

T. 'Sinonome' – Glossy, green foliage accentuates the upright-facing maroon-spotted, white flowers. The vase-shaped clump will spread to form large colonies. 24".

☺ **T. 'Togen'** – Hybrid selection with gigantic foliage. Large orchid-lavender flowers have yellow centers and are unspotted. 36".

T. 'Tricolor' – Tiny purple flowers in late summer over pink, white and green foliage. 18".

T. formosana 'Gilt Edge' – Star-shaped, dark rose flowers and white spots. The green leaves are edged in yellow. 12".

T. birta 'Alba' – Pure white flowers bloom over dark green, spotted foliage. 20-40".

☺ **T. b. 'Miyazaki'** – Hairy Toad Lily. Large, leafy clumps of handsome, arching foliage. Orchid-like, light pink, lilac-spotted, 1" flowers bloom in terminal clusters along arching stems in late summer to early fall. 24".

☺ **T. latifolia 'Green Leopard'** – This unique cultivar has primrose yellow flowers with purple spots. Blooms in the summer, earlier than most other toadlilies. Large glossy green leaves along arching stems. 20".

T. macropoda – White, drooping petals have light purple spotting. Blooms in late summer. 3'.

☺ **Trillium grandiflorum** ◐ ●

Large-flowered Trillium

Large, pure white flowers sometimes fade to light pink. Flowers are open, cup-shaped over dark green, rounded leaves. It has a vigorous and clump-forming growth habit. 10-12". Zones 4-7.

Uvularia grandiflora ◐ ● ◐ ◐ ◐

Largeflower Bellwort

Bell-shaped, drooping yellow flowers bloom on a very graceful plant, April – May. Handsome fruit. 16". Zones 3-9.

SHRUBS

Shrubs are great when used as "structural" support in the garden. They offer spectacular flowering, foliage, and textural characteristics throughout the year.

Acanthopanax eleuthrococcus
'Variegatus' ○ ◐ ●

Variegated Fiveleaf Aralia

Leaves are bordered in creamy white. Tolerant of dry soils and extremely hardy. Tolerates polluted conditions and makes a superb screen or barrier plant because of nodal spines. 6'-8' with a 5'-7' spread. Zones 4-8.

☺ **Aesculus parviflora** ○ ◐ ◐

Bottlebrush Buckeye

This slowly spreading, multistemmed shrub has large, dark green leaves that turn yellow in fall. Cylindrical white panicles create a bottlebrush effect when flowering in midsummer. Site in moist, well-drained soils. 8-12'. Zones 4-8.

Aronia ○ ◐

Chokeberry

Excellent four-season interest; does well with evergreens or in a naturalized garden.

A. arbutifolia 'Brilliantissima' – Adaptable, attractive shrub with upright habit, 6-8' tall. Tolerant of shade, but best in full sun. Small white flowers and brilliant red fruits. Scarlet autumn foliage. Zones 5-8.

☺ **A. melanocarpa 'Autumn Magic'** – Fragrant white flowers in May are followed by clusters of dark purple-black

edible berries that last through the season. Dark green glossy foliage turns to brilliant reds and purples in the fall. Adaptable to most soil types. This upright grower reaches 3-5' tall and 2-4' wide. Zones 3-9.

A. m. 'Viking' – Black Chokeberry. White flowers bloom in spring. Produces black berries. The glossy green foliage turns red in the fall. 3-6'.

Buddleja davidii ○

Butterfly Bush

This summer-flowering shrub has 4-10" panicles of fragrant flowers and arching branches. Extremely adaptable, but prefers sunny locations and fertile soil. Generally freezes back in colder climates and flowers on new wood, so prune to the ground in early spring for increased stem and flower production. Deadhead to keep the blossoms coming. Zones 5-9.

☺ **B. 'Bicolor'** – Produces yellow and pink flowers on the same panicle. A hybrid cultivar selected by Michael Dirr. 6-8'.

