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TREES



Emerald Green Arborvitae

Zones 2-7

Growth rate: moderate

Full sun to part shade

Size: 12-20' tall, 3-10' wide

Maintenance: low

Evergreen

While other arborvitae are deer resistant, this variety is not. Deer damage can look like a severe prune on the bottom third of the tree, with the top portion untouched. Makes an excellent privacy screen or tall hedge. The leaves give the tree a lacy texture.



Green Giant Arborvitae

Zones 5-8

Size: 40-60' tall, 12-18' wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Evergreen

This tree grows extremely fast, more than 4 feet per year. This variety has more deer resistance than the emerald green but can still fall victim if food sources are low. When planted near one another, they create a very effective screen.



Purple Beech

Zones 4-7

Size: 25-50' tall, 6-15' wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Deciduous

This tree is a deep purple for most of the growing season, gaining a reddish hue in fall. The deer resistant tree will not require pruning to keep its narrow habit. The only need for pruning would be to remove dead or diseased branches.



River Birch

Zones 4-9

Size: 60-70' tall, 40-60' wide

Growth rate: moderate to fast

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Deciduous

The river birch thrives in wet areas. Not only does the multi-stemmed habit of these trees give winter interest, but the peeling bark does as well! While not as dramatic or light colored as a paper birch, the river birch is still a top-notch tree. Fall foliage is a stunning gold that contrasts nicely with the bark.



Alaskan Cedar Tree

Zones 4-8

Size: 25-40' tall, 30' wide

Growth rate: Medium

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Evergreen

Native to the pacific northwest, these trees often grow in moist areas. It provides a beautiful yearlong silhouette complete with winter interest as an evergreen. Perfect for areas that may be too moist for other trees.



Kwanzan Japanese Cherry

Zones 5-8
Size: 15-25' tall, 13-26' wide
Growth rate: moderate
Maintenance: low - moderate
Full sun
Flowering tree

An attractive vase-shaped tree with pink spring blooms makes it perfect for lining or framing a path. This variety will not create fruit and is more deer resistant than other cherry trees.



Hinoki Cypress

Zones 5-8
Size: 75' tall, 20' wide
Growth rate: slow
Maintenance: low
Full sun
Evergreen

Also available in dwarf forms. This deer resistant evergreen has an interesting form to its leaves, giving the tree a swirled texture. Possibly the most interesting evergreen texturally.



Dogwood

Zones 5-8

Size: 15-30' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low to moderate

Full sun to part shade

Flowering Deciduous

There are a variety of species to choose from, all with their own ups and downs. All dogwoods produce beautiful spring flowers, though some trees bloom later than others. Attracts birds, deer resistant.



Leyland Cypress

Zones 5-10

Size: 60-70' tall, 10-15' wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Evergreen

Grows up to 3 feet per year when young. Tolerant of deer damage and pruning. Can be kept smaller to become hedges, but frequent pruning will be necessary. Excellent privacy screen.



Eastern Hemlock

Zones 3-7

Size: 70' tall, 25-35' wide

Growth rate: slow to moderate

Maintenance: low

Part to full shade

Evergreen

Requiring more water than other trees and growing best in full to part shade, this is one of few plants that can thrive in wet, shady portions of the yard where other plants struggle. Small cones do not make a mess of your landscape.



Flowering Dogwood

Zones 4-9

Size: 20-30' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low to moderate

Full sun to part shade

Flowering deciduous

Sometimes called Florida dogwood, this is a native tree that attracts birds and pollinators to the landscape. Naturally an understory tree, these trees do best in partial shade but will tolerate full sun. Fall foliage ranges from red to purple.



Centennial Girl Holly

Zones 5-9

Size: 12-15' tall, 5-8' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: Low

Full sun to part shade

Evergreen

A male and female plant are required to create the iconic holly berries and the berries will only appear on the female trees. This tree has spiky leaves which gives it great deer resistance.



American Holly

Zones 5-9

Size: 15-30' tall

Growth rate: slow (< 12" per year)

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Evergreen

Deer resistant, attracts birds. A native tree, this plant will only create the iconic holly berries if there is a male tree near a female tree for pollination to occur. If allowed to grow berries, they will persist into winter



Nellie R. Stevens Holly

Zones 6-9
Size: 15-30' tall, 10-15' wide
Growth rate: fast
Maintenance: low
Full to part sun/shade
Evergreen

A male is needed to produce the characteristic red holly berries. This variety maintains its conical shape during the growing season, so pruning is only needed to keep things neat and remove excess growth.



