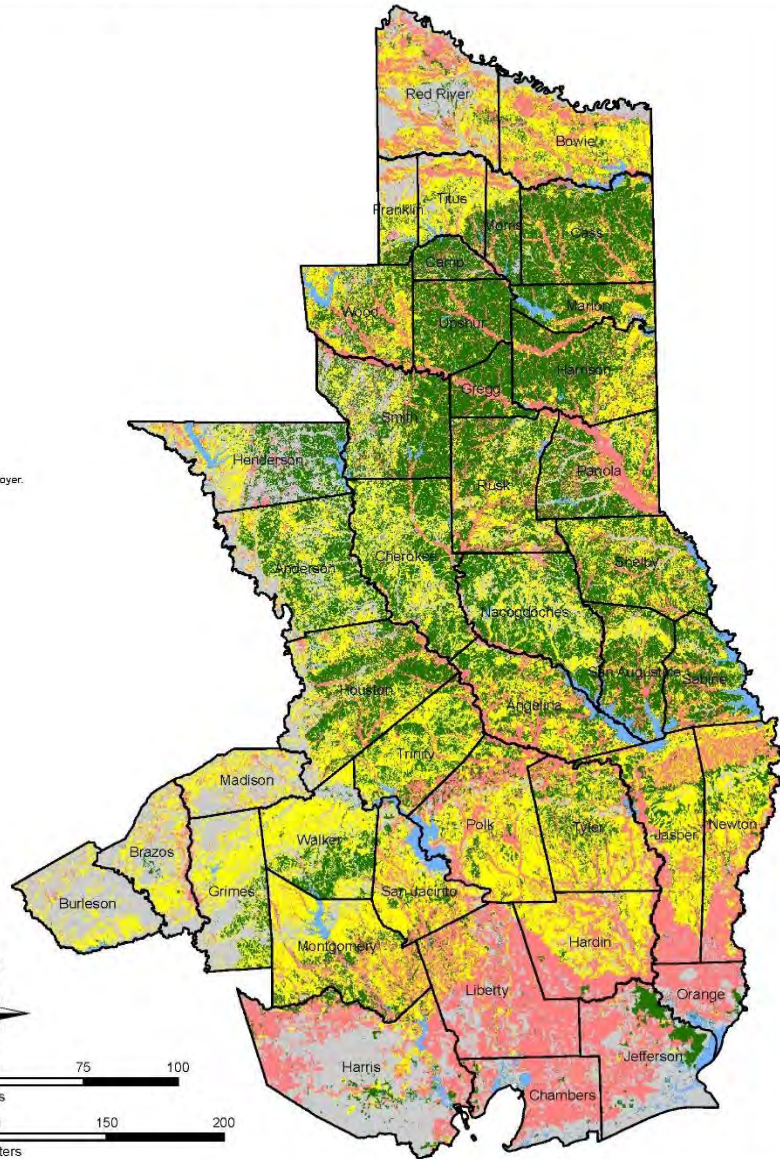
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Date used in this map:
- USDA-NRCS gSSURGO
- 2014 USDA-NASS Cropland Data Layer
- 2014 Census Bureau County Boundaries

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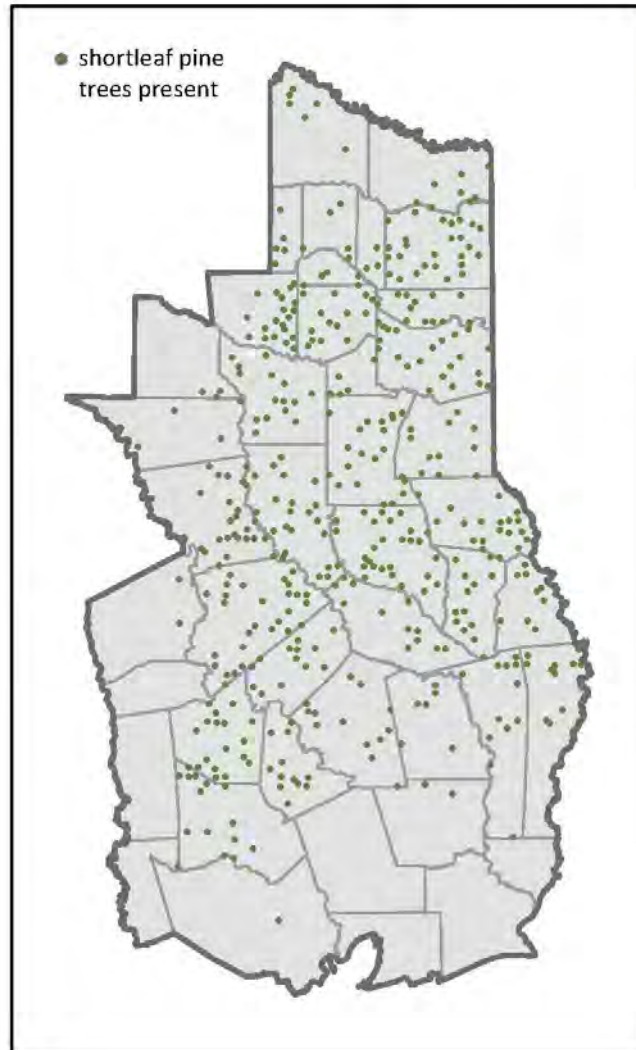