B. d. 'Adokeep' – Adonis Blue™ species Butterfly Bush. Deep blue flowers bloom on a compact plant. 4-5'.

B. d. 'Attraction' – A newer introduction by Michael Dirr, it is the closest to true red in flower color of any *Buddleja*. The flower buds are purple, opening to reddish flowers. 6-8'.

B. d. 'Black Knight' – Not truly black, but the darkest of all. Deep velvety-purple flowers appear on a vigorous shrub. 6-8'.

B. d. 'Peakeep' – Peacock™ Butterfly Bush. Pink flowers bloom on compact plant. 4-5'.

☺ **B. d. 'Pink Delight'** – The best true pink flowers. 4-5'.

Buxus ○

Boxwood

Boxwood is delightful whether used as a formal hedge or an accent in a shrub or mixed border. These broadleaf evergreens are very carefree and are free of serious pests or diseases. Zones 5-8.

B. 'Glencoe' – Chicagoland Green®. A Chicagoland Grows® introduction with a dense, broad-oval habit. Medium green foliage maintains excellent color throughout the year. 3-4'.

B. 'Wilson' – Northern Charm™ Boxwood. This compact variety has a bluish hue to it in the summer and turns bronze-green in the winter. A Chicagoland Grows® introduction. 2-3'.

Callicarpa dichotoma ○

Beautyberry

A deciduous shrub with a dense, upright growth habit, it produces soft pink flowers. Zones 5-8.

C. d. 'Albifructus' – White Fruited Beautyberry. The pink flowers and the white fruit in the fall make a nice combination in the landscape. 4-6'.

C. d. 'Issai' – Small, purple flowers appear in June, followed by purple berries in the fall. A nice arching growth habit. 3-4'.

Calycanthus floridus ○

Carolina Allspice

A trouble-free, dense, bushy shrub with glossy, dark green leaves. Foliage turns yellow in the fall. Dark reddish-brown, 2" flowers, produced in May and sporadically into June – July, are extremely fragrant (spicy!) and are followed by brown, urn-shaped seedpods similar to a fig. Prune immediately after flowering as flowers form on current season's growth and wood of previous season. Adaptable to acid and alkaline soils, but prefers deep, moist loam. Reaching 6-9'

tall, it spreads 6-12'. Grows larger in shade. Zones 4-9.

Caryopteris × clandonensis ○ 

Blue Spirea/Bluebeard

This compact shrub grows 3-4' tall and has silver-green foliage. Sky blue flowers bloom in late summer. Needs well-drained soil. Cut these back close to the ground every year in late winter or early spring. Zones 5-9, unless noted otherwise.

C. × c. 'Blue Mist' – A compact shrub with light blue flowers. Long bloom time. 2-3'.

☺ **C. × c. 'First Choice'** – Deep cobalt-blue flowers on erect stems. Rounded habit. 3'.

C. × c. 'Longwood Blue' – Produces bright blue flowers from summer until fall. The silver-green foliage has an airy look to it. 2-4'.

C. incana 'Jason' – Sunshine Blue™ Bluebeard. Bright yellow foliage with amethyst blue flowers. 3-5'.

☺ ***Cercis canadensis***
'Covey' ○ 

Lavender Twist Redbud

A small weeping tree with twisting stems and green, heart-shaped leaves, its pink flowers bloom March – Apr. This hard-to-find tree grows from 8-10'. Tolerates drought.

Chaenomeles ○ 

Flowering Quince

This small, broad, early-flowering shrub has 1-2" flowers that appear on old wood in April before lustrous green leaves emerge, followed by green, apple-like fruit. Adapts well to a wide range of soil conditions, even doing well in dry situations. Zones 4-8.

C. japonica 'Cameo' – Double, light peach flowers bloom in spring. The green, apple-like fruits are often used in jams. 4-5'.

☺ ***Chionanthus virginicus*** ○ 

Fringetree

Creamy white, slightly fragrant flowers bloom in spring. Petals look like little fringes. The small fruits ripen to blue-black in late summer and are a food source for birds. Likes average, medium wet, well-drained soil. 12-20'. Zones 3-9.