Dragon Lady Holly

Zones 5-7
Size: 10-20' tall, 4-6' wide
Growth rate: moderate
Maintenance: low
Full sun to part shade
Evergreen

A male and female plant is required for the female plants to produce the iconic red berries. The prickly leaves provide it deer resistance. A late winter prune can help to control the size.



O'Neill Red Horse Chestnut

Zones 6-9

Size: 15-20' tall, 15-30' wide

Growth rate: moderate to fast

Maintenance: moderate

Full sun to part shade

Flowering deciduous tree

A native tree with a surprisingly beautiful floral display in springtime. Unique leaves add to the interest. In fall, the foliage turns a brilliant gold. It is important to note that the fruit of this tree is toxic to people and pets.



Red Beauty Holly

Zones 6-10

Size: 7-10' tall, 4-5' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Evergreen

Like other hollies, a male is needed nearby for the females to produce the iconic red berries. These red berries will draw in birds to the landscape. The spiny leaves deter deer and is disease resistant.



Hydrangea Tree

Zones 4-8

Size: 8-15' tall, 6-13' wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: moderate

Full sun to part shade

Flowering shrub

Pruning is necessary to maintain the tree like shape, as this is not a true tree. Late summer is when this plant shows off its impressive blooms.



Columnar European Hornbeam

Zones 4-8

Size: 20-30' tall, 15-20' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Deciduous

Deer resistant grows into a neat broadly ovate shape without pruning. It can be used as a screen, accent tree, or shade tree. A versatile tree that gives a formal appearance.



Bracken's Brown Magnolia

Zones 5-9

Size: 20-30' tall, 15-25' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Flowering Evergreen

Fragrant, showy white flowers appear in late spring. The leathery leaves are dark green above and a lovely shade of brown below. May need protection in colder climates.



Blue Arrow Juniper

Zones 4-9

Size: 12-15' tall, 2' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Evergreen

This is a deer resistant variety of juniper with a beautiful blue hue to its needles. Silvery blue berries develop from late spring to late winter. Pruning is not necessary to keep the narrow form.

Blue Spruce on Standard



Zones 3-8

Size: 3-4' tall, 4-5' wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Evergreen

A great way to include blue spruce when a full blue spruce may not fit in the landscape. The blue hue of the needles gives a fun break to green plants surrounding it. Plant this in part sun-full shade conditions increases risk for disease.



Maple Trees

Zones 3-9

Size: 40-70' tall, 30-50' wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Shade tree

Above information can vary between species and varieties. Maples are a staple shade tree. Amazing fall foliage ranges from bright red to yellow between species. Many maple species are native to our area, which makes them more low maintenance than other tree selections.



Dwarf Japanese Maple

Zones 5-9
Size: 3-10 feet tall
Growth rate: slow
Maintenance: low
Full to part sun
Deciduous

Available in weeping and standard forms, these trees grow extremely slowly and gain less than 4 inches a year on average. Many Japanese maple varieties have a dwarf counterpart.



Bloodgood Japanese Maple

Zones 5-8
Size: 15-20' tall, 15' wide
Growth rate: slow
Maintenance: low
Full to part sun
Deciduous

Foliage is burgundy most of the year, becoming a vivid scarlet red in fall. This small tree is sure to wow anyone walking by.



Paperbark Maple

Zones 4-8

Size: 20-30' tall, 15-25' wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low to moderate

Full sun to part shade

Deciduous

Looking at this tree, it is not easy to believe it is a true maple! From the peeling bark to the trifoliate leaves, one would be forgiven for thinking this is a birch. This tree truly provides interest throughout the four seasons. The peeling bark makes it stand out in winter and the foliage turns a brilliant red in the fall. Resistant to deer and tolerant of clay soils, this truly is an ideal choice for many landscapes.



Oak Trees

Zones: Varies by species

Size: Varies by species

Growth rate: varies by species

Maintenance: moderate

Sun to shade

Shade tree

Oak is a wide genus full of a variety of trees. The scarlet oak may be the most popular due to its bright red fall foliage. All oak trees produce acorns and host a wide variety of pollinators that munch on the leaves without causing notable damage to larger specimens.



Japanese Umbrella Pine

Zones 5-8

Size: 25-30' tall, 15-20' wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Evergreen

Deer resistant with a pyramidal or narrowly conical form. Extremely slow growers that will likely not reach their mature height in a human's lifetime. It adds an interesting texture not achieved by many other evergreens.



Eastern White Pine

Zones 3-8

Size: 50-80' tall, 20-40' wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Evergreen

Only moderately deer resistant; they will eat pine if there is a lack of other preferred food. Adapts well to poor soils and strong. Make great privacy barriers and windscreens. Pruning in late fall-spring can help control the size.