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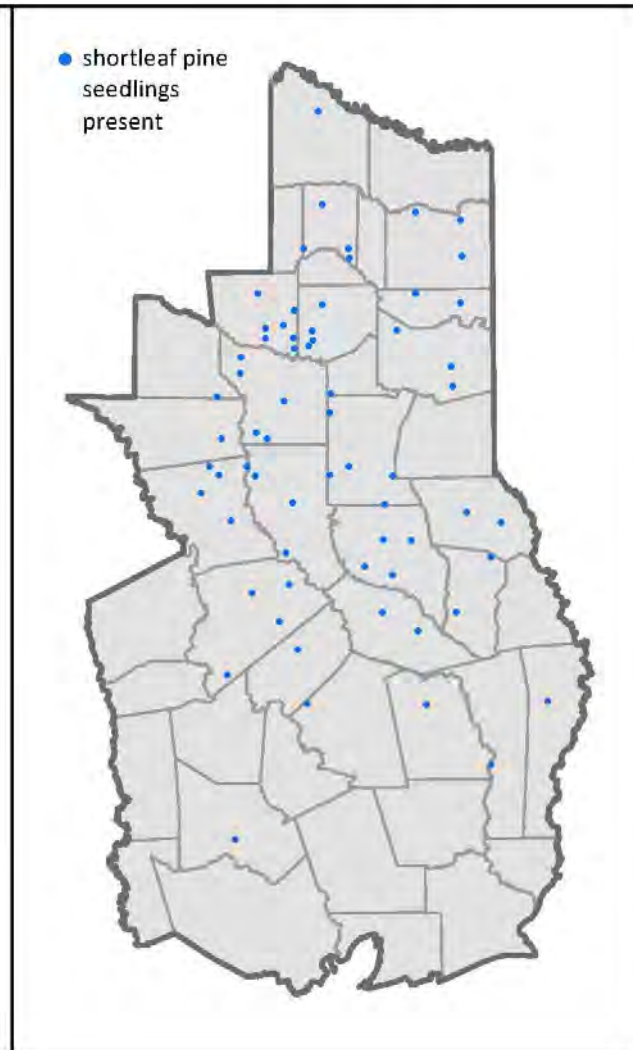
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Shortleaf Pine in East Texas, 2013

Trees



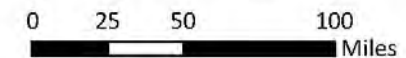
Seedlings



FIA plots in East Texas from 2013 inventory (inventory years 2008-2013)

Presence indicates at least one occurrence of shortleaf pine on timberland

Trees are at least 1 inch in diameter; seedlings are less than 1 inch in diameter