Clethra alnifolia ○ 

Summersweet/Sweet Pepperbush

This small shrub blooms in July – Aug., when a sweet, spicy fragrance fills the garden. Upright stems have 4-6" spires of small, white flowers. Foliage turns yellow to golden-brown in fall. Tolerates wet conditions, drought and salt. Zones 4-9.

C. a. 'Ruby Spice' – Rich pink flowers hold their color. 5-8'.

C. a. 'Sixteen Candles' – An improved selection of *C. a.* 'Hummingbird', it has a dense habit with larger, more fragrant flowers. 2-3'.

Cornus ○  

Dogwood

Nothing stands out in winter and early spring like the red or yellow stems of these dogwood selections. Zones 3-7, unless noted otherwise.

C. alba 'Bailhalo' – Ivory Halo® Dogwood. Compact, rounded shrub has attractive white, variegated foliage and retains its color well in summer. Bright red stems. 5-6'.

C. sericea 'Alleman's Compact' – Great color for every season! White flowers bloom in late spring on this compact shrub. Red berries develop in autumn. Its deep red stems stand out in winter. 4-5'.

☺ **C. s. 'Cardinal'** – The green foliage turns red-purple in the fall. In winter, the orange-red twigs brighten up the gloomy season. 6-9'.

☺ **C. s. 'Hedgegrows Gold'** – Bright yellow and green variegated leaves. Red stems in winter. White flowers bloom from May – June. 6'.

Cotinus ○

Smoketree

This upright, spreading shrub has a rather open habit. Large panicles of flowers bloom in midsummer. May die back to the ground each winter, but quickly develop into fine specimens the next season. Zones 5-8.

☺ **C. 'Grace'** – The foliage is burgundy, with 3-6" leaves turning to burgundy-tinged green, then brilliant red-orange-yellow in autumn. Large, waxy pink panicles. 10-15'.

☺ **C. 'Nordine'** – One of the hardiest purple-leaved forms of *Cotinus*, its foliage turns red in the fall. Large, red "smoke" fruiting structures appear in midsummer. 8-10'.

Cotoneaster ○▶

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☺ **C. apiculatus 'Tom Thumb'** – A truly dwarf selection, this not only is small in stature—even the foliage is dwarfed! The plant has shiny green leaves on thin stems that radiate from the center of the plant. A slow grower, it reaches only 1-2' tall and can spread to 3-6' over time. Zones 4-7.

Deutzia × hybrida ○

Deutzia

This upright, rounded, deciduous shrub performs best in well-drained soils.

☺ **D. gracilis 'Nikko'** – Abundant white flowers appear in late spring-early summer on this small shrub. 2'. Zones 4-8.

Forsythia ○▶

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Zones 5-8, unless otherwise noted.

☺ **F. 'Courtasol'** – Gold Tide™ Forsythia. This low-growing cultivar is used as a ground cover. Yellow flowers bloom in early spring. 24-30".

F. 'New Hampshire Gold' – In spring, the yellow flowers will appear before the foliage with purple-red fall color. Low maintenance. Can be used in containers. 5'.

F. × 'Fiesta' – A compact and vigorous grower, this plant has variegated yellow-green foliage. Golden flowers appear before the foliage in late winter. 2-3'.

Fothergilla ○▶●

Fothergilla

Fragrant white flower clusters bloom in bottlebrush-shaped spikes. Prefers well-drained soil. No serious pests or diseases.

F. gardenii 'Mount Airy' – Creamy white flowers appear in late spring. Blue-green foliage turns orange-yellow in autumn. 4-6'. Zones 5-8.

Hamamelis ○▶

Witch Hazel

☺ **H. × intermedia 'Arnold Promise'** – Yellow, lemon-scented blooms. The large flowers curl up more than other varieties. Blooms in March. Fall foliage turns orange, red, and yellow. 10-11'.

H. × i. 'Diane' – A nice change from the normal witch hazel, 'Diane' has crimson-red flowers and orange, red, and yellow fall color. 8-10'.

Hydrangea ○▶

Hydrangea

All species are excellent in combination with evergreens. Zones 3-9, unless noted otherwise.