Vanderwolf Limber Pine

Zones 4-7

Size: 20-25' tall 10-15' wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Evergreen

Living up to its common and botanical name, Limber pines (*Pinus flexilis*) have twigs that can be tied in knots without breaking. This variety grows in a narrowly pyramidal form. Deer resistant.



Redbud Tree

Zones 4-9

Size: 25-30' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate to fast

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Flowering deciduous

A native tree in the bean family, this is an easy one to spot when the purple buds emerge in early spring. This species is prone to becoming multi-stemmed which provides additional interest during the winter months. Heart shaped leaves adorn the branches after the brilliant floral display fades.



Dwarf Alberta Spruce

Zones 3-8

Size: 10-13' tall, 7-10' wide

Growth rate: slow (2-4" per year)

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Evergreen

A native tree that is popular for use in foundation plantings, as it grows slowly and stays smaller. The fragrant needles are densely packed which give the plant a softer look than other needled evergreens. This tree is deer resistant, will attract birds, and provide yearlong interest to your landscape.



Blue Spruce

Zones 2-7

Size: 30-60' tall, 15-20' wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Evergreen

Deer resistant with fragrant foliage, this tree is a unique addition to landscapes due to its blue hue. This species is more tolerant of a variety of conditions than other spruces. Planting this in part sun-full shade can lead to diseases.



Norway Spruce

Zones 2-7

Size: 50-75' tall, 30-50' wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Evergreen

One of the most iconic specimens for the large Christmas trees used by municipalities. As it ages, the branches become pendulous. Tolerates heat more than other spruces. Once established, the Norway spruce needs little additional care.

SHRUBS



Kaleidoscope Abelia

Zones 6-9

Growth rate: moderate

Full to part sun

Size: 2-3' tall, 3-4' wide

Maintenance: low

Flowering evergreen

This interesting, deer resistant shrub will attract hummingbirds with its summer blooms. The new growth emerges bright red and will fade to the green and lime variegated foliage as it matures



Low Scape Mound Aronia

Zones 4-8

Size: 1-2' tall, 3-4' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: moderate

Full sun to part shade

Flowering shrub

Spring blooming: produces black, edible berries that will draw birds into the landscape. Tolerant of a variety of soil conditions. Leaves turn a brilliant orange in fall. Commonly called black chokeberry.



Fire Chief Arborvitae

Zones 5-8

Size: 2-4' tall and wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Evergreen

Extremely slow growth, only reaching 2 feet tall and wide after 10 years. This deer resistant shrub provides a pop of orange to the garden all year round but is brighter in fall.



Barberry

Zones 4-8

Size: 3-6' tall, 4-7' wide

Growth rate: Medium

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Deciduous shrub

Japanese barberry is invasive, however there are native alternatives. *Berberis canadensis* is the American barberry that has a lot of similar traits without the title of noxious weed. The American barberry is endangered, but also sports the thorns that makes the Japanese barberry deer resistant. The American barberry also has winter interest by holding onto its red berries long after it dropped its leaves.



Azaleas

Zones 3-9

Size: 3-12' dependent on species

Growth rate: dependent on variety

Maintenance: medium

Full to part sun

Evergreen flowering shrub

Azaleas benefit most from morning sun, so the flowers do not wilt in hot afternoon sun. This shrub's flowers come in a variety of colors to choose from. Colors can range from white to pink to peach and everything in between



Boxwood Topiaries

Zones 5-9

Size: varies per topiary

Growth rate: slow to moderate

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Evergreen

By taking advantage of the boxwood's ability to tolerate heavy pruning, they can be shaped into spirals, pom poms, and more. Topiaries may require an additional pruning per year to keep them looking neat. Deer resistant.



Boxwood

Zones 5-9

Size: varies per species

Growth rate: slow to medium

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Evergreen

This deer resistant shrub is the epitome of pruning tolerance. With the ability to be trimmed into a topiary, boxwoods can be kept small or allowed to grow larger. With evergreen leaves, this is a staple yearlong plant to include in the garden. Available in a variegated form.



Boxwood Cranberry Creek

Zones 5-8

Size: 3-4' tall and wide

Growth rate: slow to moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Evergreen

A pyramidal boxwood. This shrub will frame walkways and doorways beautifully.



Fine Line Buckthorn

Zones 2-7

Size: 5-7' tall, 2-3' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Deciduous shrub

From afar, the narrow leaves look like pine needles. Come fall, the leaves turn a brilliant gold which adds a fantastic focal point to fall gardens. Pruning is not necessary to keep its columnar habit.



