

LDS – Large Deciduous Shrubs: over 7 ft tall

Excellent choices

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> | shadblow serviceberry | | |
| <i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> | red chokeberry | | Bright red fall color |
| <i>Calycanthus floridus</i> | sweet shrub | 8x10 | dark red |
| <i>Clethra alnifolia</i> | summersweet | | cultivars |
| <i>Ilex decidua</i> | possumhaw | | |
| <i>Ilex verticillata</i> | winterberry | | |
| <i>Itea virginica</i> | virginia sweetspire | | |
| <i>Lindera benzoin</i> | spicebush | | |
| <i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i> | flame azalea | | |
| <i>Rhododendron periclymenoides</i> | pinxterbloom azalea | | |
| <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> | american elderberry | | |
| <i>Viburnum dentatum</i> | arrow-wood | | |
| <i>Viburnum lentago</i> | nannyberry viburnum | | |
| <i>Viburnum prunifolium</i> | blackhaw viburnum | | Monarchs |

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| <i>Alnus serrulata</i> | hazel alder | | Prefers wet soil |
| <i>Cornus amomum</i> | silky dogwood | | |
| <i>Myrica pensylvanica</i> | northern bayberry | | semi-evergreen |
| <i>Physocarpus opulifolius 'Diablo'</i> | common ninebark | | purple |
| <i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> | highbush blueberry | | Ericaceous |
| <i>Viburnum nudum</i> | viburnum | | |

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| <i>Chaenomeles speciosa</i> | flowering quince | | |
| <i>Forsythia x intermedia</i> | border forsythia | | |
| <i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> | rose of Sharon, Althea | | |
| <i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> | panicle hydrangea | | |
| <i>Lonicera fragrantissima</i> | winter honeysuckle | | |
| <i>Magnolia liliflora</i> | lily magnolia | | |
| <i>Spiraea prunifolia</i> | bridal wreath spirea | | |
| <i>Spiraea vanhouttei</i> | Vanhoutte spirea | | |
| <i>Syringa vulgaris</i> | common lilac | | |

Exotics to Avoid

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| <i>Nandina domestica</i> | heavenly bamboo | Invasive and overused |
| <i>Elaeagnus pungens</i> | thorny olive | Invasive |
| <i>Euonymus alatus</i> | burning bush | Highly invasive and ridiculously overused |
| <i>Ligustrum obtusifolium</i> | border privet | Invasive |
| <i>Viburnum dilatatum</i> | linden arrow-wood | Invasive |

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| <i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> | black chokeberry | 3x4 | white; red fall |
| <i>Callicarpa americana</i> | American beautyberry | 6x5 | lavender |
| <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> | buttonbush | 6x8 | white |
| <i>Clethra alnifolia</i> | summersweet | | |
| <i>Ilex verticillata 'Winter Red'</i> | winterberry | 6x5 | |
| <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> | ninebark | | Purple flowers |
| <i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> | highbush blueberry | | Several cultivars; Ericaceous |

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| <i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> | smooth hydrangea | | white |
| <i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> | oakleaf hydrangea | 5x5 | white (red fall) |

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| <i>Cytisus scoparius</i> | Scotch broom | | Attracts bees when in flower |
| <i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> | bigleaf hydrangea | | Many cultivars |
| <i>Jasminum nudiflorum</i> | winter jasmine | | |
| <i>Spiraea nipponica</i> | Nippon spirea | | |
| <i>Spiraea x bumalda</i> | Bumald spirea | | |
| <i>Weigela florida</i> | weigela | | |
| <i>Aesculus parviflora</i> | bottlebrush buckeye | | |
| <i>Hypericum 'Hidcote'</i> | St. Johnswort | | |
| <i>Rosa x 'Knock Out'</i> | Knockout shrub rose | | Numerous cultivars |

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| <i>Buddleia davidii</i> | butterfly bush | Invasive in some areas. Provides nectar but no food for larvae. |

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| <i>Clethra alnifolia</i> 'Hummingbird' | summersweet | 3x3 | white |
| <i>Euonymus americana</i> | strawberry bush | | |
| <i>Hypericum frondosum</i> 'Sunburst' | golden St. Johnswort | 3x3 | yellow (exfoliating bark) |
| <i>Itea virginica</i> 'Little Henry' | Virginia sweetspire | 3x3 | white (red fall) |

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| <i>Fothergilla major</i> | fothergilla | | |
| <i>Fothergilla gardenii</i> | fothergilla | | |
| <i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> | cinquefoil | 3x4 | several cultivars; white |
| <i>Rhus aromatica</i> 'Gro-Low' | fragrant sumac | 3x | constant interest |

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| <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> | Japanese barberry | | Red foliage; several cultivars |
| <i>Caryopteris clandonensis</i> | blue-mist shrub | | |
| <i>Deutzia gracilis</i> | slender deutzia | | |
| <i>Nandina domestica</i> | heavenly bamboo | | |

