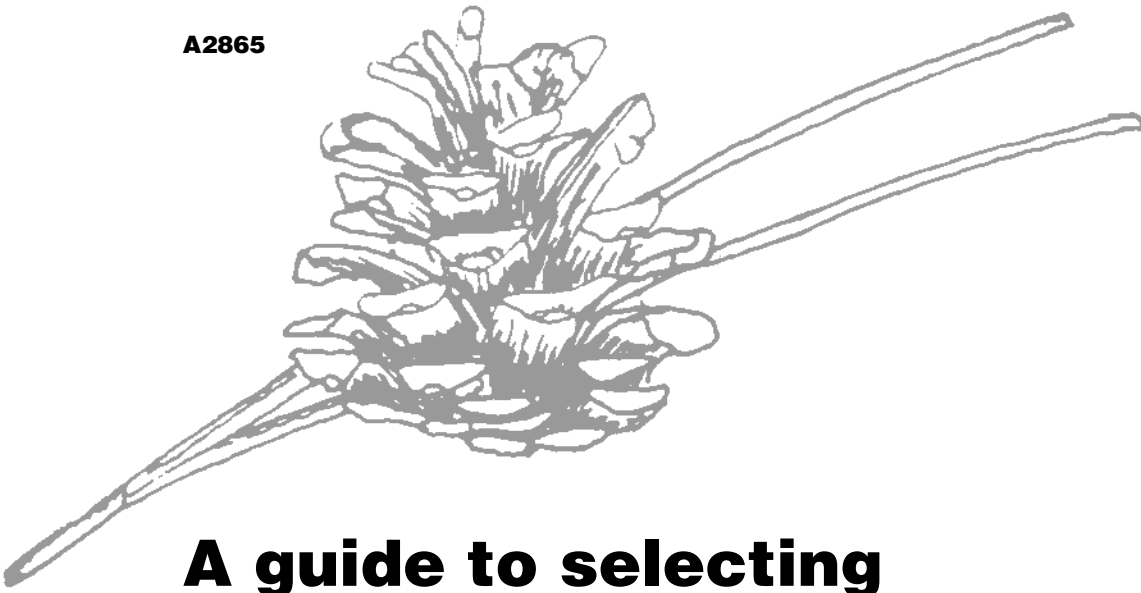
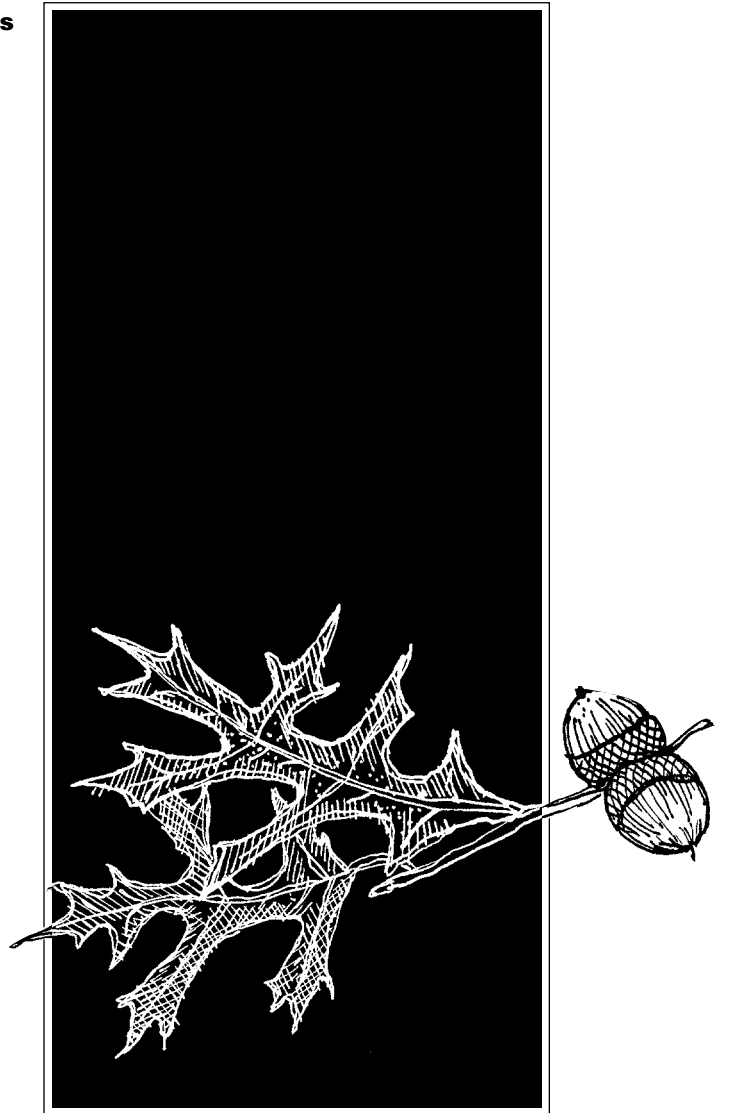


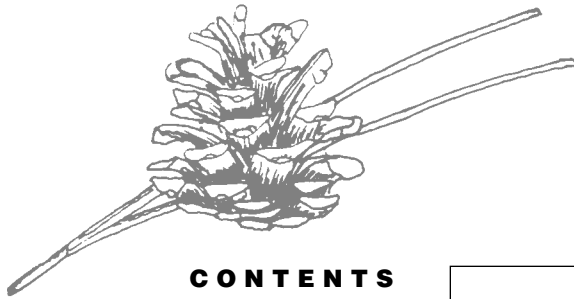
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The following is a list of plants recommended for landscape use in Wisconsin. The list is not exhaustive, but includes most of the better ornamental plant species and cultivars (cultivated varieties) that are usually available for sale in the state.

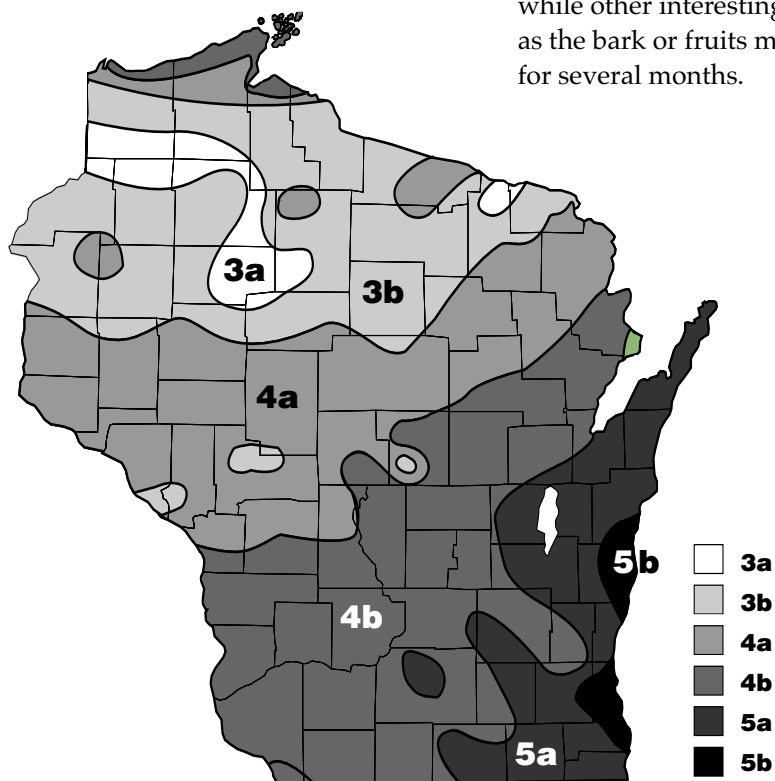
The plants listed vary widely as to their height, growth habit or form, color, texture, site and soil requirements, and other characteristics. They are grouped according to height categories and a brief summary of each plant's characteristics follows its name.

When selecting plants from a list, one often tends to consider the flower display first of all. It is also important to take into account the year-round interest that the plant will provide in the landscape. Remember that a flower display often lasts only a week or two, while other interesting features such as the bark or fruits may be effective for several months.

It is important to consider the site requirements of each plant that you select. Some plants are very exacting as to their preferences and will fail to do well or may die in an unfavorable location. Many plants are sensitive to poorly drained conditions. Use only species tolerant of poor drainage in low, wet spots. Other species need a well-drained, yet moist, soil. The "cool soil" requirement is met by soil that is shaded or sloping toward the north. Where shade is indicated in the adaptation and remarks column, it refers to tolerance, not a requirement for shade.

