

SHRUBS

Aesculus parviflora

Height: 8-12'
Spread: 8-15'
Shape: Wide-spreading

Bottlebrush Buckeye

Foliage: Medium to dark green
Fall Foliage: Yellow-green
Zone: 3-6



Few summer flowering shrubs rival this species. White blooms are held on 8-12" long panicles in June-July. Excellent plant for massing under shade trees or in shady areas. Quite attractive as a specimen with its wide, spreading form and stratified branching. Plant in moist, well-drained soil.

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***Amelanchier alnifolia* 'Regent'**

Height: 4-6'
Spread: 4-8'
Shape: Mounded

Regent Serviceberry

Foliage: Gray-green
Fall Foliage: Yellow to red
Zone: 2-7



Large white flowers in spring followed by dark purple to black fruit that is sweet and good for eating and making jelly. Tolerates harsh, dry and alkaline conditions when mature. Rain Garden plant

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***Aronia arbutifolia* 'Brilliantissima'**

Height: 6-9'
Spread: 5-8'
Shape: Upright, rounded

Brilliant Red Chokeberry

Foliage: Dark green
Fall Foliage: Brilliant scarlet
Zone: 5-8



White flowers in May. Brilliant 1/4" red berries in fall that are retained for a long period of time. Does well in moist or well-drained soil. Excellent for mass plantings or borders.

***Aronia melanocarpa* 'Autumn Magic'**

Height: 3-5'
Spread: 2-4'
Shape: Compact, rounded

Autumn Magic Black Chokeberry

Foliage: Glossy, dark green
Fall Foliage: Red & purple
Zone: 3-7



Fragrant white flowers bloom in May, followed by clusters of large edible, dark purple-black berries which persist through the season. The leaves are a dark, glossy green all season long and put on an incredible fall color show of red and purple. Tolerant of most soil types. * 1998 *GreatPlants Winner*

***Aronia melanocarpa* 'Morton'**

Height: 2-3'
Spread: 4-5'
Shape: Upright

Iroquois Beauty Black Chokeberry

Foliage: Dark green
Fall Foliage: Wine-red
Zone: 3-7



Three season interest begins with clusters of white flowers in spring, long lasting black berries in summer, followed by wine-red fall color. Great for mass planting, the plant does sucker and will form colonies. Good for wetland reclamation. Good food source for birds. Tough, adaptable variety that will grow under wet or dry conditions. * 1998 *GreatPlants Winner*

***Caragana microphylla* 'Mongolian Silver Spires'**

Height: 8-9'
Spread: 4-5'
Shape: Narrow, upright

Mongolian Silver Spires littleleaf peashrub

Foliage: Ferny, silver
Fall Foliage: Insignificant
Zone: 3



Sparkling, ferny, silver leaves. Large, yellow flowers produce red seed pods. Selected from a Mongolian steppe by Harlan Hamernik. This xeric shrub is great for hedges or low windbreaks, somewhat spiny.
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Ceanothus americanus

Height: 3-4'
Spread: 3-4'
Shape: Rounded

New Jersey Tea

Foliage: Blue-green, velvety
Fall Foliage: Insignificant
Zone: 3-9



New Jersey Tea is an attractive small rounded woody shrub and is sometimes called Snowball because of its small plumes of fluffy white flowers that bloom in early to mid-summer. Its versatile showy flowers are attractive in the formal perennial flower bed and the prairie meadow. Grows best in well-drained average garden soil but will tolerate dry, harsh conditions.

Cephalanthus occidentalis

Height: 6-10'
Spread: 6-8'
Shape: Rounded

Buttonbush

Foliage: Bright green
Fall Foliage: Insignificant
Zone: 4-9



A loose, rounded shrub with glossy, bright green foliage. The creamy white flowers are produced in 1 to 1.25" globular heads in August. Best used in wet areas.

Cornus racemosa

Height: 6-8'
Spread: 5-6'
Shape: Wide, spreading

Gray Dogwood

Foliage: Light green
Fall Foliage: Purple
Zone: 3-8



An easy to grow, hardy shrub. Lovely clusters of white berries on red stalks with gray stems. A good shrub for background or naturalized plantings.

Corylus americana

Height: 6-8'
Spread: 6-8'
Shape: Rounded

American Hazelnut

Foliage: Dark green
Fall Foliage: Yellow-green
Zone: 4-9



Rounded edible nuts 1/2 inch wide and 2 to 4 in a cluster. Useful for the shrub border and in naturalistic settings.

Cotoneaster divaricatus

Height: 5-6'
Spread: 6-8'
Shape: Spreading, rounded

Spreading Cotoneaster

Foliage: Glossy green
Fall Foliage: Red
Zone: 5-7



Beautiful spreading ornamental shrub with pink flowers and bright red berries. One of the best red-fruiting species. Marginally hardy in zone 4.