Cranberry Cotoneaster

Zones 4-7

Size: 3' tall, 6' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Deciduous shrub

Though it loses its leaves, the berries stick around in winter to provide more interest. Showy pink flowers develop in spring, which are followed by the berries once more. Attracts birds, tolerates road salt, deer resistant



Green Mountain Boxwood

Zones 4-9

Size: 5' tall, 3' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Evergreen

Slightly different form than Cranberry Creek Boxwoods, but they both share the same benefits.



Chardonnay Pearls Deutzia

Zones 5-8

Size: 3' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: moderate

Full, part or filtered sun

Deciduous flowering shrub

Distinct foliage in both color and texture, the golden tone will be brighter the more sun is given. As an evergreen, this plant gives interest all year long. This versatile plant can be used in a variety of garden themes.



Gold Mop Cypress

Zones 4-8

Size: 3-4' tall, 4-5' wide

Growth rate: slow (2-3' in 10 years)

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Evergreen

Distinct foliage in both color and texture, the golden tone will be brighter the more sun is given. As an evergreen, this plant gives interest all year long. This versatile plant can be used in a variety of garden themes.



Golden Euonymus

Zones 6-9

Size: 6-12' tall, 3-8' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low to moderate

Full to part sun

Evergreen

Has a Green center to the leaves. Can be used as a specimen plant or as a unique hedge. Tolerates regular pruning but is attractive in its natural growth habit as well. Can be used to create a visual or sound barrier



Black Lace Elderberry

Zones 3-9

Size: 6-8' tall and wide

Growth Rate: fast (24" in a year)

Maintenance: medium to high

Full sun

Deciduous flowering shrub

This variety of elderberry can be pruned back to be kept smaller. As a water lover, this plant should be watered weekly or even more often if in extreme heat. Elderberry will bloom in spring followed by berries in the fall. Showy cream flowers against lacy dark leaves provide a stark contrast, making this an excellent specimen plant.



Forsythia

Zones 5-8

Size: 2-10' tall and wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: moderate

Full sun to part shade

Flowering shrub

A sure sign that spring is coming, the yellow flowers appear in late winter to early spring. They can have a wild and unkempt look if allowed to grow naturally but can be trimmed into a neat shape.



Euonymus Moonshadow

Zones 4-9

Size: 3' tall, 5' wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Evergreen

A golden center to the leaves gives a unique pop to the landscape. This deer resistant plant is often used as a low hedge or taller groundcover. On average much shorter than the Golden Euonymus



Holly 'Golden Girl'

Zones 5-9

Size: 8-12' tall, 5-8' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Evergreen

This holly has yellow berries, not red! A male is still necessary to pollinate a female to create the berries. Can be used as a specimen plant, tall hedge, or windbreak. Deer resistant.



Dwarf Fothergilla

Zones 5-8

Size: 3-5' tall and wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Flowering shrub

Fall color ranges from yellow to purple. Flowers appear in spring on new growth and have a faint licorice scent. If pruning is necessary, trim directly after the blooms are done in order to ensure blooming next season.



Japanese Soft Touch Holly

Zones 5-9

Size: 2-3' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Evergreen

A male plant is needed in order to produce dark berries on female plants that will persist through winter. Deer resistant. The berries may be eaten by birds throughout the winter.



Inkberry Holly

Zones 4-10

Size: 4-6' tall and wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Evergreen

Easily pruned to be kept as small as 2 feet. Like other hollies, a male needs to pollinate a female in order to produce berries. Only female plants will produce berries. The berries of the inkberry holly are a deep purple to black in color.



Bobo Hydrangea

Zones 3-8

Size: 2-3' tall, 3-4' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: moderate to low

Full sun to part shade

Flowering shrub

This hydrangea will not change the flower color based on the pH of the soil. Pruning is not necessary for this variety, as it is naturally dense. The flowers will start out white and slowly turn pink, then purple.



Bloomstruck Hydrangea

Zones 4-9

Size: 3-4' tall, 4-5' wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: moderate

Filtered sun or part shade

Flowering shrub

Low maintenance for a hydrangea, this smaller shrub makes an excellent addition to any landscape. The bloom color can change with the pH of the soil, with more acidic soils producing blue flowers, more basic soils producing reddish flowers, and purple in between. This hydrangea will bloom on new and old growth, so pruning is not required if the plant is healthy.



Limelight Hydrangea

Zones 3-9

Size: 6' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low to moderate

Full sun to part shade

Flowering shrub

This hydrangea will not change its flower color based on the soil pH. The flower color ranges from green to white and may have a pink blush. Pruning is only necessary to remove old flowers and any dead or diseased branches.



Endless Summer Hydrangea

Zones 4-9

Size: 4' tall, 3-5' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: moderate

Full sun to part shade

Flowering shrub

This hydrangea is unique in the fact it blooms on the previous year's growth, as well as the current season's growth. Combining this with the fact this is a reblooming variety, this truly will provide beautiful blooms from spring through summer.