☺ ***H. macrophylla* 'Bits of Lace'** –

This new cultivar is similar to *H.* 'Lanarth White', but maintains its pink lacecap without reverting to blue. Glossy green foliage. 3-4'.

***H. m.* 'Big Daddy'** – Flower heads of 12-14" blue or pink flowers (depending on the soil pH) distinguish this cultivar. It performs well in sun and shade. 5-6'.

☺ ***H. m.* 'Endless Summer'** – This cultivar produces flower buds on the current season's growth. Blue or pink flowers (depending on the soil pH) bloom from late spring to early fall. A slow grower, it has a rounded habit. 3-5'.

☺ ***H. m.* 'Light-o-Day'** – This new cultivar has variegated foliage. Lacecap-type flowers range from pink to blue depending on pH. 3-4'.

***H. paniculata* 'Bulk'** – Quick Fire™ Hydrangea. This hydrangea blooms a month earlier than other varieties. White flowers age to deep pink. 6-8'.

☺ ***H. p.* 'Limelight'** – Late Panicle Hydrangea. Glowing, chartreuse colored flower panicles bloom over rich green foliage. Blooms in late summer. 6'.

***H. p.* 'Pink Diamond'** – Chartreuse buds open to 12" white conical blossoms in July – Aug., aging to bright pink. 4-6'.

☺ ***H. p.* 'DVPinky'** – Pinky Winky™ Hydrangea. A combination of pink and white flowers bloom on extra large panicles. 6-8'.

***H. p.* 'Unique'** – Large, conical white flower heads appear in late summer. It is a bit earlier-blooming than others. Flowers turn a pinkish-bronze in autumn. 6-8'.

***H. quercifolia* 'Alice'** – An oakleaf hydrangea, this features long, creamy white inflorescences. Blooms turn a rose-pink upon maturity. The green foliage turns burgundy-red in the fall. 12'.

Hypericum ○▶

St. John's Wort

***H. androsaemum* 'Albury Purple'** – Rich, velvety purple leaf tips. Yellow flowers bloom in early to midsummer with dark red fruits. Low mounding habit. 1-2'. Zone 6, possibly 5 with protection.

***H. calycinum* 'Brigadoon'** – Great color for your shade garden! Foliage is yellow-chartreuse. Produces small golden flowers. Prefers moist soils. 3'.

☺ ***H.* 'Hidcote'** – This low, spreading semievergreen shrub has foliage topped by fragrant yellow flowers from June – Oct. Foliage changes to burgundy color in autumn. 3-5'. Zones 5-8.

Kerria japonica ○▶●

Japanese Kerria

This shrub performs well in drier sites. Very easy to grow and pest-free, it's known for its zig-zagging slender branches, which remain bright green throughout the year. Yellow fall color, green stems. Shade tolerant. Zones 5-9.

☺ ***K. j.* 'Honshu'** – The yellow flowers are larger and fuller than the species. 3'.

***K. j.* 'Picta'** – Upright arching plant has rich green leaves with white margins. Single yellow flowers appear in spring. Plant in partial shade to avoid scorch on the foliage in midsummer. Matures to 3-6' tall and wide.

☺ ***Morus alba* 'Nana'** ○▶

Dwarf Mulberry

Deeply lobed leaves are similar to that of a Japanese Maple. This plant is extremely small, reaching only 15" in height. Small black fruits are produced in summer.

Philadelphus × virginalis ○ ◐

Mockorange

This deciduous shrub is grown for its fragrant flowers. Needs well drained soil. Frost hardy.

P. × v. 'Minnesota Snowflake' –

White double flowers have a slight fragrance. Dwarf and compact growth habit. 3-5'.

Physocarpus opulifolius ○

Ninebark

Ornamental, peeling bark and great foliage color makes these shrubs a great addition to any garden.

P. o. 'Dart's Gold' – This compact shrub has yellow foliage and white flowers in summer. 4-5'. Zones 2-7.

P. o. 'Seward' – Summer Wine®
Ninebark. Distinctive dark crimson-red foliage and pinkish-white flowers in summer. 5-6'. Zones 2-7.

