Express News Gardening Tasks

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- It is a good time to plant your fall vegetable garden. Consider broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprout, cabbage, collards, and kale transplants. Seed beets, lettuce, radish, turnips, rutabagas, carrots and English peas.
- In the flower garden you can plant snapdragons, stocks, calendula, dianthus, alyssum, petunias, ornamental cabbage and kale. Wait to plant pansies, sweet peas, cyclamen and primula until next month.
- Spread wildflower seeds over areas in full sun where the seed can reach bare soil. In addition to seed mixes, bluebonnet transplants are available at area nurseries.
- Migrating hummingbirds will visit sugar water feeders this fall. Use 5 parts water to 1 part sugar and hang the feeder under the eaves in a location that allows you to view their activities. In the flower garden watch for the migrating monarch butterflies. Both hummingbirds and Monarchs will seek nectar from zinnias, porter weed, and milkweed blooms.