Euonymus atropurpurea

Height: 10-20'
Spread: 10'
Shape: Spreading, rounded

Eastern Wahoo

Foliage: Dark green
Fall Foliage: Gorgeous Red-orange
Zone: 3-7



This native makes an excellent understory tree or large multi-stemmed shrub. Rosy-pink seed capsules split to expose shiny red-skinned seeds. Adds interesting texture and form year round. Grows in full sun, but prefers part shade. * *2008 GreatPlants Winner*

Euonymus carnosus

Height: 12-15'
 Spread: 8-10'
 Shape: Spreading

Carnose Euonymus

Foliage: Bright green
 Fall Foliage: Shade of red
 Zone: 4



Large shrub or small tree with tiny flowers in spring that give way to popcorn-like fruits with a dark rosy coat and scarlet seeds. They appear in fall and last into winter. Collected in northern China by Harlan Hamernik of Bluebird Nursery in Clarkson, NE. Extremely hardy and drought-tolerant. * *2010 GreatPlants Release*

Euonymus fortunei 'Coloratus'

Height: 6-9"
 Spread: 1-3'
 Shape: Trailing groundcover

Purpleleaf Wintercreeper

Foliage: Dark green
 Fall Foliage: Dark purple, throughout winter
 Zone: 4-9



This dense, woody-stemmed, broadleaf evergreen tolerates a wide range of soils types and conditions, except for wet ones. Spreads rapidly by creeping stems, which root where touch the ground. Good tolerance for urban conditions.

Fothergilla gardenii

Height: 2-3'
 Spread: 2-3'
 Shape: Rounded

Dwarf Fothergilla

Foliage: Blue-green
 Fall Foliage: Yellow-orange to scarlet
 Zone: 5-8



A small shrub becoming dense, rounded at maturity. Creamy white, fragrant flowers in April, May are produced in terminal spikes of 1 to 2 inches in spring. Prefers acid, peaty but well-drained soil. Drought tolerant. Superior fall color. Mixes easily with rhododendrons which share the same soil requirements.

Heptacodium miconoides

Height: 10-20'
 Spread: 8-15'
 Shape: Upright, arching

Seven-son Flower

Foliage: Glossy green
 Fall Foliage: Insignificant
 Zone: 4-8



Used as a large arching shrub or small multi-stemmed tree, Heptacodium is truly a plant for all seasons. The dark green foliage really sets off the fragrant white flowers which appear in August and September. Then as the sepals turn a pinkish red, the show really begins and continues through fall. The bark is beautiful as it exfoliates to expose a light brown underbark. Quite adaptable to either moist or dry soil.

Hydrangea quercifolia

Height: 4-6'
 Spread: 3-5'
 Shape: Upright, rounded

Oakleaf Hydrangea

Foliage: Green
 Fall Foliage: Red-purple
 Zone: 5-9



Blooms in mid-July, flower clusters are erect panicles 4-10 inches high, with sterile outer florets. Leaves similar to the shape of Red Oak. White flowers turn pink in August. Grows in sunny and dry conditions, but will also do well in shade. * *2001 GreatPlants Winner*

Hydrangea quercifolia 'Pee Wee'

Height: 3-4'
 Spread: 2.5-3'
 Shape: Upright, rounded

Pee Wee Oakleaf Hydrangea

Foliage: Deep green
 Fall Foliage: Bronze, maroon, purple
 Zone: 5-9



Pee Wee is a cultivar most noted for its compact size, smaller leaf and flower panicles. Elongated, pyramidal flowers appear in early summer and bloom for 6-8 weeks. Flowers emerge white, fade to pink and turn brown by late summer with good persistence into winter. Distinctive, deeply-lobed leaves have excellent fall color. Mature stems exfoliate giving winter interest.

Hydrangea quercifolia 'Snow Queen'

Height: 8'
 Spread: 10'
 Shape: Broadly pyramidal

Snow Queen Oakleaf Hydrangea

Foliage: Green
 Fall Foliage: Burgundy
 Zone: 5-9



Big, bold and showy. Snow Queen blooms in June with large, creamy white flower panicles that take on a hint of pink in late summer. Large, deep-lobed Oak-like leaves are another attribute that makes this plant a real standout.