Finally, be sure to choose plants that are hardy in your area. Wisconsin is divided into six zones (see map) on the basis of minimum winter temperatures. While some plants may survive in a sheltered spot north of their recommended zone, it is usually best to plant reliable hardy species. Certain evergreens, especially the broadleaved ones, are quite cold-hardy but may become desiccated and die if they are exposed to winter sun and wind. If these same kinds of evergreens are grown in the shade they often thrive. Other perfectly hardy species that are growing on an inappropriate site are often winterkilled.

Plant hardiness zones for Wisconsin
































Abbreviations

- cvs. = cultivars
- f. = forma
- spp. = species
- ssp. = subspecies
- var. = variety

TALL DECIDUOUS TREES

TALL TREES (40–100 feet)

Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Rate	Form	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
* <i>Acer × freemanii</i> 'Armstrong' 'Autumn Blaze'	Freeman Maple	3a	F	Upright Fastigiate Upright		Urban; smooth gray bark. No fall color. Red fall color; seedless.
<i>Acer platanoides</i> 'Cleveland' 'Columnare' 'Deborah'	Norway Maple	4b	M	Round Oval-upright Columnar	  	Urban; dense canopy; competitive roots; late, yellow fall color. Uniform, dense foliage. Indistinct central leader.
'Drummondii' 'Emerald Lustre' 'Emerald Queen' 'Globosum'	Harlequin Norway Maple	4a	S	Round Oval	 	Variegated, cream-edged leaves. More winter-hardy.
'Greenlace' 'Royal Red'	Globe Norway Maple	5a	F	Oval Globe Round Round	   	Vigorous; crisp foliage. Useful on a standard under utility wires; 20' height. Deeply divided, fine-textured leaves. Best for purple summer foliage.
* <i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Autumn Flame' 'Bowhall' 'Red Sunset' 'Schlesingeri'	Red Maple	3a	F	Round Oval	    	Moist, acid soil; tolerates poor drainage; smooth gray bark; yellow, orange, or red fall color. Early, scarlet fall color. Orange fall color. Late, scarlet fall color. Red-orange fall color.
* <i>Acer saccharinum</i> 'Celebration' 'Pyramidale' 'Skinneri'	Silver Maple Upright Silver Maple Skinner's Cutleaf Silver Maple	3a	F	Vase Pyramidal		Moist soil; tolerates poor drainage; fine-textured; weak-wooded; competitive roots; yellowish or no fall color. Seedless. Improved branch structure. Shredded leaves; pendulous branches; central leader.
* <i>Acer saccharum</i> ssp. <i>nigrum</i> 'Green Mountain' 'Legacy'	Sugar Maple Black Maple	3a	M	Round	   	Rich soil; salt-sensitive; oval when young; competitive roots; yellow, orange, or red fall color. Scorch-resistant, leathery leaves. Scorch-resistant, leathery leaves. Scorch-resistant, leathery leaves.
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horsechestnut	4b	M	Round	 	Urban; coarse; showy, white, May flowers; litter problem; no fall color; difficult to trans- plant; pest or disease problems may limit use.
<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	Northern Catalpa	4a	F	Oval	 	Poor, dry soil; showy, white, June flowers; coarse; litter problem; no fall color; subject to verticillium wilt.
* <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> 'Prairie Pride'	Common Hackberry	3a	M	Vase	   	Tolerates alkaline soils; "pebbled" bark; yellowish fall color; pest or disease problem may limit use. Superior branch structure; glossier leaves; no witches' broom.
* <i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech	4b	S	Oval	 	Moist, rich soil; smooth, gray bark; yellow-bronze fall color; difficult to transplant.

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Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Rate	Form	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	European Beech	5a	S	Round	☀	Moist, rich soil; less difficult to transplant than <i>F. grandifolia</i> ; several cultivars available.
* <i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	3a	M	Round	☀☀	Moist soil; tolerates poor drainage; dioecious; orange to purple fall color.
'Autumn Purple'				Round	☀☀	Seedless; superior fall color.
'Skyline'				Oval	☀☀	Seedless; upright habit.
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	3a	F	Oval-irregular	☀☀	Dry to wet soil; tolerates poor drainage; salt-tolerant; twiggy and weak-wooded; yellow fall color; pest or disease problem may limit use.
'Aerial'				Columnar	☀☀	Narrow, upright branching.
'Marshall Seedless'				Oval	☀☀	Seedless; glossy, dark green foliage; improved habit of growth.
'Patmore'				Oval	☀☀	Seedless; glossy, dark green foliage; straight trunk.
'Summit'				Upright	☀☀	Finer textured foliage.
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Ginkgo	4b	S	Pyramidal	☀☀	Urban; dioecious, females produce smelly fruits; golden yellow fall color.
'Fastigiata'	Sentry Ginkgo			Columnar	☀☀	No fruits.
* <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Common Honeylocust	4a	F	Vase	☀☀	Urban; tolerates poor drainage; salt-tolerant; dioecious, females produce pods; fine-textured foliage; wicked thorns; yellow fall color; pest or disease problems may limit use.
var. <i>inermis</i>	Thornless Common Honeylocust			Vase	☀☀	Tolerates poor drainage; thornless; pest or disease problem may limit use.
'Imperial'				Round	☀☀	Podless; thornless; low-growing; flat-topped; pest or disease problem may limit use.
'Shademaster'				Irregular	☀☀	Podless; thornless; vase shape in age; pest or disease problem may limit use.
'Skyline'				Upright	☀☀	Podless; thornless; tends to form central leader; good golden fall color; pest or disease problem may limit use.
'Sunburst'		4b		Irregular	☀☀	Podless; thornless; yellow new foliage; poor branch structure; pest or disease problem may limit use.
* <i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Kentucky Coffeetree	4a	M	Upright	☀	Moist, rich soil; coarse and rugged; dioecious; litter problem.
<i>Larix decidua</i>	European Larch	4a	F	Pyramidal	☀	Graceful, fine-textured; transplant in spring before buds open; litter problem.
<i>Larix kaempferi</i>	Japanese Larch	4a	F	Wide-pyramidal	☀	Similar to <i>L. decidua</i> , more picturesque.
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tuliptree	4b	F	Upright	☀☀☀☀	Rich, moist soil; unique leaves; interesting June flowers; yellow fall color; purchase from northern source.
* <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore; American Planetree	4b	F	Pyramidal		Moist soil; tolerates poor drainage; mottled bark; coarse, maple-like leaves; no fall color; subject to anthracnose.
<i>Populus tremula</i> 'Erecta'	Columnar European Aspen	3a	F	Fastigiate	☀	Moist soil; white bark; red fall color.
* <i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	3b	M	Oval	☀☀	Dry soil; white flowers; littering black fruits; orange fall color; subject to black knot.
* <i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak	4b	S	Round	☀☀	Dry soil; subject to iron chlorosis; red fall color; difficult to transplant.

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TALL & MEDIUM DECIDUOUS TREES

Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Rate	Form	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
* <i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak	4a	S	Round		Moist to wet soil; urban; tolerates poor drainage.
* <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak	3a	S	Round	☀	Dry to wet soil; no fall color; difficult to transplant.
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak	4b	M	Pyramidal	☀🍁	Moist, acid soil; pendulous lower branches; red fall color; iron chlorosis on alkaline soil.
<i>Quercus robur</i>	English Oak	5a	M	Round	☀	Well-drained soil.
* <i>Quercus rubra</i>	Red Oak	3a	M	Round	☀🍁	Urban; pyramidal when young; red fall color; well-drained soil; often sold as <i>Q. borealis</i> .
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Baldcypress	5a	F	Pyramidal	☀🍁	Moist soil; intolerant of alkaline soil; tolerates poor drainage; bronze fall color; fine-textured; purchase from northern source.
* <i>Tilia americana</i>	Basswood; American Linden	3a	M	Round	☀	Salt-sensitive; coarse; rich soils.
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Littleleaf Linden	3b	S	Pyramidal	☀🌸🍁	Urban; moist soil; fragrant flowers; poor branch structure, needs training while young; yellow fall color.
'Chancellor'					☀🌸🍁	Uniform, upright habit.
'Greenspire'					☀🌸🍁	Improved branching habit.
<i>Tilia</i> × 'Redmond'	Redmond Linden	4a	M	Pyramidal		Urban; dark green foliage.
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	Silver Linden	5a	S	Pyramidal	☀	Tolerates heat and drought.
<i>Ulmus</i> × 'New Horizon'	Hybrid Elm	4a	F	Upright		Dutch elm disease resistant; urban.
'Regal'						Dutch elm disease resistant; urban.
MEDIUM TREES (30–40 feet)						
<i>Aesculus</i> × <i>carnea</i> 'Briotii'	Ruby Horsechestnut	5a	S	Round	🌸	Rich, moist soil; red flowers; subject to sunscald.
<i>Aesculus glabra</i>	Ohio Buckeye	3a	S	Round	🌸🍁	Rich, moist soil; yellow-green flowers; orange fall color.
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	European Alder	4a	F	Oval	☀	Wet soil; tolerates poor drainage; catkins; cone-like fruits; no fall color.
* <i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch	4b	M	Vase		Wet to dry soil; intolerant of alkaline soils; tolerates poor drainage; pinkish, peeling bark.
'Heritage'						Lighter bark color.
* <i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Paper Birch	3a	M	Oval	☀🍁	Cool, moist soil; white, peeling bark; golden yellow fall color; pest problem.
<i>Betula pendula</i> 'Gracilis'	Cutleaf Weeping European Birch	3a	M	Weeping	🍁	Cool, moist soil; dissected leaves; yellow fall color; subject to bronze birch borer.
<i>Betula platyphylla</i> var. <i>japonica</i> 'Whitespire'	Whitespire Birch	3a	M	Pyramidal		White bark; heat tolerance results in greater resistance to bronze birch borer.
<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	Katsuratree	5a	M	Vase	☀🍁	Moist soil; dioecious; form controlled by pruning, wide-spreading if multi-trunked; yellow to apricot fall color.
<i>Cladrastis lutea</i>	American Yellowwood	4b	S	Round	☀🌸🍁	Moist, rich soil; smooth, light gray bark; fragrant, white, June flowers in large, pendulous clusters; yellow fall color.
<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	Cucumbertree	4a	F	Pyramidal		Inconspicuous, greenish flowers; pink to red fruits; coarse foliage; no fall color.
* <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum or Black Tupelo	5a	S	Pyramidal	🍁	Moist soil; tolerates poor drainage; dense habit; dioecious; orange to scarlet fall color; difficult to transplant.

**MEDIUM & LOW
DECIDUOUS TREES**

Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Rate	Form	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
<i>Phellodendron amurense</i> 'Macho'	Macho Amur Corktree	4a	M	Vase	☀️🍁	Urban; dry soil; seedless; compound leaves; corky bark; yellow fall color.
<i>Prunus maackii</i>	Amur Chokecherry	3a	M	Round		Amber, exfoliating bark; does well in containers.
<i>Prunus sargentii</i>	Sargent Cherry	5a	M	Upright	☀️🌸🍁	Well-drained soil; early, pink flowers; red fall color.
<i>Salix × sepulcralis</i> 'Tristis'	Golden Weeping Willow	4a	F	Weeping		Wet soil; tolerates poor drainage; bright yellow twigs; fine-textured; litter problem.
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	Lacebark Elm	5b	M	Vase		Disease resistant; exfoliating bark.
LOW TREES (15–30 feet)						
<i>Acer ginnala</i> 'Bailey Compact'	Amur Maple	3a	M	Round	🍁 🍁	Partial shade; red fruits; red fall color. More compact; 10' high.
<i>Acer japonicum</i>	Fullmoon Maple	4b	S	Spreading	🍁	Partial shade; red fall color; hardier than <i>A. palmatum</i> .
* <i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Downy Serviceberry	3b	S	Upright	☀️🌸🍁	Dry soil; suckering; gray bark; white flowers; yellow fall color; edible fruits.
* <i>Amelanchier × grandiflora</i> 'Autumn Brilliance'	Apple Serviceberry	3a	S	Spreading	🌸🍁	Partial shade; large, white flowers; edible fruits; red-orange fall color.
'Cole's Select'					🌸🍁	Bright red-orange fall color.
'Princess Diana'					🌸🍁	Bright red-orange fall color.
'Strata'					🌸🍁	Horizontal branching.
* <i>Amelanchier laevis</i> 'Cumulus'	Allegany Serviceberry	3a	S	Upright	🌸🍁 🌸🍁	Moist soil; white flowers; orange to red fall color; edible fruits. Single trunk.
* <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	American Hornbeam	3b	S	Spreading	☀️🌸🍁	Moist soil; smooth, gray, muscle-like trunk; orange fall color.
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud	4b	M	Spreading	🌸🍁	Sun or shade; purplish-pink flowers; yellow fall color; "Columbus" strain is the most winter-hardy.
* <i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Pagoda Dogwood	3a	M	Spreading	☀️🌸🍁	Moist soil; white flowers; blue-black fruits on red stalks; horizontal branches; early, maroon fall color.
* <i>Crataegus crus-galli</i> var. <i>inermis</i>	Cockspur Hawthorn Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	4a	S	Spreading Spreading	☀️🍁 ☀️🍁	Urban; persistent, brick red fruits; orange to red fall color; thorns. No thorns.
<i>Crataegus laevigata</i> 'Paulii'	Paul's Scarlet Hawthorn	5a	S	Upright	☀️🌸	Heavy soil; double, scarlet flowers in late May; no fall color; pest or disease problem.
'Superba'	Crimson Cloud Hawthorn				☀️🌸	Single, scarlet flowers; resistant to leaf spot.
* <i>Crataegus mollis</i>	Downy Hawthorn	3a	S	Spreading	☀️🍁	Large, red, early-ripening fruit; yellow fall color; susceptible to rust.
<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	Washington Hawthorn	4b	M	Upright	☀️🍁	Urban; latest blooming; small, persistent, orange-red fruits in clusters; orange fall color.
* <i>Crataegus punctata</i>	Dotted Hawthorn	3a	S	Spreading	☀️	Moist, heavy soil; picturesque; susceptible to rust.
<i>Crataegus viridis</i> 'Winter King'	Winter King Hawthorn	4b	M	Upright	☀️	Few thorns; glossy leaves; persistent red fruits; silver bark.
<i>Magnolia × loebneri</i> 'Leonard Messel'	Loebner Magnolia	5a	S	Pyramidal	☀️🌸	Rich soil; difficult to transplant.
'Merrill'					☀️🌸 ☀️🌸	Pink flowers. White flowers.
<i>Magnolia × soulangiana</i>	Saucer Magnolia	5a	S	Round	☀️🌸	Rich soil; large pink flowers; difficult to transplant; subject to alkaline soil-induced chlorosis.