Oakleaf Hydrangea

Zones 5-9

Size: 4-8' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low to moderate

Full sun to part sun/shade

Flowering shrub

A severely underused hydrangea that has stunning flowers and fall color. Flowers begin emerging in early summer as white panicles that slowly mature to pink or purplish color. The fall foliage ranges from purple to bright red.



Moonrock Bloomin' Easy Hydrangea

Zones 4-8

Size: 4-6' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low to moderate

Full sun

Flowering shrub

Flowers open from the bottom up and begin white but mature to pink. By winter, the flowers will gradually turn tan. Attracts butterflies.



Quickfire Hydrangea

Zones 3-8

Size: 6-8' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low to moderate

Full to part sun, filtered sun

Flowering shrub

The flowers of this hydrangea emerge white and mature to pink. The foliage becomes a beautiful bronze-red in fall. Flower heads will persist through winter, giving more texture and structure to the landscape.



Strawberry Sundae Hydrangea

Zones 3-9

Size: 4-5' tall, 3-4' wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: low to moderate

Part sun

Flowering shrub

These hydrangeas will have the best color and most prolific blooms with full sun and proper watering. If you have a shady spot be sure it receives at least 6 hours or full sun. Hydrangeas are adaptable to any well-drained soil, but be sure they get enough water especially in the summer. The Strawberry Sundae Hydrangea shrub is pest and disease resistant.



Blue Rug Juniper

Zones 3-9

Size: 3-6" tall, 6-8' wide

Growth rate: Moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Spreading evergreen

Drought tolerant, deer resistant, and spreading. The silvery blue hue of the needles provides a nice accent to the plants around it. The only time this plant needs pruning is if it becomes diseased or unruly.



Blue Star Juniper

Zones 4-8

Size: 1-3' tall, 1.5-3' wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Evergreen

Tends to grow out rather than up, only needing to be pruned if there are dead or diseased branches. Dense blue foliage contrasts nicely with gold-tinted plants. A very low maintenance evergreen.



Old Gold Juniper

Zones 4-9

Size: 2-3' tall, 4-5' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Evergreen

A Deer resistant shrub that can provide year long interest with its evergreen habit. Excellent for helping to prevent erosion and drought tolerant once established. Limit pruning to the young branches in spring to tame the spread if needed.



Nana Juniper

Zones 4-9

Size: 0.5- 1' tall, 5-6' wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Evergreen

Wider than it is tall, this spreading juniper makes an excellent deer resistant groundcover, especially for slopes. Once established, it is drought tolerant and will provide erosion control. Tolerates a range of poor soil conditions.

Sea Green Juniper



Zones 4-9

Size: 4-6' tall, 6-8 feet wide

Growth rate: slow to moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Evergreen

This deer resistant shrub has an interesting texture as the branches are more upright than the related Saybrook Gold juniper. As an evergreen, this plant provides interest all year round. Needles darken during the colder months. This plant responds well to pruning and can be kept at a desired size.



Saybrook Gold Juniper

Zones 4-9

Size: 2-3' tall, 5-6' wide

Growth rate: slow to medium

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Evergreen

This deer resistant shrub provides yearlong interest. The needles change from a brighter gold in summer to a more bronze gold in winter. This plant responds well to pruning, so it is possible to slow the growth and tame the height and/or width.



Sonic Bloom Weigela

Zones 5-8

Size: 4-5' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Flowering shrub

The tubular flowers attract hummingbirds. Most weigela don't require much pruning. If pruning is desired, do so after blooming. This variety will rebloom throughout the year until frost beginning in spring.



Sea of Gold Juniper

Zones 3-9

Size: 3' tall, 4' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Evergreen

Golden lacy foliage makes it similar to that of a gold mop cypress, but Sea of Gold juniper grows with a different habit. The color gives welcome contrast to green foliage surrounding it and a highlight against winter snow.



Miss Kim Korean Lilac

Zones 3-8

Size: 4-9' tall, 5-7' wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Flowering shrub

Deer resistant; attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. This variety of lilac doesn't produce suckers like others, so pruning is limited to maintaining shape or deadheading. Deadheading will promote more blooms the following year and may encourage reblooming in the current year.



Ninebark

Zones 2-8

Size: 3-10' tall, 3-8' wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: medium

Full to part sun

Flowering shrub

There are many varieties of ninebark to choose from. They all have nice fall color, bloom in late spring to early summer, and have their characteristic peeling bark. It is beneficial to remove spent blooms. Ninebark will only bloom on old wood, so if pruning is desired, do so directly after blooming.



