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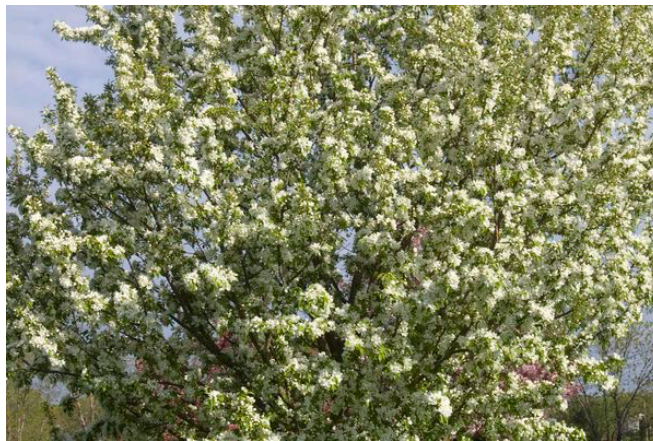


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TREES

Ornamental trees can be a beautiful addition to any garden or landscape. Some ornamental trees are valued for their colors and shapes during different seasons of the year. Some blossom with dainty little flowers during spring, and some are known for their large-leafed lush appearance in summer. Many are known to turn colorful shades of orange and yellow come fall. Whatever they may be, ornamental trees are a wonderful choice to add to your garden or landscape.

We have chosen trees that thrive in our USDA plant hardiness zone and, with proper care, will grow up to add beauty to your landscape and/or garden. Not to mention, you are creating a home for Nature's creatures!



Radiant Crabapple

Height: 15-20 ft.

Spread: 20 ft.

Full Sun

Zone 3-7

This crabapple tree is hardy and has single, deep pink flowers followed by bright red fruit. The foliage is red-purple when young, aging to green.



Ruby Tears™ Crabapple

Height: 8-10 ft. Zone 4
Spread: 12-15 ft.
Full Sun

Naturally weeping branches are a hallmark of this lovely variety, loaded with pink blossoms in mid-spring and burgundy-green foliage that holds interest all season long. Beautiful dark red fruit lasts into mid-winter. Its smaller size makes it a perfect ornamental choice for the garden.



Spring Snow Crabapple

Height: 25-30'

Spread: 15'

Full Sun

Zone 4-7

This fruitless Canadian introduction is completely covered with pink buds that open to fragrant white flowers in spring. It has bright green, shiny foliage and good heat tolerance.

SHRUBS

Shrubs enhance our property by providing welcome shade, windbreaks, privacy, and, most important, beauty. They add color, texture and appeal to the landscape as they create an atmosphere that is restful and comfortable. Shrubs planted together create a microclimate and provide a sheltered peaceful place. A grouping of shrubs can attract and supply a home for birds and other wildlife, or a single shrub can serve as a beautiful focal point in your yard.

We have chosen the shrubs in our catalog for a variety of reasons, including their spring, summer or fall flowers, their fragrance, their lush summer foliage and/or fall color. Some of them attract wild pollinators, such as butterflies and hummingbirds. The fruits of some shrubs, like blueberries, provide food for birds and small creatures and... humans!

HOW TO TRIM ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS

Ornamental shrubs are often thought to be small shrubs with exotic flowers, leaves or fruit, but an ornamental shrub can be any shrub that is used in your garden for a decorative purpose. To trim your ornamental shrubs correctly, you need to know the best time for pruning. According to Purdue University's Department of Horticulture, **spring-flowering shrubs** should be pruned after they flower. **Summer-flowering shrubs** should be pruned before spring growth begins. A few shrubs, such as dogwoods, cotoneasters, snowberries and coralberries, should be pruned **both before and after** they bloom. **Always research proper pruning techniques for each of your shrubs, as shrubs growing next door to each other often have very different requirements.**

AZALEAS AND RHODODENDRONS: SIMILAR BUT NOT THE SAME

While azaleas and rhododendrons are very similar, azaleas usually lose their leaves in fall while rhododendrons keep theirs. Both grow in full sun to partial shade. They like moist, acid soil that is well-drained and rich in organic matter. They are often used in borders or massed plantings but are also very attractive when planted alone as a focal point.



Lemon Lights Azalea

Height: 4-5 ft.

Spread: 3-4 ft.

Full Sun

Zone 4-7

This cultivar displays a beautiful, nearly bicolor yellow flower with a lighter shade of yellow on the outer edges of the petals and a golden tone in the flower's throat, which makes a striking impression. This powdery mildew-resistant azalea's green foliage turns maroon-bronze in the fall.