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**LOW
DECIDUOUS TREES**

Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Rate	Form	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
<i>Malus</i> spp. and cvs.	Ornamental Crabapples				☀️🌳	All require sun and well-drained soil. They all possess a high degree of resistance to the apple scab disease.
'Adams'		4a	M	Spreading	☀️🌳	Slightly susceptible to fire blight; rose-red flowers; 5/8" diameter, persistent, deep red fruits.
<i>baccata</i> 'Jackii'	Jack Crabapple	3a	M	Upright-spreading	☀️🌳	Slightly susceptible to fire blight; white flowers; tiny, 1/8–1/2" diameter, dark red fruits.
'Bob White'		4a	M	Rounded	☀️🌳	Moderately susceptible to fire blight; white flowers; 5/8" diameter, persistent, yellow fruits.
'Candied Apple'	Weeping Candied Apple Crabapple	4a	M	Weeping	☀️🌳	Slightly susceptible to scab; pink flowers; 5/8" diameter, persistent cherry-red fruits; foliage tinged with red.
'Donald Wyman'		4a	M	Rounded-spreading	☀️🌳	Disease resistant; white flowers; 3/8" diameter, persistent bright red fruits.
'Indian Summer'		4a	M	Rounded	☀️🌳	Disease resistant; rose-red flowers; 5/8–3/4" diameter, persistent red fruits.
'Mary Potter'		4a	S	Horizontal	☀️🌳	Moderately susceptible to fire blight and scab; white flowers; 1/2" diameter, red fruits; 10' height.
'Ormiston Roy'		4a	M	Rounded	☀️🌳	Slightly susceptible to fire blight; white flowers; 3/8" diameter, persistent, yellow fruits.
'Professor Sprenger'		4a	M	Upright-spreading	☀️🌳	Disease resistant; white flowers; 1/2" diameter, persistent orange fruits.
'Profusion'		4a	M	Rounded-spreading	☀️🌳	Slightly susceptible to fire blight; rose-red flowers; 1/2" diameter, deep red fruits; bronze-green foliage.
'Ralph Shay'		4a	M	Rounded-spreading	☀️🌳	Disease resistant; white flowers; 1–1 1/4" diameter, bright red, persistent fruits for culinary purposes.
'Red Jewel'		4a	M	Upright-spreading	☀️🌳	Moderately susceptible to scab; white flowers; 1/2" diameter, persistent, bright red fruits.
'Red Barron'		4a	M	Upright	☀️🌳	Magenta-red flowers; 1/2–5/8" diameter, glossy, dark red fruits; reddish fall foliage.
'Sentinel'		4a	S	Upright	☀️🌳	Slightly susceptible to fire blight and scab; white flowers; 1/2" diameter, persistent, bright red fruits.
'White Cascade'		4a	S	Weeping	☀️🌳	Disease resistant; white flowers; 1/2" diameter, yellowish fruits.
* <i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Hophornbeam	3b	S	Pyramidal	☀️🌳	Dry soil; catkins; elm-like leaves; yellowish fall color.
* <i>Prunus americana</i>	American Plum	3a	F	Horizontal	☀️🌳🍁	Dry soil; suckering habit; white flowers; yellow to orange fall color.
<i>Prunus</i> × 'Newport'	Newport Plum	4a	M	Round	☀️	Reddish-purple summer foliage.
* <i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry	3a	M	Upright	☀️🌳🍁	Dry, infertile soil; suckering habit; white flowers; yellow to orange fall color.
'Canada Red' or 'Shubert'	Shubert Chokecherry				☀️🌳🍁	Foliage changes from green to purple in early summer.
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Callery Pear	5a	M	Round	☀️🌳🍁	Early, white flowers; red fall color.
'Autumn Blaze'					☀️🌳🍁	Most winter-hardy; horizontal branching.
'Chanticleer'				Columnar	☀️🌳🍁	Upright branches.
<i>Salix matsudana</i> 'Tortuosa'	Corkscrew or Contorted Willow	4b	F	Upright	☀️	Wet soil; tolerates poor drainage; twisted branches; pest or disease problem.
<i>Salix pentandra</i>	Laurel Willow	3a	M	Round	☀️	Wet soil; glossy, dark green foliage; dense habit; good screening plant.

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**LOW TREES
& EVERGREENS**

Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Rate	Form/Ht.	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
<i>Sorbus alnifolia</i>	Korean Mountainash	4a	S	Oval	☀️	Cool soil; simple leaves; small flowers and fruits; orange to red fall color; subject to fire blight.
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> and cvs.	European Mountainash	3a	M	Oval		Cool soil; orange fruits; pest or disease problem.
* <i>Sorbus decora</i>	Showy Mountainash	3a	S	Upright		Cool soil; large, reddish fruits; pest or disease problem.
<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	Japanese Tree Lilac	3a	S	Horizontal	☀️ 🌸	Large, pyramidal, cream-white flower clusters in June; tan fruits.
‘Ivory Silk’				Oval	☀️ 🌸	Straight, single trunk.
EVERGREENS						
<i>Abies concolor</i>	White Fir	4a	M	70'	☀️	Dry soil; heat; gray-green foliage.
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	Chinese Juniper	4b	S	15'	☀️	Dry soil; green foliage; rust resistant.
‘Iowa’					☀️	Dense columnar form; fruits.
‘Mountbatten’					☀️	Narrow columnar form; large fruits.
* <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern Redcedar	3b	S	20'	☀️	Dry soil; brownish winter color.
‘Burkii’	Burk E. Redcedar				☀️	Fine-textured, gray-green foliage.
‘Canaertii’	Canaert E. Redcedar				☀️	Dark green, tufted foliage.
‘Glauca’	Silver E. Redcedar				☀️	Silver-gray foliage; informal habit.
‘Hillii’	Hill Dundee Eastern Redcedar				☀️	Gray-green foliage turns purple in winter; no fruits.
<i>Picea abies</i>	Norway Spruce	3a	F	75'	☀️	Deep soil; dark green foliage; long cones; pendulous branchlets.
* <i>Picea glauca</i>	White Spruce	3a	M	50'	☀️	Moist soil; light green needles.
var. <i>densata</i>	Black Hills Spruce	3b	S	20'	☀️	Dry soil; narrow, dense habit.
<i>Picea omorika</i>	Serbian Spruce	4b	S	50'	☀️	Narrow habit; pendulous branchlets.
<i>Picea pungens</i> var. <i>glauca</i>	Colorado Blue Spruce	3a	S	60'	☀️	Urban; blue needles; stiff, formal habit.
<i>Pinus cembra</i>	Swiss Stone Pine	4b	S	50'	☀️	Narrow habit.
<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Austrian Pine	4a	M	50'	☀️	Salt-tolerant; urban; stout, dark green needles; pest or disease problem.
* <i>Pinus resinosa</i>	Red Pine	3a	F	50'	☀️	Dry soil; reddish bark; yellow-green winter color.
* <i>Pinus strobus</i>	Eastern White Pine	3a	M	75'	☀️	Moist soil; picturesque; soft, green foliage, subject to blister rust.
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine	3a	F	50'	☀️	Dry soil; orange bark; bluish needles.
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglasfir	4a	M	70'		Partial shade; flat, dark green needles.
<i>Taxus cuspidata</i>	Japanese Yew	4b	S	20'	☀️	Urban; deep green needles; often sold as <i>T. cuspidata</i> ‘Capitata.’
* <i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	American Arborvitae	3a	M	40'		Moist soil; partial shade; light green, soft, scale-like foliage; screening plant.
‘Hetz Wintergreen’		3a	F	25'		Narrow columnar form with single leader; dark green foliage.
‘Sunkist’		3b	S	15'		Yellow foliage.
‘Techny’		3b	S	20'		Deep green foliage.
* <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Canada Hemlock	3a	M	75'	☀️	Moist soil; soft, feathery foliage.

TALL DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

TALL SHRUBS (8–10 feet, sometimes 15 feet; plant 5–6 feet apart)

Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Form	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	Bottlebrush Buckeye	4b	Mounded		Moist soil; partial shade; white flowers in July; edible nuts.
* <i>Amelanchier</i> spp. (see Low Trees)	Serviceberry	3a	Upright		Partial shade; alkaline soil; white flowers; edible purple fruits; smooth, gray bark; yellow to orange fall color; fire blight sometimes a problem.
<i>Caragana arborescens</i>	Siberian Peashrub	3a	Erect-oval		Dry, alkaline soil; yellow flowers; greenish twigs.
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Fringetree	4b	Spreading		Moist soil; white flowers; dioecious; blue fruits; coarse.
* <i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Pagoda Dogwood	3a	Spreading		Moist soil; white flowers; blue-black fruits on red stalks; horizontal branches; early, maroon fall color.
<i>Cornus mas</i>	Corneliancherry Dogwood	5a	Oval		Urban; yellow flowers in April; flower buds may be injured or killed during some winters; edible red fruits.
‘Golden Glory’			Upright		Darker green foliage.
* <i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Gray Dogwood	3a	Erect		Dry or wet soil; white flowers; white fruits; purple fall color.
* <i>Cornus sericea</i>	Redosier Dogwood	3a	Spreading		Wet, moist soil; tolerates poor drainage; white flowers; white fruits; red twigs; often sold as <i>C. stolonifera</i> .
<i>f. baileyi</i>	Bailey R. Dogwood		Erect		
‘Flaviramea’	Yellowtwig R. Dogwood				Yellow bark in winter.
<i>Cotinus coggygria</i>	Smoketree	5a	Rounded		Dry soil; pinkish “smoke-like” inflorescence; subject to verticillium wilt.
‘Nordine Red’					Purplish summer foliage.
<i>Cotoneaster multiflorus</i>	Manyflowered Cotoneaster	4b	Mounded		Well-drained soil; white flowers; red fruits; very wide-spreading; subject to fire blight.
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	Autumnolive	5a	Spreading		Poor, dry soil; fragrant flowers; edible, red fruits; twiggy.
<i>Euonymus alata</i>	Winged Euonymus	4a	Spreading		Sun or shade; well-drained soil; corky, winged twigs; pink to rose fall color.
* <i>Euonymus atropurpurea</i>	Eastern Wahoo	4b	Tree-like		Moist soil; tiny, purplish flowers; orange to purple fall color.
<i>Euonymus europaea</i>	Spindletree or European Euonymus	4a	Tree-like		Dry soil; urban; striped bark; persistent, pink fruits; orange to purple fall color.
‘Red Cap’					Bright pink fruits.
<i>Exochorda racemosa</i>	Pearlbush	5a	Leggy		Pearl-like flower buds.
<i>Forsythia</i> × ‘Meadowlark’	Meadowlark Forsythia	3b	Upright		Deep yellow flowers in April.
* <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Common Witchhazel	4a	Spreading		Yellow flowers in October; yellow fall color.
<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> ‘Grandiflora’	Peegee Hydrangea	4a	Upright		Moist soil; white to pink flowers in August; persistent, tan flower clusters.
<i>Kolkwitzia amabilis</i>	Beautybush	5a	Upright		Alkaline soil; pink flowers in June; shredded bark; leggy.
<i>Ligustrum amurense</i>	Amur Privet	4b	Erect		Dry soil; white flowers; black fruits; hedge plant.
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i> ‘Cheyenne’	Cheyenne Privet	4a	Erect		Dry soil; urban; white flowers; black fruits; hedge plant.
<i>Magnolia stellata</i>	Star Magnolia	4b	Rounded		Rich soil; white flowers; orange fruits; finest-textured magnolia.