Hypericum kalmianum

Height: 2-3'
 Spread: 2-3'
 Shape: Mounded

Kalm St. Johnswort

Foliage: Blue-green
 Fall Foliage: Insignificant
 Zone: 4-7



The flowers on this small shrub are bright yellow, 1 to 2 inches in diameter, blooming July to mid-August. Interesting low plant for foundation or border planting. Xeriscape plant. * 2002 *GreatPlants Winner*

Mahonia repens

Height: 12-15"
 Spread: 3-4'
 Shape: Spreading

Creeping Mahonia

Foliage: Blue-green
 Fall Foliage: Purple through winter
 Zone: 5-7



A low growing, stoloniferous evergreen groundcover with a stiff plant habit. It has pinnately compound leaves that are a dull blue-green during the summer, and turn a bronzy purple for the winter months. Blooms in early spring with yellow flowers turning to blue-black berries in August and September. * 2009

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Physocarpus opulifolius 'Nana'

Height: 4-6'
 Spread: 4-6'
 Shape: Dwarf, dense

Dwarf Ninebark

Foliage: Small green
 Fall Foliage: Insignificant
 Zone: 2-7



Excellent for hedges. Does well in shaded areas. Beautiful white flowers in May & June followed by numerous red seed pods. Its name comes from the excessive peeling bark which range in color from tan to reddish-brown.

Polygonum aubertii

Height: 10-12'
 Spread:
 Shape: Vine, climber

Silver Lace Vine

Foliage: Bright green
 Fall Foliage: Insignificant
 Zone: 4-8



This fast growing vine has bright green foliage with new leaves having a reddish bronze hue. Small, fragrant flowers bloom in summer, ranging from greenish to white, borne abundantly on slender panicles. It spreads by rhizomes and is very vigorous, tolerant of dry soils. Has value as a quick cover, particularly where other vines won't grow.

***Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-Low'**

Height: 2.5'
 Spread: 6-8'
 Shape: Wide spreading, low

Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac

Foliage: Medium green
 Fall Foliage: Scarlet to orange
 Zone: 3-8



Excellent for mass beds and bank control, this low growing Sumac has fragrant small yellow flowers in spring followed by velvety red fruit. The fall foliage is spectacular. Plants should be cut back for best bed break. Grows well in all soil types, including clay. Drought tolerant.

***Rhus trilobata* 'Autumn Amber'**

Height: 18"
 Spread: 6-8'
 Shape: Wide spreading, low

Creeping Three-leaf Sumac

Foliage: Glossy green
 Fall Foliage: Amber yellow
 Zone: 4-8



This is a superb groundcover form of Three Leaf Sumac. Blooming in mid-spring with an amazing abundance of chartreuse colored flowers. Great alternative to the creeping juniper. Tolerant of most soil types, including clay. Drought tolerant

***Ribes odoratum* 'Crandall'**

Height: 4-6'
 Spread: 4-6'
 Shape: Upright

Clove-scented Currant

Foliage: Bright green
 Fall Foliage: Purplish-red
 Zone: 4-8



Bright green leaves are toothed, round to ovate, 3 to 5 lobed, to 3 inches in length, turning purplish-red in fall. The unusual yellow, clove-scented, tubular flowers are held in pendent racemes, 2 inches in length. Flowers appear in spring and are long lasting. The fruit is large, black, sweet-tart, and can be used for jam or jelly. Young shoots are softly hairy. Along with excellent fall color, makes this a plant with three seasons of garden beauty. Thrives in all but dry sand or wet clay soils. Prune, if needed, early summer. *

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***Ribes hirtellum* 'Pixwell'**

Height: 3'
 Spread:
 Shape: Upright

Pixwell Gooseberry

Foliage: Green
 Fall Foliage:
 Zone: 3



The dark red-purple edible berries of this gooseberry are excellent for wildlife habitat. Leaves are rounded with 3-5 lobes. Unusual flowers are in clusters of 2 to 4, greenish or purplish. Stiff branches with few spines. pH and soil adaptable, drought tolerant. Uses include fruit, wildlife habitat and naturalizing.

Rosa glauca

Height: 5-6'
 Spread: 5'
 Shape: Upright, arching

Redleaf Rose

Foliage: Grayish-purple
 Fall Foliage: Range of colors
 Zone: 2-7



While the flowers are stunning in their simplicity, it is the foliage of this rose that is most greatly valued. Blue, green, plum and red all blend exquisitely in the waxy leaves. The flowers open to form narrow, star-like blooms of deep pink with white centers. In fall, foliage intensifies alongside hips of bright purple-red and canes of violet. Non-recurrent bloom cycle. Own root. * *2006 GreatPlants Winner*

Shepherdia argentea

Height: 8-12'
Spread: 8-12'
Shape: Rounded

Silver Buffaloberry

Foliage: Silver
Fall Foliage: Insignificant
Zone: 2-6



This native shrub to the northern Great Plains is a tough, extremely cold hardy plant for use as an ornamental shrub, in wind breaks and can be pruned into a small tree. A thorny shrub with silvery new growth. Bright red fruits used for fine jellies. Yellow-white flower. Edible berries that birds love. Xeriscape plant. Separate male & female plants. Extremely drought, cold and alkaline tolerant. A highly recommended substitute for Russian Olive.