☺ ***Picea glauca 'Conica'*** ○

Dwarf Alberta Spruce

This miniature evergreen grows only 2-4" a year. Cone-shaped. Bright green, compact foliage. Wonderful in patio containers. 7'.

☺ ***Pieris japonica 'Purity'*** ◐

Japanese Pieris

The best and latest blooming varieties in spring, these have beautiful clusters of white flowers and green foliage. Compact growth habit. Prefers moist, acidic soils. 3-4'.

Potentilla fruticosa ○ ◐ 

Cinquefoil

This compact, bushy deciduous shrub bears yellow flowers. Zones 3-7.

P. f. 'UMan' – Mango Tango™
Cinquefoil. Bicolor flowers. Petals are

yellow and centers of flowers are orange and red. The reds deepen as the weather cools. 2'. Zones 2-7.

P. f. 'Pink Beauty' – Clear pink flowers bloom over medium-green foliage. Floriferous. 2'.

Rhododendron ○ ◐

Rhododendron/Azalea

Rhododendrons grow best in a cool, moist climate with acid soil. In the Chicago area, the Lepidotes (small-leaved *Rhododendrons*) are usually a more appropriate choice, provided the right site and planting instructions are considered. As a rule, they set flower buds early, have attractive summer and fall foliage, retain a fair measure of leaves in winter, have a resistance to black vine weevil and root rot, withstand pruning, and exhibit an abundance of flowers in April – May.

Ideal site conditions: Protect from strong winds, provide excellent drainage, and plant high. Container plants should be planted with one-third of the root base exposed. Plant away from shallow-rooted trees. Acidic soil is required. Some sun is needed and desirable to develop flower buds and encourage compact growth (avoid southern exposures). Never cultivate around rhododendrons.

Northern Lights Series – Lights Azalea Hybrids

Attractive small, deciduous shrubs have a compact form. Flower buds are hardy to -35+°F. Requires acid soil and adequate moisture. Blooms late May to early June. Zones 4-7.

R. 'Golden Lights' – Small, warm yellow flowers. Excellent mildew resistance. 4-5'.

R. 'Mandarin Lights' – Bright orange flowers before the foliage emerges. 4-5'.

R. 'Northern Hi-Lights' – Creamy white blossoms with yellow upper lip petals. Deep green foliage. 4-4½'.

R. 'Rosy Lights' – Deliciously fragrant, dark rosy-pink flowers. 4-5'.

Rhus copallina* var. *latifolia
'Morton' ○ ◐

Prairie Flame™ Shining Sumac

A Chicagoland Grows® introduction. A dwarf form with glossy summer foliage and red-orange fall color. Creamy white flowers bloom in July. No fruit or seed is produced. Due to its spreading nature, this selection is excellent for massing and erosion control on slopes. Superb heat and drought resistance. Very adaptable, but prefers slightly acidic, well-drained soils. Reaches a mature size of 4-6'. Zones 4-9.

R. typhina 'Bailtiger' – Tiger Eyes® Cutleaf Staghorn Sumac. Chartreuse foliage turns golden yellow upon maturity. Rosy-pink leaf stems. Yellow-orange fall color. 6'.

☺ ***Salix integra* 'Hakuro Nishiki'** ◐ ◑
Willow

This small, mounded plant has light green leaves with a mottled creamy white and pink variegation on new growth. Prune to increase foliage variegation. Prefers moist soils. 3-5'. Zones 5-8.

Sambucus ○ ◐ ◑

European Elder

Adaptable to most soil conditions. Fast growing. Zones 5-7.

☺ ***S. nigra* 'Eva'** – Black Lace™ Sambucus. Deeply serrated, purple-black leaves. Large, light pink flowers bloom in June. A great alternative to the Japanese Maple. 6-8'.

☺ ***Stephandra* 'Crispa'** ◐ ◑
Cutleaf Stephandra

Small, creamy white flowers bloom on thin zig-zagging branches. Blooms in June. Compact growth habit. Can be used as a ground cover or low foundation plant. 1-2'.