‘Mandarin Lights’ Azalea

Height: 4-5’

Spread: 4-5’

Full Sun

Zones 4-7

‘Mandarin Lights’ Azalea is upright, rounded shrub bathed in stunning clusters of lightly-scented tomato-orange trumpet-shaped flowers preceded by an orange flare at the ends of the branches in mid-spring before it leafs out. Green foliage turns an attractive bronze in the fall.



Purple Gem Rhododendron

Height: 2-3 ft.

Spread: 3 ft.

Part Shade

Zone 4-7

This compact, rounded evergreen is a dense, slow-growing dwarf shrub with azalea-like blue-green foliage. It is highly prized for its unusual bluish-purple flowers and is desirable for its small size. It appreciates protection from winter winds and requires a well-drained, acidic soil.



Meadowlark Forsythia

Height: 8-10'

Spread: 6-10'

Full Sun

Zones 3-8

This forsythia has superior flower-bud hardiness (hardy to -35°F!), which means its showy, bright yellow spring flowers cover the entire plant in colder zones when other forsythias are not in bloom. This extremely cold tolerant plant is suitable for mixed shrub borders, foundation plantings and windbreaks.



Annabelle Smooth Hydrangea

Height: 4-5 ft.

Spread: 3-5 ft.

Part Sun to Shade

Zone 3-9

This hydrangea has a rounded, low-growing shape, which makes it a good foundation plant. White flower heads are rather erect, and, while they may be small the first year, they reach normal size by the plant's second year. This hydrangea thrives in shade and is rarely to never fed on by Japanese beetles.



**Endless Summer®
Bloomstruck® Bigleaf
Hydrangea**

Height: 3-4 ft.

Spread: 4-5 ft.

**Morning Sun, Part Shade
Zone 4-9**

An extremely cold tolerant variety with glossy, dark green leaves that are quite heat resistant, which prevents wilting in mid-day heat. This reblooming mophead has rounded flowers averaging 3.5-5” across in intense rose-pink, violet or blue, depending on pH levels. Flower heads are held upright on striking ruby red stems. Dark green foliage turns burgundy-red in the fall.



**Endless Summer®
Summer Crush®
Bigleaf Hydrangea**

Height: 18-36 in.

Spread: 18-36 in.

Full Sun to Part Shade

Zone 4-9

With a profusion of big raspberry red or neon purple blooms, Summer Crush® is a breakthrough in reblooming garden hydrangeas. Cold hardy to Zone 4 and the most wilt resistant Endless Summer® yet, this compact shrub with dark green glossy leaves fits perfectly in smaller spaces in the garden and in patio containers.



**First Editions®
Vanilla Strawberry™
Hydrangea**

Height: 6-7 ft.

Spread: 5-6 ft.

Full Sun to Part Shade

Zone 3-8

Enormous flower heads are held upright on red stems. They emerge creamy white in midsummer, change to pink as the night temperatures drop, and finally turn strawberry red. New blooms emerge as older blooms change color, giving the plant a multicolored effect in late summer and early fall. Red coloring lasts 3-4 weeks. Excellent for fresh cut and dried flower arrangements.



PeeGee Hydrangea

Height: 10-15 ft.

Spread: 10-15 ft.

Full Sun to Part Shade

Zone 3-8

PeeGee is the hydrangea often seen in the dooryards of older homes. PeeGee blooms in July and August with very showy, large, conical double white flowers that change to pink-bronze towards autumn. Flowers are perfect for dried arrangements. Rarely to never fed on by Japanese beetles.



Pinky Winky® Hydrangea

Height: 6-8 ft.

Spread: 6-8 ft.

Full Sun to Part Shade

Zone 3-8

Pinky Winky® resembles its parent ‘Pink Diamond’ in size and hardiness; however, Pinky Winky® sports fourteen-inch blooms with florets that contain seven petals instead of four, which gives the blooms a much fuller look. Strong stems easily support the large blossoms over medium green foliage.



Late Panicle Hydrangea (‘Tardiva’)

Height: 6-8 ft.

Spread: 8-10 ft.

Full Sun to Part Shade

Zone 3-8

A late-blooming hydrangea that sports showy white flowers that turn pink in mid- to late August. Flowers are borne in pointed clusters about six inches in length. Rarely to never bothered by Japanese beetles.



First Editions®

Fireside®

Ninebark

Height: 5-7 ft.

Spread: 4-6 ft.