Spiraea fritschiana

Height: 2-3'
Spread: 4-5'
Shape: Mounded

Korean Spirea

Foliage: Dark green
Fall Foliage: Purple-green
Zone: 3-8



Large flat-topped clusters of bright white flowers are produced freely in late spring. Dark green foliage accents the flowers. One of the largest flowers clusters of the Spireas. Used well as low hedge or foundation plant. Low maintenance * *2005 GreatPlants Winner*

Symphoricarpos x chenaultii 'Hancock'

Height: 2-3'
Spread: 6'+
Shape: Low spreading

Hancock Coralberry

Foliage: Dark blue-green
Fall Foliage: Insignificant
Zone: 5-7



A low spreading plant that makes an excellent groundcover, bank holding shrub, or front plant in a shrub border. Numerous rose-pink berries are attractive in fall. * *2000 GreatPlants Winner*

Syringa vulgaris 'Prairie Petite'

Height: 3-4'
Spread: 3'
Shape: Compact, round, dense

Prairie Petite Lilac

Foliage: Green
Fall Foliage: Insignificant
Zone: 3-7



This lilac has a compact dense form with a height of only 3-4'. The initial color of newly opened florets is light pink, which fade to light lavender as they mature. The single blooms are 3-4" long and held upright. Prairie Petite is also tolerant of heat and dry conditions.

Viburnum carlesii

Height: 5-8'
Spread: 5-8'
Shape: Rounded

Koreanspice Viburnum

Foliage: Green
Fall Foliage: Wine-red
Zone: 5



An excellent semi-dwarf shrub. April flowers are pink in the bud opening the white and very fragrant, thus its name. Fruit is red changing to black but not effective. Foliage is a slightly pubescent green with a wine-red fall color but not consistent. Possibly the most well known of the fragrant viburnums. Tolerates clay.
* *1999 GreatPlants Winner*

Viburnum cassinoides

Height: 5-6'
 Spread: 5-6'
 Shape: Rounded, compact

Withrod Viburnum

Foliage: Dark green
 Fall Foliage: Orange, red, purple
 Zone: 4-8



Handsome compact shrub with creamy white flowers in June & July. One of its most beautiful attributes is the fruit. They start out green to pink then go from red to blue before finally changing to black in September. Often all colors are present on one fruit cluster. Ideal for naturalizing, massing or for the shrub border.

Viburnum dentatum 'Deamii'

Height: 6-8'
 Spread: 6-8'
 Shape: Rounded

Deam Arrowwood Viburnum

Foliage: Dark green
 Fall Foliage: Reddish-purple to orange-red
 Zone: 3



Excellent compact shrub that should be used more often. Before opening, flower buds are held together in tight raspberry red ball. Flowers are 2-4" creamy-white flat-topped cymes appearing from late May to early June followed by 1/4" fruit that ripens blue-black in September and October, and, unlike other dentatums, is held high above the foliage on attractive dark burgundy pedicles.

Viburnum prunifolium

Height: 12-15'
 Spread: 8-12'
 Shape: Rounded

Blackhaw Viburnum

Foliage: Dark green
 Fall Foliage: Shining red
 Zone: 5-8



Large shrub or small tree with a slow growing round head. White flowers in May with clusters of pink to black edible fruit in September and October. Excellent fall color. * 2003 GreatPlants Winner

Viburnum trilobum 'Alfredo'

Height: 5-6'
 Spread: 5-6'
 Shape: Compact, rounded

Alfredo American Cranberrybush

Foliage: Attractive green
 Fall Foliage: Excellent red
 Zone: 2-7



This compact form of American Cranberrybush has excellent fall color. Moderate fruit is scarlet in color.

Viburnum trilobum 'J.N. Select'

Height: 8-10'
 Spread: 6-8'
 Shape: Upright rounded

Redwing Amer. Cranberry Viburnum

Foliage: Dark green
 Fall Foliage: Red
 Zone: 2-7



Excellent form and good growth rate. Redwing has something for every season: the new spring foliage is tinted a nice red color, white flowers appear in mid to late May, followed by ornamental clusters of persistent bright red fruit from late fall through early winter, and the fall color is a stunning brilliant red.

Viburnum x Burkwoodii 'Mohawk'

Height: 6-7'
 Spread: 6-7'
 Shape: Upright rounded

Mohawk Viburnum

Foliage: Glossy green
 Fall Foliage: Brilliant orange-red
 Zone: 4



Dark red flower buds appear in early spring several weeks prior to opening thus extending the ornamental period. Buds open to white with a red blotch reverse in late April with a spicy clove fragrance. Considered by some to be the most fragrant of the Viburnums. Red fruit changing to black.