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Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Form	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
<i>*Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Common Ninebark	3a	Vase		Dry soil; partial shade; white flowers; red, capsular fruits; shredded bark; coarse.
<i>Prunus tomentosa</i>	Manchu Cherry	3a	Rounded		Dry soil; white flowers; edible, red fruits.
<i>Prunus triloba</i>	Double Flowering Plum	4a	Rounded		Double, pink flowers; no fruit.
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	Glossy Buckthorn				
'Asplenifolia'	Feathery Glossy Buckthorn	4b	Vase		Moist soil; finely divided leaves.
'Columnaris'	Tallhedge Glossy Buckthorn	4b	Columnar		Moist soil; red to black fruits; holds leaves late; screening plant.
<i>*Rhus glabra</i>	Smooth Sumac	3a	Suckering		Dry soil; persistent red fruits; smooth stems; scarlet fall color.
<i>*Rhus typhina</i>	Staghorn Sumac	3b	Suckering		Dry soil; persistent red fruits; felty stems; orange to red fall color.
'Dissecta'	Shredleaf Staghorn Sumac		Picturesque		Dry soil; red fruits; dissected leaves; orange to red fall color.
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat Willow or French Pussy Willow	4b	Oval		Wet or dry soil; large, silver catkins in early spring.
<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>	Buffaloberry	3a	Irregular		Dry soil; yellowish flowers; dioecious; edible red fruits; silvery foliage.
<i>*Staphylea trifolia</i>	American Bladdernut	4a	Upright		Moist soil; whitish flowers; green to brown, bladder-like fruits; white-striped bark.
<i>Syringa × chinensis</i>	Chinese Lilac	4a	Vase		Dry, alkaline soil; purple-lilac flowers; fine-textured; good screening plant.
<i>Syringa × hyacinthiflora</i> cvs.	Hyacinth Lilacs	4b	Upright		White, pink, lilac, purple flowers; early blooming.
<i>Syringa × prestoniae</i> cvs.	Preston Lilacs	3a	Rounded		Pink to purple flowers; late-blooming; coarse-textured; possible disease problem.
<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	Japanese Tree Lilac	3a	Tree-like		White flowers in June; tan fruits; cherry-like bark; often sold as <i>S. amurensis japonica</i> .
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i> cvs.	Common Lilac	3a	Upright		Well-drained soil; white, pink, lilac, purple, fragrant flowers; subject to mildew.
<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	Tamarisk	4a	Irregular-upright		Dry soil; salt-tolerant; tiny, pink flowers; very fine-textured; often sold as <i>T. pentandra</i> .
'Cheyenne Red'					Deep reddish pink flowers.
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood Viburnum	4a	Vase		Moist soil; white flowers in June; blue fruits; maroon fall color.
var. pubescens					Lower growing; later flowering.
<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Wayfaringtree Viburnum	3b	Upright		Dry soil; white flowers; red to black fruits; late maroon fall color.
'Mohican'					More compact with showier fruits.
<i>*Viburnum lentago</i>	Nannyberry Viburnum	3a	Upright		Moist or dry soil; sun or shade; white flowers; black fruits; leggy; maroon fall color; subject to mildew.
<i>*Viburnum prunifolium</i>	Blackhaw Viburnum	4a	Spreading		Partial shade; white flowers; black fruits; single or multi-trunked; maroon fall color.
<i>Viburnum sargentii</i>	Sargent Viburnum	4a	Upright		Lacy white flowers; persistent, red fruits; rough bark.
<i>*Viburnum trilobum</i>	American Cranberry-bush Viburnum	3a	Upright		Moist soil; lacy, white flowers; persistent, edible red fruits.








































**MEDIUM
DECIDUOUS SHRUBS**

MEDIUM SHRUBS (5–8 feet; plant 3–4 feet apart)

Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Form	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokecherry	4b	Erect	☀️ 🌳 🍁	Wet soil; tolerates poor drainage; white flowers; red fruits; red fall color.
<i>Cornus alba</i> 'Argenteo-marginata'	Creamedge Dogwood	3a	Mounded	🌳	Moist soil; white flowers; white fruit; variegated foliage.
* <i>Corylus americana</i>	American Filbert or Hazelnut	3a	Rounded	☀️ 🌳 🍁	Dry soil; catkins in March; orange fall color.
<i>Cotoneaster divaricatus</i>	Spreading Cotoneaster	5b	Mounded	🍁	Dry, alkaline soil; red fruits; fine-textured; late, maroon fall color; dies back in severe winters.
<i>Cotoneaster lucidus</i>	Hedge Cotoneaster	3a	Upright	🍁	Dry soil; partial shade; black fruits; orange to maroon fall color; good hedge plant; <i>C. acutifolius</i> is similar.
<i>Euonymus alata</i> 'Nordine Strain'	Nordine Winged Euonymous	4b	Spreading	🍁	Sun or shade; pink and orange fruits; red fall color; often sold as 'Koreana.'
<i>Forsythia</i> × 'Sunrise'	Sunrise Forsythia	4b	Spreading	☀️ 🌳	Urban; large, deep yellow flowers in April.
* <i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Red Sprite'	Winterberry	4a	Upright		Wet, acid soil; tolerates poor drainage; dioecious (needs pollinator); red fruits. Only 3½' high; larger fruits.
<i>Ligustrum obtusifolium</i> var. <i>regelianum</i>	Regel's Border Privet	5a	Spreading	☀️ 🌳 🍁	Dry soil; white flowers; blue-black fruits; late, purple fall color.
<i>Malus</i> 'Jewelberry'	Jewelberry Crabapple	5a	Spreading	☀️ 🌳	Disease resistant; white flowers; persistent, ½" diameter, red fruits; 8' mature height.
<i>Malus sargentii</i> 'Tina'	Sargent Crabapple	4b	Spreading	☀️ 🌳 ☀️ 🌳	Slightly susceptible to fire blight; white flowers; ¼" diameter, red fruits; 8' mature height. Disease resistant; 5' mature height.
<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	Bayberry	4b	Upright, suckering	☀️	Dry soil; gray, fragrant fruits; dioecious; semi-evergreen.
<i>Philadelphus</i> × <i>virginialis</i> 'Glacier'	Glacier Mockorange	4b	Rounded	☀️ 🌳	Double, white, fragrant flowers.
<i>Prunus</i> × <i>cistena</i>	Purple-leaved Sand Cherry	3a	Rounded	☀️ 🌳	Dry soil; white flowers; purple foliage all season.
<i>Rhodotypos scandens</i>	Jetbead	5a	Spreading	☀️ 🌳	Dry soil; white flowers; black fruits in clusters of four.
<i>Rosa hugonis</i>	Father Hugo Rose	4b	Vase	☀️ 🌳	Poor soil; yellow flowers; sparse red fruits; fine-textured.
<i>Rosa rugosa</i> cvs.	Rugosa Rose	3a	Rounded	☀️ 🌳 🍁	Dry soil; white, yellow, pink or red flowers; large, edible, red fruits; fall color; wrinkled leaves; salt-tolerant.
* <i>Rosa setigera</i>	Prairie Rose	4b	Sprawling-mounded	☀️ 🌳 🍁	Pink flowers in July; red fruits; orange fall color; can be used as a climber.
<i>Salix purpurea</i> 'Gracilis'	Dwarf Arctic Willow	3a	Rounded	☀️	Wet soil; fine-textured silvery leaves; hedge plant.
<i>Sorbaria sorbifolia</i>	Ural Falsespirea	3a	Upright, suckering	☀️ 🌳	Fuzzy white flowers.
<i>Spiraea</i> × <i>vanhouttei</i>	Vanhoutte Spirea	4a	Vase	☀️ 🌳	White flowers; arching branches.
<i>Syringa meyeri</i> 'Palibin'	Palibin Lilac	4a	Rounded	☀️ 🌳	Purple flowers; dense; fine-textured; good informal hedge plant often sold as <i>S. palibiniana</i> .
<i>Syringa patula</i> 'Miss Kim'	Miss Kim Lilac	3b	Rounded	☀️ 🌳 🍁	Purple flowers; maroon fall color; coarse.
<i>Viburnum carlesii</i>	Koreanspice Viburnum	4b	Rounded	☀️ 🌳 🍁	Urban; pink to white, fragrant flowers; blue-black fruits; red fall color.