Amber Jubilee Ninebark

Zones 2-7

Size: 5-6' tall, 4-5' wide

Growth rate: medium to fast

Maintenance: Medium

Full sun

Flowering shrub

This interesting plant starts out amber and turns purple in fall. White flowers appear late spring to early summer and should be removed when spent. Tolerating drought and clay soils makes this plant perfect for our area. The shrubs are able to be cut close to the ground in order to rejuvenate during the next season and allowing the shrub to be kept small.



Lemon Candy Ninebark

Zones 2-7

Size: 2-3' tall and wide

Growth rate: Moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Flowering shrub

White flowers appear in spring and attract bees and butterflies to the landscape. Yellow to chartreuse leaves contrast deep red stems. The compact habit of this shrub means it will likely not need to be pruned.



Dwarf Mugo Pine

Zones 2-8

Size: 3-5' tall, 6-10' wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Evergreen

The small size of this deer resistant pine makes it perfect for smaller areas where most pines grow too large. It has an attractive mounded form.



Lily of the Valley Shrub *Pieris japonica*

Zones 5-8

Size: 9-12' tall, 6-8' wide

Growth rate: slow to moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Flowering evergreen

Sizes and colors range between varieties. Fragrant white to pink flowers bloom in early spring. Deadheading will promote more blooms the following year. Deer resistant.



Pieris japonica Fire and Ice

Zones 5-8

Size: 5' tall and wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Partial sun

Flowering evergreen

New growth begins bright red and matures into a variegated leaf with a cream margin. Fragrant white flowers bloom in spring. Deer resistant



Rhododendron

Zones 4-8

Size: differs across varieties

Growth rate: differs across varieties

Maintenance: moderate

Differs across varieties

Flowering evergreen

There are two main rhododendrons, the Pacific and the Catawba. The Pacific does well in full sun to part shade, while the Catawba does better in part to full shade. Some varieties grow extremely fast while others grow less than an inch annually.



Drift Rose

Zones 5-10

Size: 2' tall, 3' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: moderate to high

Full to part sun

Flowering shrub

Drift roses are deer resistant. While not necessary, the removal of spent flowers will help to promote a longer bloom time. A smaller rose with a mounting, spreading habit can make an excellent border or give a small space a lot of impact.



Apricot Drift Rose

Zones 5-10

Size: 2' tall, 3' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: moderate to high

Full to part sun

Flowering shrub

Drift roses are deer resistant. These plants tend to bloom all summer long but spent flowers should be removed from the plant. This isn't as crucial as other roses. Beautiful plants to give that little push your bed needs.



Pink Drift Rose

Zones 5-10

Size: 2' tall, 3' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: Moderate to high

Full to part sun

Flowering shrub

While not as crucial as other roses, removing spent flowers is beneficial to drift roses. They tend to bloom all summer but removing spent flowers can increase flower production. Deer and disease resistant.



Knockout Rose

Zones 5-9

Size: 3-4' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate (2' per year)

Maintenance: moderate to high

Full to part sun

Flowering shrub

“Knockout rose” refers to a line of cultivated varieties of roses that come in a litany of colors. Knockout roses are considered self-cleaning so there it is not necessary to remove the spent flowers. They are also disease resistant, but not deer resistant. They will rebloom multiple times throughout the growing season.



Miracle on the Hudson Rose

Zones 3-9

Size: 3-5' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: Moderate

Full to part sun

Flowering shrub

Lightly scented, deer and disease resistant. This rose will bloom and rebloom from spring until fall and is considered self-cleaning, so dead heading is not necessary. Prune in early spring.



Russian Sage

Zones 5-9

Size: 3-5' tall, 2-4' wide

Growth rate: moderate to fast

Maintenance: low to moderate

Full sun

Flowering shrub

Deer and pest resistance, as well as drought tolerance makes this a perfect selection for rock gardens. Russian sage has the tendency to spread through suckers. Can be cut to two inches above the soil level to help control size and spread.



Downy Serviceberry

Zones 4-9

Size: 15-25' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Flowering shrub

Also called juneberries, this deer resistant native plant is beneficial to pollinators and people with the edible berries. The large shrub will have white, mildly fragrant flowers in spring, followed by dark berries in June, then a stunning red hue in fall. Will attract birds and pollinators.



Spirea

Zones 4-8

Size: dependent on variety

Growth rate: moderate to fast

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Flowering shrub

Deer resistant. Too little sun will diminish the number of blooms. Pruning isn't necessary, however shrubs will benefit from sucker removal and pruning of old wood after blooming have finished for the growing season.