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| <i>Ilex glabra</i> | inkberry | 8x8 | |
| <i>Ilex opaca</i> 'Watkins Male' | American Holly | | |
| <i>Kalmia latifolia</i> | mountain laurel | | |
| <i>Myrica pensylvanica</i> | northern bayberry | | semi-evergreen |
| <i>Rhododendron catawbiense</i> | Catawba rhododendron | | |

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| <i>Ilex vomitoria</i> 'Schillings' | yaupon holly | | |
| <i>Ilex x attenuata</i> 'Fosteri' | Foster's hybrid holly | 25x12 | several other cultivars |
| <i>Myrica cerifera</i> | Southern bayberry | 15x15 | maybe not hardy enough |
| <i>Rhododendron catawbiense</i> | rhododendron | | Ericaceous; several good cultivars |

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| <i>Abelia x grandiflora</i> | glossy abelia | | semi-evergreen |
| <i>Berberis julianae</i> | wintergreen barberry | | |
| <i>Buxus sempervirens</i> | common boxwood | | |
| <i>Chamaecyparis pisifera</i> | boulevard cypress | | |
| <i>Elaeagnus pungens</i> | thorny eleagnus | | |
| <i>Euonymus kiautschovicus</i> | spreading euonymus | | |
| <i>Juniperus chinensis</i> | Chinese juniper | | |
| <i>Ligustrum lucidum</i> | waxleaf privet | | |
| <i>Mahonia bealei</i> | leatherleaf mahonia | | |
| <i>Nandina domestica</i> | heavenly bamboo | | |
| <i>Osmanthus heterophyllus</i> | holly osmanthus | | |
| <i>Photinia x fraseri</i> | red tip photinia | | |
| <i>Pieris japonica</i> | Japanese pieris | | Ericaceous |
| <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> | laurel | | |
| <i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> | firethorn | | |
| <i>Taxus x media</i> 'Brownii' | anglojap yew | | |
| <i>Taxus x media</i> 'Hatfieldii' | anglojap yew | | |
| <i>Viburnum rhytidophyllum</i> | leatherleaf viburnum | | some cultivars |
| <i>Viburnum x burkwoodii</i> | Burkwood viburnum | | |
| <i>Viburnum x pragense</i> | Prague viburnum | 10x9 | |

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| <i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> | Japanese privet | |

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| <i>Ilex glabra</i> | inkberry | | |
| <i>Kalmia latifolia</i> | mountain laurel | | Ericaceous |
| <i>Leucothoe axillaris</i> | coast leucothoe | | Ericaceous |
| <i>Leucothoe fontanesiana</i> | fetterbush | | Ericaceous |
| <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> ' | American arborvitae | | several cultivars 3-7' tall |

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| <i>Ilex vomitoria</i> 'Bordeaux' | Yaupon holly | 3x3 | dioecious; need male for fruiting |
| <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> 'Grey Owl' | Eastern redcedar | 3x6 | silvery grey |
| <i>Leucothoe axillaris</i> | coast leucothoe | | Ericaceous |
| <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Rheingold' | American arborvitae | 5x5 | golden foliage |

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| <i>Buxus sempervirens</i> | common boxwood | --- | Several cultivars 3'-6' tall |
| <i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i> | Hinoki false cypress | | cultivars of all sizes |
| <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i> | Oregon grapeholly | | |
| <i>Pinus mugo</i> 'Pumilio' | dwarf Mugo Pine | | |
| <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> | cherry laurel | 4x8 | several other cultivars; poisonous |
| <i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> | pyracantha | | |
| <i>Taxus x media</i> | anglojap yew | | good deep green; mite problems |
| <i>Viburnum utile</i> | service viburnum | | |

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| <i>Ilex glabra 'Ilexfarrowtracey'</i> | Strongbox inkberry | 3x3 | |
| <i>Ilex glabra 'SMNIGAB17'</i> | Gem Box inkberry | 3x3 | |

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| <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> | American arborvitae | | Several cultivars <3' tall |

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| <i>Taxus baccata 'Repandens'</i> | English yew | 3x10 | Deep green foliage & red berries |
| <i>Sarcococca hookerana</i> | sweetbox | | Several cultivars |
| <i>Buxus microphylla japonica</i> | Japanese boxwood | | Several cultivars <3' tall |
| <i>Buxus sempervirens</i> | common boxwood | --- | Several cultivars <3' tall |
| <i>Cotoneaster dammeri</i> | bearberry cotoneaster | | |
| <i>Iberis sempervirens</i> | candytuft | | |
| <i>Ilex crenata 'Soft Touch'</i> | Japanese holly | 2x2 | |
| <i>Illicium parviflorum</i> | small anise tree | | |
| <i>Rhododendron Kurume hybrids</i> | azalea | | Ericaceous; many cultivars & colors |
| <i>Rhododendron Satsuki hybrids</i> | azalea | | Ericaceous; many cultivars & colors |

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