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**MEDIUM & LOW
DECIDUOUS SHRUBS**

Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Form	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
* <i>Viburnum cassinoides</i>	Witherod Viburnum	4a	Rounded	 	Wet, acid soil; tolerates poor drainage; white flowers; pink to red to blue fruits; red fall color.
<i>Weigela florida</i>	Old-fashioned Weigela	5a	Spreading		Well-drained soil; pink, funnel-shaped flowers.
<i>Weigela</i> × 'Red Prince'	Red Prince Weigela	4b	Spreading		Well-drained soil; red flowers.
LOW SHRUBS (2–5 feet; plant 2½–3 feet apart)					
<i>Acanthopanax sieboldianus</i>	Fiveleaf Aralia	5a	Upright		Dry soil; urban; leaves palmately compound; thorny.
* <i>Amelanchier stolonifera</i>	Running Serviceberry	3a	Suckering	  	Dry soil; white flowers; edible fruits; orange fall color.
* <i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> var. <i>elata</i>	Glossy Black Chokeberry	3b	Suckering	  	Wet soil; white flowers; black fruits; red fall color.
<i>Berberis koreana</i>	Korean Barberry	4a	Upright	 	Showy red fruits and fall color; thorns; suckering; coarse.
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Japanese Barberry	4a	Mounded	 	Dry soil; red fruits; orange fall color; thorns; good hedge plant.
var. <i>atropurpurea</i> 'Crimson Pygmy'	Redleaf J. Barberry	4b 4b	Low mound	   	Red summer foliage. Red summer foliage; 2' tall.
<i>Buxus</i> × 'Green Velvet'	Green Velvet Box	5a	Rounded		Broadleaf evergreen; good hedge plant.
<i>Buxus sinica</i> var. <i>insularis</i> 'Wintergreen'	Wintergreen Korean Littleleaf Box	4b	Rounded		Broadleaf evergreen; good hedge plant.
<i>Chaenomeles</i> × <i>superba</i> 'Texas Scarlet'	Texas Scarlet Floweringquince	5a	Spreading		Dry soil; urban; red flowers; yellow, edible fruits; thornless; flower buds may be injured or killed during some winters.
<i>Cotoneaster apiculatus</i>	Cranberry Cotoneaster	5a	Mounded		Dry soil; red fruits; red fall color.
<i>Daphne</i> × <i>burkwoodii</i> 'Carol Mackie'	Burkwood Daphne	4b	Rounded	 	Partial shade; well-drained soil; semi-evergreen; fragrant pinkish flowers. Variegated leaves.
<i>Deutzia</i> × <i>lemoinei</i> 'Compacta'	Compact Lemoine Deutzia	5a	Rounded		Well-drained soil; white flowers.
* <i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Dwarf Bush-honeysuckle	3a	Mounded	 	Dry soil; yellow flowers; good bank cover.
<i>Forsythia viridissima</i> 'Bronxensis'	Bronx Forsythia	5a	Low mound	  	Small yellow flowers; fine-textured; purple fall color.
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Annabelle' 'Grandiflora'	Smooth Hydrangea Annabelle Hydrangea Snowhill Hydrangea	4a	Mounded Mounded	   	Moist soil; white, clustered flowers; dense; bloom on new wood. Smaller flower clusters and less dense than above.
* <i>Hypericum kalmianum</i>	Kalm's St. Johnswort	4a	Rounded	 	Dry soil; yellow flowers; shiny brown twigs.
<i>Lonicera</i> × <i>xylostoides</i> 'Clavey's Dwarf' 'Miniglobe'	Clavey's Dwarf Honeysuckle Miniglobe Honeysuckle	4a	Rounded		Dense growth; good hedge or screening plant. Dense 2' globe.
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i> 'Mayhan'	Mayhan Oregongrape	5a	Suckering	 	Urban; yellow flowers; blue fruits; holly-like evergreen foliage; not fully hardy in zone 5a, needs shelter from winter sun and wind.

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**LOW
DECIDUOUS SHRUBS**

Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Form	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
<i>Philadelphus coronarius</i> 'Aureus'	Golden Mockorange	4a	Rounded	☀️🌸	White flowers; yellow summer foliage.
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> 'Nanus'	Dwarf Common Ninebark	3a	Rounded	☀️🌸	Dry soil; creamy-white flowers; red capsular fruits; shredded bark.
* <i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> 'Abbotswood' 'Goldfinger' 'McKay's White' 'Primrose Beauty'	Bush Cinquefoil	3a	Mounded	☀️🌸 ☀️🌸 ☀️🌸 ☀️🌸 ☀️🌸	Dry soil; blooms all summer. White flowers; blue-green foliage. Yellow flowers; yellow-green foliage. Cream flowers; yellow-green foliage. Pale yellow flowers; silvery foliage.
<i>Prunus glandulosa</i> 'Sinensis'	Pink Dwarf Floweringalmond	4a	Rounded	☀️🌸	Well-drained soil; double, pink flowers; no fruits; narrow leaves.
<i>Rhododendron</i> × 'Northern Lights'	Northern Lights Azalea	3b	Spreading	☀️🌸	Moist, acid soil; pink, orange, yellow, white, or orchid flowers.
<i>Rhododendron</i> × 'PJM Hybrid'	PJM Hybrid Rhododendron	4a	Rounded	☀️🌸🍂	Moist, acid soil; profuse lavender flowers; evergreen leaves turn purple in autumn.
* <i>Rhus aromatica</i> 'Gro-Low'	Fragrant Sumac	3a	Mounded	☀️🍂 ☀️🍂	Dry soil; red fruits; fragrant foliage, turns orange-maroon in fall. Uniform 2½' height; glossy leaves.
<i>Ribes alpinum</i>	Alpine Currant	3a	Rounded	☀️	Urban; good hedge plant.
<i>Rosa virginiana</i>	Virginia Rose	4a	Suckering	☀️🌸	Pink flowers; persistent red fruits; red stems; good bank cover.
<i>Salix repens</i> var. <i>nitida</i>	Silver Creeping Willow	4b	Spreading	☀️	Moist soil; silvery foliage; ground cover.
<i>Spiraea albiflora</i>	Japanese White Spirea	4a	Mounded	☀️🌸	White flowers in summer.
<i>Spiraea</i> × <i>billiardii</i>	Billiard Spirea	5a	Upright	☀️🌸	Pink flowers in July and August.
<i>Spiraea</i> × <i>bumalda</i> 'Anthony Waterer' 'Froebelii' 'Goldflame' 'Norman'	Bumalda Spirea	4a	Rounded	☀️🌸 ☀️🌸 ☀️🌸🍂 ☀️🌸🍂 ☀️🌸🍂	Dry soil; summer flowering. Raspberry red flowers. Pinkish flowers; coppery fall color. Gold leaves; red-tipped young shoots; coppery fall color. Finer textured; lower growing.
<i>Spiraea</i> × <i>cinerea</i> 'Grefsheim'	Grefsheim Spirea	4a	Mounded	☀️🌸	White flowers in early May; fine-textured; may be sold as 'Graciosa.'
<i>Spiraea japonica</i> var. <i>alpina</i> 'Goldmound' 'Little Princess'	Japanese Spirea Daphne Spirea	4a	Mounded	☀️🌸 ☀️🌸 ☀️🌸 ☀️🌸	Pale pink flowers in summer. Only 10" high with tiny leaves. Gold summer foliage. Pale pink flowers.
<i>Spiraea nipponica</i>	Snowmound Spirea	4a	Mounded	☀️🌸	White flowers; blue-green foliage; possible disease problem.
<i>Stephanandra incisa</i> 'Crispa'	Cutleaf Stephanandra	5a	Mounded	☀️	Well-drained, acid soil; excellent ground cover.
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry	4a	Vase	☀️	Best in dry soil; tiny pink flowers; showy white fruits; may be sold as <i>S. rivularis</i> .
<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	Indiancurrant Coralberry	3b	Suckering	☀️	Dry soil; pink fruits; good bank cover.
<i>Viburnum opulus</i> 'Compactum'	Compact European Cranberrybush Viburnum	3a	Rounded	🌸	Partial shade; white flowers; persistent, red fruit; dense habit.