Goldmound Spirea

Zones 3-8

Size: 2-3' tall, 3-4' wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Flowering shrub

Deer resistant. Trimming faded blooms will prolong bloom time. Flowers develop on new wood. Pruning is typically only done to deadhead and remove suckers.



Magic Carpet Spirea

Zones 4-9

Size: 18-24" tall, 24" wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Flowering shrub

Deer resistant. Trimming faded blooms will prolong bloom time. Its leaves will transition from red to gold as they mature. Good alternative to goldmound spirea if the space is lacking.



Neon Flash Spirea

Zones 4-9
Size: 3' tall and wide
Growth rate: fast
Maintenance: low
Full sun
Flowering shrub

Deadheading will promote a longer bloom time. Neon Flash sports a bright pinkish purple flower late spring through summer. Flowers develop on new wood, so if pruning is desired, do so in early spring. Pruning is unnecessary.



Dwarf Blue Spruce

Zones 2-8
Size: 3-5' tall, 5-6' wide
Growth rate: slow
Maintenance: low
Full to part sun
Evergreen

Also called Globosa blue spruce, this lacks the pyramidal shape of the wild form tree. To avoid an increased risk for disease, plant in full to part sun. The blue cast of the needles gives additional interest to your landscape and a nice break from green plants.



Bird's Nest Spruce

Zones 3-8

Size: 3-4' tall, 6-8' wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Evergreen

This deer resistant shrub provides winter interest with its evergreen needles and mounded growth habit. The sunken middle and raised branch tips make it resemble a birds nest!



Virginia Sweetspire

Zones 5-9

Size: 2-3' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate to fast

Maintenance:

Full to part sun or filtered sun

Flowering shrub

Come fall, this shrub reveals its stunning red hidden in the leaves. The fragrant white flowers attract butterflies. A great deer resistant addition to any garden.



Korean Spice Viburnum

Zones 4-7

Size: 6' tall and wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: moderate

Full sun to part shade

Flowering shrub

Blooms on the previous year's wood, so prune directly after flowering to preserve the floral display for the next season. Flowers bloom in spring and produce a sweet aroma. In fall, the leaves will reveal a wonderful reddish orange.



Mariesi Viburnum

Zones 5-8

Size: 10-12' tall, 12-15' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun to part shade

Flowering shrub

Pruning should be done immediately after flowering to preserve the flower display for the following year. Tolerates a variety of soil conditions, but grows best in loam. Deer resistant while still attracting birds and butterflies to your landscape.

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Astilbe

Zones 4-8

Growth rate:

Sun to part sun

Size: 3' tall, 18-30" wide

Maintenance: low to medium

Flowering perennial

Astilbe is deer resistant and attracts birds while also holding the potential to be a cut flower. Astilbe will bloom in spring and summer. In addition to their beautiful, fountain like blooms, this plant has an interesting leaf to provide additional textures. The flowers come in a variety of colors.



Ajuga

Zones 4-10

Size: under 6", spreading

Growth rate:

Maintenance: low

Sun to shade

Groundcover

Not only is Ajuga deer resistant, but it is also drought tolerant. This groundcover is a fun alternative to plants like English ivy. Also called Bugelweed.



Amber Waves Coral Bells

Zones 4-8

Size: 8-18" tall, 12-24" wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun to full shade

Herbaceous perennial

This is one of the few varieties that can tolerate full sun, though it performs best in part shade. If planted in full sun, additional watering is crucial. Deadheading will promote a longer bloom time. This variety sports leaves ranging from yellow to light orange.



Caramel Coral Bells

Zones 4-9

Size: 8"-1' tall, 1-2' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Part to full shade

Herbaceous perennial

The flowers can draw in hummingbirds and butterflies to the landscape while still being deer resistant. While it is possible to grow this variety in full sun, additional waterings will be required. Leaves emerge a very dull red in spring and mature to an attractive apricot by summer. A very unique plant indeed!



Fire Chief Coral Bells

Zones 4-9

Size: 1-2' tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Part sun to shade

Herbaceous perennial

This variety will rebloom through the season and provide interesting foliage from spring until fall. The leaves emerge a bright red in spring and mature to a deeper red, bordering on maroon in summer and fall. Deer resistant and may draw in butterflies with its flowers.



Midnight Rose Coral Bells

Zones 4-9

Size: 10-24" tall and wide

Growth rate: Moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun to shade

Herbaceous perennial

One of the few coral bells that can tolerate full sun, this lovely little plant boasts nearly black leaves and deer resistance. If the flowers are left on the plant, butterflies will be drawn to the landscape. Though it tolerates full sun, it does best in part shade. If grown in full sun, additional waterings will be necessary. If grown in full shade, dry soils are best.



