## **Texas County Seats**

There are any number of collectors who collect County Seats, and it's always been a fairly popular and *very challenging* category, but Texas County Seats, for the interested collector, could easily be a collection all by itself.

There are currently a whopping 254 counties in Texas (compare that to, say, California, the third largest state in the country, which has only 58 counties). And, that's only the *current* number. Some County Seat collectors also out it *past* county seats, as well. I don't know how many of those Texas has, but the 254 figure would be higher in that circumstance in any event. S-o-o-o-o, Texas County Seats gives you quite a bit to work with if you were to try and put together a complete set.

And for all the more fun, many of the them are *tough!* Why would "tough" equate with "fun"? Well, for many collectors, if not most, the thrill of collecting is the hunt, itself....the searching, the patience, the persistence, and, if your luck holds, the eventual exhilaration of victory when that long sought cover eventually ends up in your hands. In the following list of Texas county seats (the second part will run next month), I've marked (\*) some of the tougher ones after checking several want lists from County Seat collectors.

Get into looking for Texas county seats, and I'm willing to bet you'll get hooked on *all* county seats!

Abilene Brackettville Brady*  Alice Breckenridge Brenham Cooper Falfurrias*  Amarillo Brownsville Brownsville Anderson*  Andrews Bryan Crane Fort Davis*  Anson Caldwell Crosebyton* Fort Worth Archer City*  Aspermont Canadian*  Athens Canton Austin Baird*  Ballinger Center Decatur Bastrop  Alice Browny  Comanche Emory  Comroe Falfurrias*  Cooper Falfurrias*  Corpus Christi Farwell  Corpus Christi  Fort Stockton  Cotulla Floydada  Crane Fort Davis*  Fort Stockton  Crowell Franklin  Crowell Franklin  Crowell Gail  Cuero* Gail  Daingerfield* Gainesville  Ballinger Dallas Garden City*  Bastrop Centerville
Albany Alice Breckenridge Alpine Brenham Cooper Amarillo Anahuac* Brownsville Anderson* Angleton Anson Archer City* Aspermont Athens Austin Baird* Brady* Comanche Emory Conroe Fairfield Cooper Falfurrias* Corpus Christi Farwell Corsicana Floresville Corsicana Floresville Corsicana Floresville Corsicana Floresville Cortulla Floydada Fort Davis* Fort Davis* Fort Stockton Crockett Fort Stockton Crowell Franklin Crystal City* Fredericksburg Carthage Dalhart Galveston Garden City* Decatur Gatesville
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Anahuac*  Anderson*  Andrews  Angleton  Archer City*  Aspermont  Austin  Baird*  Brownsville  Brownwood  Bryan  Cotulla  Cotulla  Cotulla  Floydada  Fort Davis*  Fort Davis*  Fort Stockton  Crosebyton*  Crowell  Crowell  Franklin  Crystal City*  Canion  Cuero*  Cail  Daingerfield*  Gainesville  Dalhart  Garden City*  Ballinger  Bandera  Corsicana  Floresville  Floydada  Fort Davis*  Fort Stockton  Crowell  Franklin  Crystal City*  Fredericksburg  Gail  Daingerfield*  Gainesville  Dalhart  Galveston  Garden City*  Gatesville
Anderson*  Andrews  Angleton  Anson  Archer City*  Athens  Austin  Baird*  Ballinger  Bandera  Bryan  Cotulla  Cotulla  Floydada  Fort Davis*  Fort Davis*  Fort Stockton  Crosbyton*  Crowell  Crowell  Franklin  Crystal City*  Gail  Daingerfield*  Gainesville  Ballas  Garden City*  Contorville  Cotulla  Floydada  Fort Davis*  Fort Stockton  Crowell  Franklin  Crystal City*  Gail  Gainesville  Dalhart  Galveston  Garden City*  Gatesville
Andrews Angleton Burnet Crane Crane Fort Davis* Fort Stockton Crockett Crockett Fort Stockton Crosbyton* Fort Worth Crowell Franklin Crystal City* Fredericksburg Cuero* Gail Canton Cuero* Gail Canterville Dalhart Garden City* Garden City* Garden City* Conterville Gatesville
Angleton  Anson  Caldwell  Crockett  Crockett  Fort Stockton  Fort Worth  Franklin  Crowell  Crowell  Crowell  Crowell  Crosbyton*  Franklin  Franklin  Crystal City*  Fredericksburg  Canton  Cuero*  Gail  Austin  Baird*  Carrizo Springs  Carthage  Dalhart  Ballinger  Bandera  Center  Conterville  Crockett  Fort Stockton  Fort Worth  Franklin  Fredericksburg  Gail  Gainesville  Gainesville  Garden City*  Garden City*  Gatesville
Anson  Archer City*  Aspermont  Athens  Austin  Ballinger  Bandera  Caldwell  Cameron  Cameron  Canadian*  Crosbyton*  Crowell  Crystal City*  Fredericksburg  Gail  Gainesville  Dalhart  Dalhart  Garden City*  Garden City*  Gatesville
Archer City*  Aspermont  Canadian*  Canadian*  Crystal City*  Fredericksburg  Cartage  Carrizo Springs  Ballinger  Bandera  Cameron  Crowell  Franklin  Fredericksburg  Gail  Cuero*  Gail  Gainesville  Dalhart  Galveston  Garden City*  Gatesville  Cartage  Decatur  Gatesville
Aspermont  Athens  Canton  Canyon  Carrizo Springs  Ballinger  Bandera  Canyon  Carthage  Carthage  Cantorville  Canyon  Carthage
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Austin  Baird* Carrizo Springs Ballinger  Bandera  Carrizo Springs Carrizo Springs Dalhart Dalhart Carden City*  Carden City* Gail Gainesville Gainesville Galveston Garden City* Gatesville
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Bandera  Center  Decatur  Garden City*  Gatesville
Centerville Decatur Gatesville
Bay City  Channing  Del Rio  George West
Children Denton Georgetown
Dickens* Giddings
Clarkovilla Dimmitt Gilmer
Dumas Glen Rose
Eagle Pass Goldthwaite
Eastland* Goliad
Edinburg Gonzales
Galarada City Edna* Graham
El Paso Granbury
Bonham Columbus Eldorado Greenville

Groesbeck Jourdanton Junction Groveton\* Guthrie\* Karnes City Hallettsville Kaufman\* Hamilton Kermit Haskell Kerrville Hebbronville Kingsville Hemphill\* Kountze Hempstead\* La Grange Henderson Lamesa Henrietta\* Lampasas Hereford Laredo Hillsboro Leakey Hondo Levelland Houston Liberty Huntsville Linden Jacksboro Lipscomb\* Jasper Littlefield Jayton Livingston Jefferson Llano Johnson City Lockhart

Note: The "tough" county seats denoted here are not meant to be definitive. There are probably more, but the ones shown here are those that the want lists I had access to seemed to agree upon.....since several of the county seat collectors were looking for them (and these are "veteran" collectors!). Good luck to you in your searching!