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**TALL TO MEDIUM
EVERGREEN SHRUBS**

Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Ht.	Form	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
<i>Viburnum opulus</i> 'Nanum'	Dwarf European Cranberrybush Viburnum	3a		Globe	☀	No flowers or fruits; twiggy.
TALL TO MEDIUM EVERGREEN SHRUBS						
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Ames'	Chinese Juniper	4a	9'	Broad- pyramidal	☀	Well-drained soil. Bluish green foliage.
'Blaauw'		4a	4'	Upright-vase	☀	Grayish blue foliage.
'Hetzi'	Hetz Blue Juniper	4a	15'	Ascending- spreading	☀	Silvery blue foliage.
'Maney'		3b	6'	Upright- bushy	☀	Bluish green foliage.
'Mint Julep'		3b	4'	Upright- bushy	☀	Yellow-green foliage; also sold as 'Sea Green.'
'Old Gold'		4a	4'	Spreading	☀	Green with gold tips; no fruits.
'Pfitzerana'	Pfitzer Juniper	4a	6'	Wide- spreading	☀	Green foliage; no fruits.
'Pfitzerana Glauca'	Blue Pfitzer Juniper	4a	5'	Spreading	☀	Blue-gray; no fruits.
* <i>Juniperus communis</i> var. <i>depressa</i> 'Petite'	Oldfield Common Juniper	3a	4'	Spreading	☀	Dry soil; light green foliage; brownish in winter.
			1'	Spreading	☀	Dense; compact; fruits.
<i>Juniperus squamata</i> 'Blue Star'	Blue Star Singleseed Juniper	5a	3'	Mounded	☀	Blue foliage.
<i>Picea abies</i> 'Nidiformis'	Nest Spruce	3b	3'	Spreading	☀	Gray-green needles.
<i>Picea glauca</i> 'Conica'	Dwarf Alberta Spruce	4b	7'	Pyramidal	☀	Shelter from winter sun; light green foliage.
<i>Pinus mugo</i> var. <i>mugo</i>	Mugo Pine	3a	4'	Mounded	☀	Dry soil; green foliage.
<i>Taxus cuspidata</i> 'Expansa'	Spreading Japanese Yew	4b	6'	Spreading	☀	Urban; dark green foliage; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs a special site or ideal conditions.
'Nana'	Dwarf Japanese Yew		4'	Mounded	☀	Urban; very dark green foliage; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs a special site or ideal conditions.
<i>Taxus × media</i> cvs.	Anglojapanese Yew	5a	1–10'	Round or upright	☀	Very dark green; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs a special site or ideal conditions.
'Tauntonii'	Taunton Yew	4b	4'	Spreading	☀	The most winter-burn resistant cultivar.
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> 'Hetz Midget'	American Arborvitae	3a	18"	Globe		Moist soil; partial shade. Bright green foliage.
'Holmstrup'		4a		Pyramidal		Dark green, dense foliage.
'Rheingold'		5a	6'	Mound		Golden foliage.
'Wareana'	Ware Arborvitae	3a	8'	Broad- pyramidal		Dark green foliage; may be sold as 'Robusta.'
'Woodwardii'	Woodward Globe Arborvitae	3a	6'	Globe		Bright green foliage.

LOW EVERGREEN SHRUBS

Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Ht.	Form	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	Chinese Juniper				☀	Well-drained soil.
‘Kallay’s Compact’	Kallay’s Compact Pfitzer Juniper	4a	24"	Spreading	☀	Pale green foliage.
var. <i>procumbens</i>	Japanese Garden Juniper	4b	18"	Creeping	☀	Blue-green foliage.
‘Nana’	Dwarf Japanese Garden Juniper	4b	12"	Creeping	☀	Dwarf and dense.
var. <i>sargentii</i>	Sargent Juniper	4a	18"	Creeping	☀	Green, or blue-green in ‘Glauca’ cultivar.
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Creeping Common Juniper	3a	15"	Creeping	☀	Green in winter.
‘Repanda’	Common Juniper					
* <i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	Creeping Juniper	3a	12"	Creeping	☀	Dry soil; variable color, brown in winter; subject to blight disease.
‘Wiltonii’	Blue Rug Juniper	3a	4–6"	Flat-trailing	☀	Silvery blue foliage; fruits.
‘Wisconsin’		3a	8"	Creeping	☀	Blue-green foliage turns steel blue in winter.
‘Youngstown’		4a	18"	Radial-creeping	☀	Gray-green foliage becomes purplish in winter.
<i>Juniperus sabina</i>	Savin Juniper				☀	Well-drained soil.
‘Broadmoor’		3a	18"	Mounded	☀	Soft grayish green foliage; fine-textured.
‘Calgary Carpet’			8"	Low-spreading	☀	Soft green foliage.
‘Buffalo’			12"	Low-spreading	☀	Bright green foliage; fine-textured.

VINES

<i>Actinidia kolomikta</i>	Arctic Beauty Kiwi	4b		Twining	☀	Pink and white blotches on leaves; dioecious; plant both sexes.
<i>Akebia quinata</i>	Fiveleaf Akebia	4b		Twining	☀☀	Rosy-purple flowers; purple fruits.
<i>Aristolochia durior</i>	Dutchmanspipe	4a		Twining	☀☀	Curious flowers; huge leaves; good screen.
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet creeper	4b		Aerial rootlets	☀☀	Moist soil; orange to red, trumpet-shaped flowers; suckering
* <i>Celastrus scandens</i>	American Bittersweet	3a		Twining	☀	Dry soil; yellow and red terminal fruit clusters; dioecious; plant both sexes.
<i>Clematis</i> cvs.	Clematis	3b–5b		Twining petioles	☀	Cool, alkaline soil; large, showy flowers of many colors; select cultivars that bloom on current season’s growth.
<i>Clematis maximowicziana</i>	Sweet Autumn Clematis	4a		Twining petioles	☀	Partial shade; small, white flowers in September; often sold as <i>C. paniculata</i> .
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i> var. <i>vegeta</i>	Bigleaf Wintercreeper Euonymus	4b		Aerial rootlets	☀	Broadleaf evergreen; several other selections available; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs shelter from winter sun and wind.
<i>Hydrangea anomala</i> ssp. <i>petiolaris</i>	Climbing Hydrangea	5a		Aerial rootlets	☀☀	Moist soil; white flowers; exfoliating cinnamon bark.
<i>Lonicera</i> × <i>brownii</i> ‘Dropmore Scarlet’	Dropmore Scarlet Honeysuckle	3a		Twining	☀	Shade or sun; red flowers all season; red fruits; subject to aphids.
<i>Lonicera heckrottii</i>	Everblooming Honeysuckle	5a		Twining	☀	Shade or sun; pink and yellow flowers; subject to aphids.
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> ‘Engelmannii’	Engelmann Virginia Creeper	3b		Holdfasts & tendrils	☀	Shade or sun; finer textured than the species; blue fruits; red fall color.