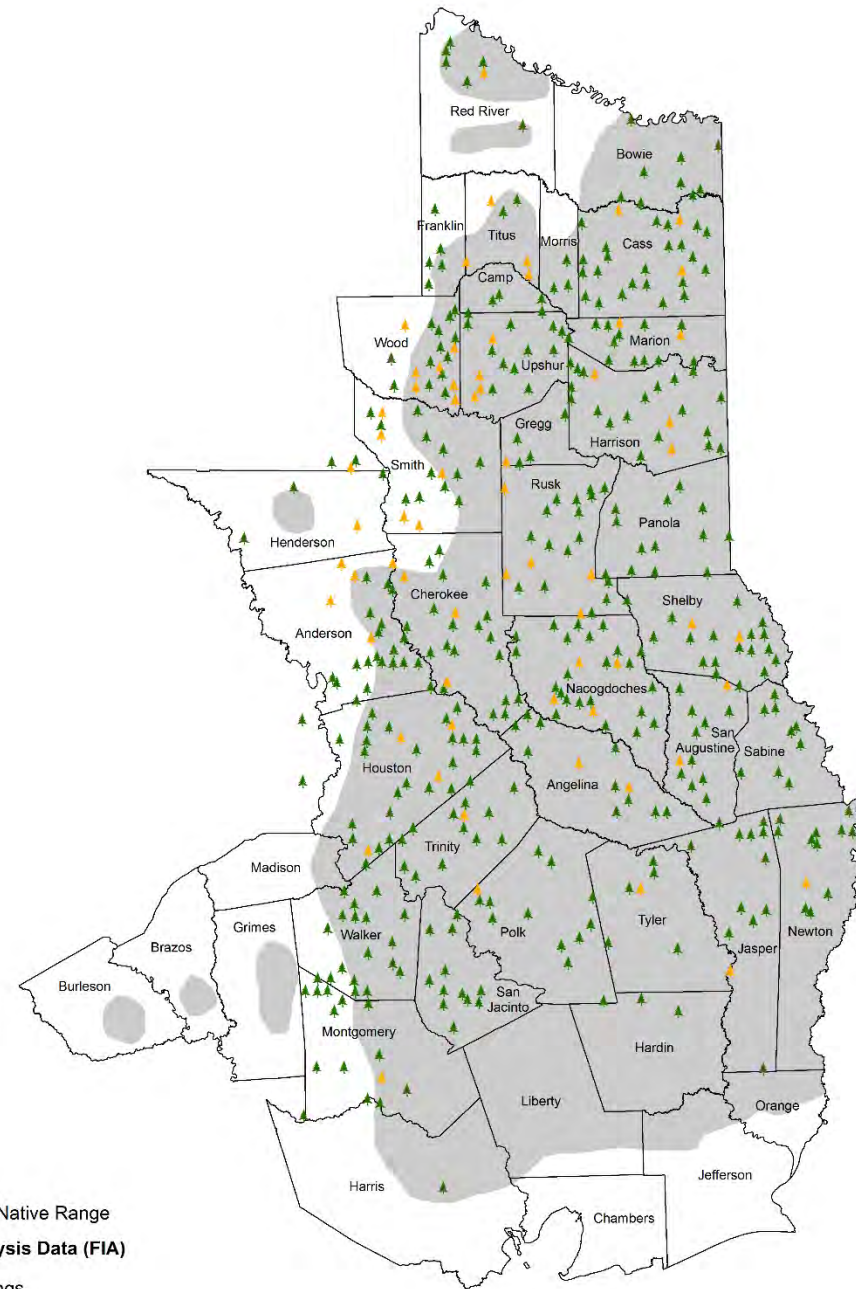
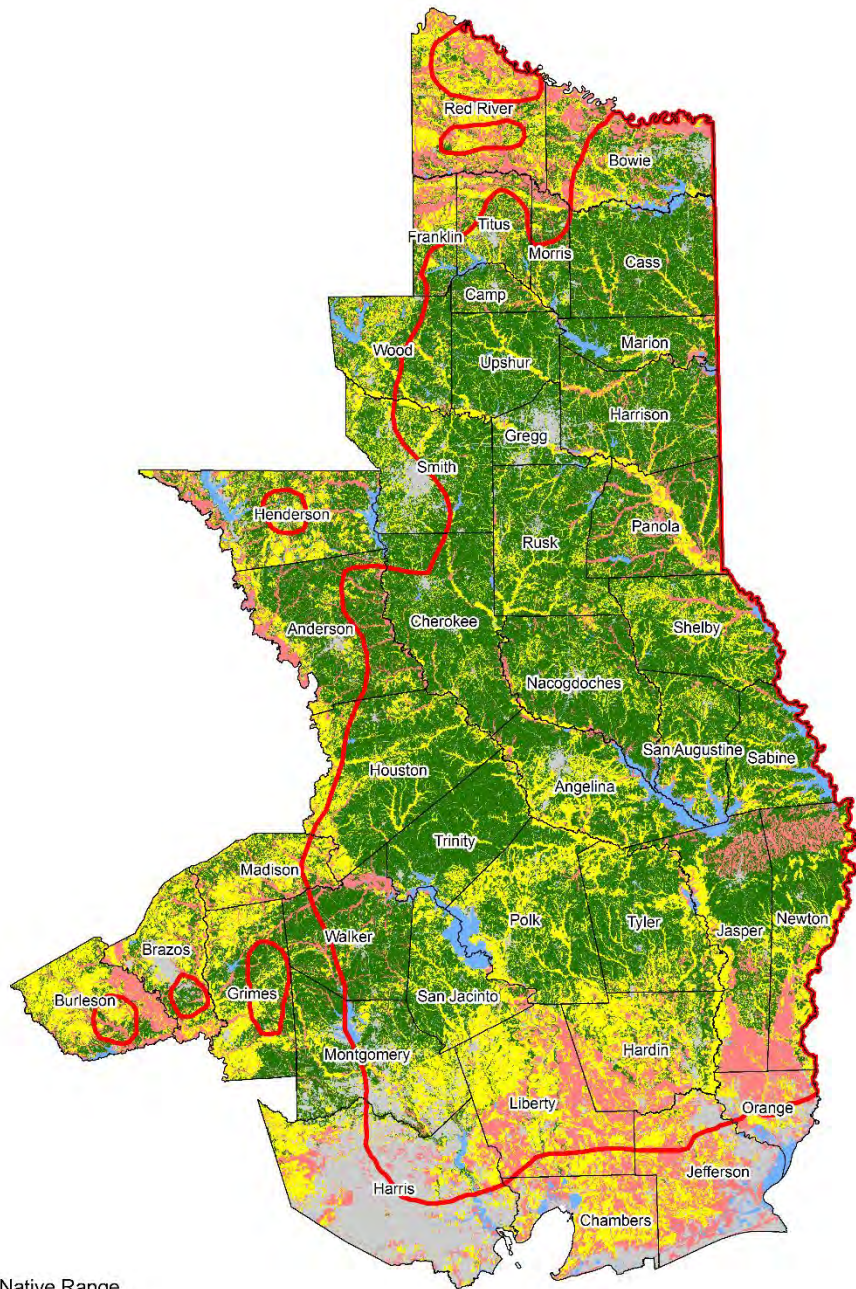
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