Purple Coneflower

Zones 3-8

Size: 2-5' tall 1-2' wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: moderate

Full to part sun

Herbaceous perennial

A deer resistant north American native. The flowers can be deadheaded or left to set seed to attract birds to your landscape in addition to the pollinators. These sure are a summer garden staple.



Sombbrero Sangrita Coneflower

Zones 4-9

Size: 18-20" tall, 22-24" wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: moderate

Full sun to part shade

Herbaceous perennial

A beautiful orange variety of the traditional purple coneflower, this deer resistant variety can be deadheaded or left to allow seed heads to form. If seed heads are left alone, songbirds will be drawn to the landscape in order to eat the seeds. Pollinators will be attracted to the brilliant orange flowers.



Coreopsis

Zones 2-11

Size: 2-4' tall, 1-2' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Flowering perennial

Several cultivars available. Drought tolerant, deer resistant. Deadheading will prolong bloom time, however if seed heads are left on, birds will stop to eat the seeds.



Daylily

Zones 3-9

Size 2-2.5' tall and wide

Growth rate: low

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Flowering Perennial

Deadheading can promote a longer bloom time. When winter comes, leaving the dead foliage on the plant can help insulate it against the cold. Remove dead materials in late winter or early spring.



Blue Fescue Grass

Zones 4-8

Size: 9-12" tall, 6-9" wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: low

Full sun

Grass

If the seed heads are left on the plant, there is a possibility for the grass to self-seed and spread. Remove the seed heads if spreading is not wanted. Trim the grass to an inch above the soil when blades die back in winter to promote a fuller, nicer specimen in spring.



Hakone Grass 'All Gold'

Zones 4-9

Size: 12-18" tall, 24" wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Partial shade

Grass

Not many grasses can survive and thrive in shady conditions, but this one can. This variety is low maintenance, only requiring the removal of dead blades in late fall or early spring. Resists pests, diseases, and deer.



Japanese Sedge Grass

Zones 5-9

Size: 12-18" tall, 18-24" wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Part to full shade

Grass

All this grass needs to be kept looking neat and attractive is a spring cleanup. Deer tolerant and semi-deciduous, this plant offers year round interest.



Hosta

Zones: 3-9

Size: 6-48" tall, 10"-6' wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Shade to part shade

Herbaceous perennial

Perhaps infamously not deer resistant, that doesn't stop hostas from being one of the most popular shade garden plants. There are measures one can take to protect them. Extremely easy to grow.



Creeping Jenny

Zones 4-9

Size: 2-4" tall, 12-18" wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: moderate

Full sun

Groundcover

Deer resistant, some forms are invasive and banned in certain states. The yellow forms are typically exempt, as they do not escape cultivation as often and do not appear to be a problem.



Lily of the Valley

Zones 3-8

Size: 6-12" tall, 9-12" wide

Growth rate: low

Maintenance: low

Sun to shade

Flowering perennial

Blooms best in partial shade with protection from afternoon sun. Will spread and can be used as a groundcover. Digging them up is the best way to keep them contained in a smaller area. Fragrant white blooms appear in spring.



Liriope Emerald Goddess

Zones 4-10

Size: 9-18" tall 12-24" wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: low to moderate

Full to part sun

Flowering evergreen perennial

Liriope has escaped cultivation and is considered invasive in multiple states including Virginia and South Carolina, among others. Consider alternatives like spreading sedge (*Carex laxiculmis*), great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*) or dwarf crested iris (*Iris cristata*). Creeping groundcover will spread to encompass an area.



Pachysandra

Zones 4-8

Size: 6-12" tall and wide

Growth rate: slow

Maintenance: low

Full to part shade

Evergreen groundcover

Pachysandra might be the most resilient groundcover there is. Tolerant of a variety of soil conditions and thriving in shade, this is the one to choose if it seems nothing else is working. Small white flowers will appear in early spring. Evergreen and deer resistant.



May Night Salvia

Zones 4-8

Size: 1.5-2' tall, 101.5' wide

Growth rate: fast

Maintenance: low to moderate

Full sun

Herbaceous perennial

This variety is known for its bright, bold flowers. If the spent flowers are removed, the bloom time will be extended to the end of summer into fall. Deer resistant and pollinator friendly. Drought tolerant once established. This variety blooms earlier than other salvias, beginning their display at the end of May.



Autumn Joy Sedum

Zones 4-11

Size: 18-24" tall and wide

Growth rate: moderate

Maintenance: low

Full to part sun

Flowering perennial

As a succulent, this plant isn't very demanding of water. Beautiful flowers are borne above the foliage. The flowers start out a lovely pink and gradually darken to a red in fall. Blooms begin in summer and persist through fall.