*Wisconsin native

VINES & GROUNDCOVERS

Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Form/Ht.	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
<i>Parthenocissus tricuspidata</i>	Boston Ivy	4b	Holdfasts	☀️🍁	Blue fruits; maroon fall color.
'Veitchii'	Veitch Boston Ivy			☀️🍁	Fine-textured; less aggressive than the species; young leaves purple.
<i>Polygonum aubertii</i>	Silver Fleecevine	5a	Twining	☀️🌸	Small, clustered, white flowers in September.
<i>Vitis</i> spp. and cvs.	Grape	3b–5b	Tendrils	☀️	Edible fruits.
<i>Wisteria macrostachya</i>	Kentucky Wisteria	4a	Twining	☀️🌸	Drooping lavender flower clusters.
GROUNDCOVERS					
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Silveredge Goutweed	3a	12"		Sun or shade; herbaceous; variegated foliage; aggressive.
'Variegatum'					
<i>Ajuga reptans</i> and cvs.	Bugleweed	4a	4–6"	☀️🌸	Moist soil; white, red, purple, or blue flowers; evergreen foliage.
* <i>Asarum canadense</i>	Canada Wildginger	3a	6"	☀️	Rich soil; large, heart-shaped leaves.
<i>Asarum europeum</i>	European Wildginger	4a	6"	☀️	Rich soil; round evergreen leaves.
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-valley	3a	8"	☀️🌸	Moist soil; herbaceous; small, fragrant, white flowers; dark green foliage.
<i>Coronilla varia</i>	Crownvetch	3a	12–24"	☀️🌸	Dry, alkaline soil; pink and white flowers; good bank cover; aggressive; not for refined areas.
<i>Cotoneaster apiculatus</i>	Cranberry Cotoneaster	5a	24"	☀️🍁	Dry soil; red fruits; red fall cover.
* <i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Dwarf Bushhoneysuckle	3b	36"	☀️🌸	Dry soil; yellow flowers.
<i>Epimedium</i> spp.	Bishop's Hat	3b	12"	☀️🌸	Rich soil; herbaceous; yellow or red flowers.
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	Purpleleaf Wintercreeper	4b	6–18"	☀️	Evergreen leaves turn purple in winter; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs shelter from winter sun and wind.
'Colorata'	Euonymus				
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff	4a	6–8"	☀️🌸	Herbaceous; white flowers; fine-textured.
<i>Hedera helix</i>	Bulgarian Ivy	5a	6–8"	☀️	Broadleaf evergreen; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs shelter from winter sun and wind.
'Bulgaria'					
<i>Hemerocallis</i> cvs.	Daylily	3a–5b	12–36"	🌸	Partial shade; showy flowers; herbaceous.
<i>Hosta</i> cvs.	Plantainlily	3a	6–24"	☀️🌸	Green, blue, gold, and variegated leaves; white or lavender flowers.
<i>Juniperus</i> spp. (see Low Evergreen Shrubs)	Juniper	3a–4a	6–24"	☀️	Dry soil; needled evergreen.
<i>Lamiastrum galeobdolon</i>	Yellow Archangel	4a	12–18"	🌸	Partial shade; herbaceous; yellow flowers; aggressive.
'Variegatum'					
<i>Lamium maculatum</i> cvs.	Spotted Deadnettle	5a	6–8"	☀️🌸	Variegated leaves; pink or white flowers; aggressive.
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	3a	12–24"	☀️🌸	Wet, acid soil; tolerates poor drainage; yellow flowers; good bank cover; not for refined areas.
<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>	Japanese Pachysandra	4b	6–8"	☀️	Moist soil; evergreen foliage; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs shelter from winter sun and wind.
'Green Carpet'			6"	☀️	Lower growing; glossier leaves.
<i>Paxistima canbyi</i>	Canby Paxistima	5a	12"	☀️	Tiny, holly-like, evergreen leaves.

GROUNDCOVERS

Botanical name	Common name	Zone	Ht.	Symbols	Adaptation and remarks
<i>Phlox subulata</i> and cvs.	Moss Phlox	3a	6"	☼☼	Dry, infertile soil; small, clustered, pink or white flowers; needle-like, semi-evergreen leaves; good bank cover.
<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i> var. <i>compactum</i>	Low Japanese Fleeceflower	4b	12–24"	☼☼	Dry soil; herbaceous; pink flowers; red fall color; aggressive; often sold as <i>P. Reynoutria</i> .
<i>Rhus aromatica</i> 'Gro-Low'	Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac	3a	30"	☼☼	Dry soil; orange-maroon fall foliage.
<i>Sedum</i> spp.	Stonecrop	3a–5b	2–8"	☼	Dry, infertile soil; rock gardens; succulent.
<i>Stephanandra incisa</i> 'Crispa'	Cutleaf Stephanandra	5a	36"	☼	Well-drained, acid soil; fine-textured.
<i>Vinca minor</i> and cvs.	Periwinkle	4a	6"	☀	Blue flowers in May; broadleaf evergreen.
<i>Waldsteinia ternata</i>	Barrenstrawberry	4a	4–6"	☼	Partial shade; herbaceous; yellow flowers.

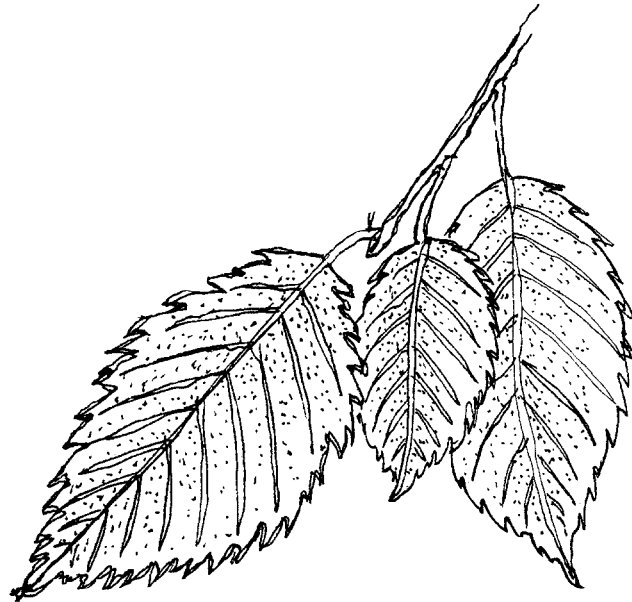
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☼ sun ☀ shade ☼ showy flowers ☀ fall color

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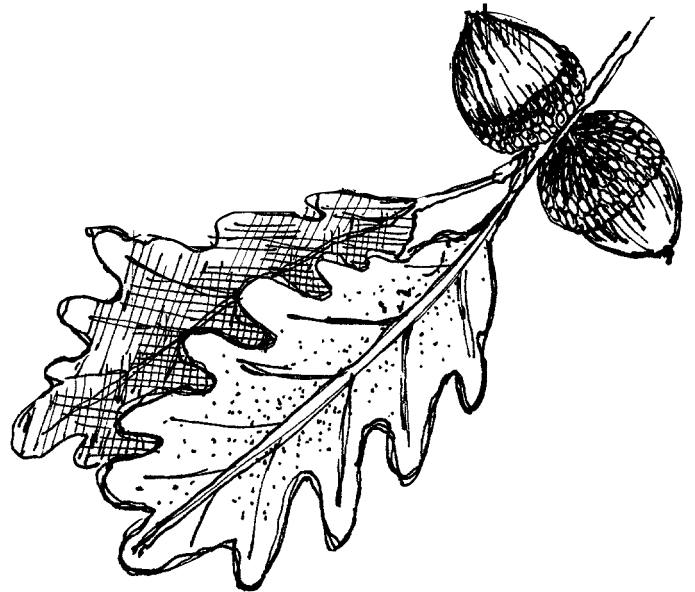
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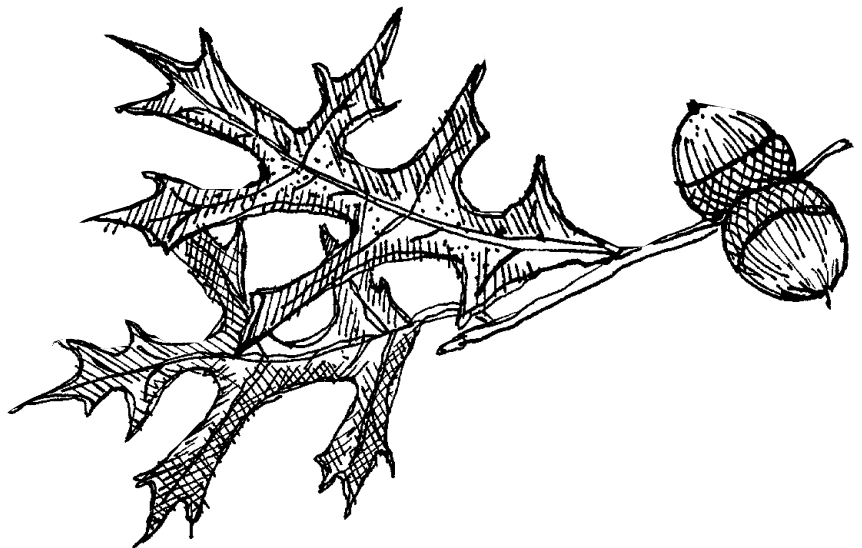
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