Full Sun

Zone 3-7

Stunning foliage is what makes this shrub. Reddish new growth matures to deep red-purple foliage that holds its color reliably all summer. Intermediate-sized leaves darken to deep purple in autumn. Pinkish-white flowers bloom in spring. This plant has a tidy habit with a rounded, upright shape. Resistant to powdery mildew.



First Editions® Lemon Meringue™ Potentilla

Height: 2-3 ft. Zone 2-6
Spread: 2-3 ft. Full Sun

A tidy, round, compact shrub requiring little pruning, Lemon Meringue™ produces gorgeous rose-like light yellow double flowers all summer long. Bred in Canada, this upright, mounded shrub is tough and hardy to Zone 2.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PUSSY WILLOWS

Eighty percent of our plants require pollinators to reproduce and to produce a crop. Around the world pollinator numbers are declining. Our domestic bees are also in trouble. For the wild pollinators, loss of habitat is the principal reason, followed by pesticide use, pollution, and habitat takeover by invasive species. 2017 was the first year the fall New England butterfly count did not show a decline in Monarch butterflies. It is believed that enough people have included flower plants from the milkweed family to help make up for their loss of habitat. Soon our native pussy willows will be blooming. These are among the first food available for returning pollinators. If you have any, please help the pollinators by clearing out around them so the plants can grow without competition. If you don't have any, please consider adding one or two to your landscape. Weary pollinators will appreciate it as they return from their travels.



**First Editions®
Iceberg Alley®
Sageleaf Willow**

Height: 3-6 ft.

Spread: 3-6 ft.

Full Sun

Zone 2-6

Iceberg Alley® is a recently discovered small native shrub with powdery silver foliage that adds texture and contrast when combined with other colorful shrubs. It blooms in spring with a very pretty silver catkin with red stamens that can be cut for early spring decoration. Tolerates moist soils and grows best in full sun.



Pussy Willow (*Salix discolor*)

Height: 20 ft.

Spread: 15 ft.

Full Sun

Zone 2-7

Hardest of the pussy willows. Large shrub or small tree up to twenty feet tall with silvery catkins appearing before leaves on deep brown branches in spring. Loves moist soil.

Pussy willows are very important to our bees and other native pollinators as they provide the first food available to them in spring.



Winecraft Black[®] Smokebush

Height: 4-6 ft.

Spread: 4-6 ft.

Full Sun

Zone 4-8

This rounded, semi-dwarf smokebush starts the season with rich purple foliage that continues to deepen until it's nearly black, and then autumn turns it a brilliant orange. Early summer's wispy red flowers morph into the hazy violet "smoke" that gives this shrub its name.



Bridalwreath Spirea

Height: 5-9 ft.

Spread: 6-8 ft.

Full Sun

Zone 4-7

An old favorite with double white flowers that are produced abundantly on arching branches in early spring before leaves appear. Deep blue-green leaves change to a range of orange-yellow to purple in autumn.



Neon Flash Spirea

Height: 3 ft.

Spread: 3 ft.

Full Sun

Zone 4-8

This newer Spirea cultivar has a vigorous growth habit. It is covered with bright cherry red flower clusters throughout the growing season. New growth has a tinge of purple before it turns green.



Hummingbird Summersweet

Height: 3-5 ft.

Spread: 3-4 ft.

Full Sun

Zone 4-9

A compact, mounded form of Clethra that is valued for its summer flower and attractive lustrous, deep green foliage that turns pale yellow to golden brown in fall. Hummingbird Summersweet tolerates heavy shade and moist situations.



Ruby Spice Summersweet

Height: 3-6 ft.

Spread: 3-4 ft.

Full Sun

Zone 4-9

Ruby Spice Summersweet has green foliage and bright pink flowers that do not fade to white. Blooms in midsummer and has a beautiful yellow foliage in fall. Shade tolerant but also withstands full sun.



Minuet Weigela

Height: 24-30”

Spread: 24-36”

Full Sun

Zones 4-8

This dwarf cultivar is among the hardier dwarf weigelas. It flowers freely, and its flowers are slightly fragrant with ruby red corolla tube and outer corolla, lilac purple petal lobes and yellow throat. Foliage is green with a purple tint.



Red Prince Weigela

Height: 5-6 ft. Zone 4
Spread: 5-6 ft. Full Sun

This beautiful shrub has an upright habit with branches arching at maturity. Developed at Iowa State University, its most important characteristic is its ability to hold its red flower color as the blooms age, rather than taking on a purplish tint. Hardier than other varieties, Red Prince Weigela has a tendency for a secondary bloom in late summer, especially if the spring bloom was sparse.