Syringa ○ ◐ ◑

Lilac

Valued for dense, colorful blooms. Generally 8-16' high and 6-15' wide. Zones 3-7.

S. 'Bailbelle' – Tinkerbelle™ Lilac. The first introduction from the Fairytale series, this is a compact grower with wine-colored buds opening to spicy-scented, deep pink flowers that last for almost two weeks in May. 5-6'.

S. vulgaris 'Krasavitsa Moskv' ('Beauty of Moscow') – Lavender-rose flower buds open to creamy white double flowers. Vigorous and upright habit. 10-12'.

S. v. 'Sensation' – Blossoms of smaller, bi-colored, single florets. Deep purple buds open to creamy margined purple flowers. 8-10'.

S. v. 'Wedgewood Blue' – Pink flowerbuds open to large, blue blossoms. Extremely fragrant. 6'.

S. × *hyacinthiflora* 'Pocahontas' – This selection is covered with purple-maroon buds that open to deep violet flowers. 10'.

Viburnum ○ ◐ ◑

Viburnum

Deciduous, multi-stemmed shrubs. The following selections have been chosen for their proven superiority. Extremely fragrant flowers and/or exceptional fruit and fall color display. Adaptable to a broad spectrum of soil conditions, but avoid extremely wet locations. No serious insect or disease problems.

V. dentatum 'Morton' – Northern Burgundy Arrowwood Viburnum. A Chicagoland Grows® introduction. Upright-rounded habit with moderately glossy, dark green foliage. Creamy white flowers appear in June, followed by clusters of blue-black fruit in late Sept. – Oct. Fall color is a blend of wine-red and burgundy. Reaches 12' tall with a 10-12' spread. Zones 3-8.

V. sargentii 'Onondaga' – Sargent Viburnum. This upright plant has leaves that open dark bronze-purple before slowly aging to green. Dark reddish-pink flower buds open to bold, flat clusters of creamy white lacecap flowers with dark pink centers in early summer. Attractive purple-red foliage in fall. 6'. Zones 3-8.

V. trilobum 'J. N. Select' – Redwing™ American Cranberrybush Viburnum. Selected for its great form, growth rate, and red-tinged new foliage. White flowers appear in mid- to late May and give way to clusters of bright red fruit from late fall into early winter. Autumn foliage varies from bright red to wine-red. A true *V. trilobum*, not a hybrid as are most other cultivars in the trade. 8-10' tall with a spread of 6-8'. Zones 2-7.

☺ **V. x juddi** – Judd Viburnum. This hybrid has a rounded habit and dark green foliage. Very fragrant dark pink to white flowers bloom in spring. Reaches 6-8' tall and 4-6' wide. Zones 4-8.

Weigela ○ 

Weigela

This dense, upright, rounded shrub has 1" flowers in May – June. Flowering continues sporadically throughout the summer, with a rebloom in the fall. Very adaptable and pollution tolerant. Pruning may be necessary to maintain a consistently uniform habit. Zones 5-8.

W. florida 'Courtalor' – Newly introduced from France, this long bloomer

features pink, white and red showy flowers. 4-5'.

W. f. 'Ruby Queen' – A semidwarf weigela, this has a compact growth habit. Burgundy foliage in early summer with light pink flowers. Deer resistant. 2'.

☺ **W. f. 'Shining Sensation'** – Shiny, wine-red foliage extends from spring to fall. The arching branches are adorned with pink flowers in spring and summer. 5-6'.

VINES

Vertical gardening—the new passion! Vines are lovely for ornamental and practical uses. Plant different varieties together. They are beautiful on a trellis, fence, or barren wall. Great for downtown patios or small backyards.

Actinidia kolomikta
'Arctic Beauty' ○

Kolomikta Kiwi

This prolific climber is related to the common kiwi, but is hardier. Grown for its decorative foliage, the 3-5" leaves are variegated white and pink. 10-12'. Zones 4-8.

Campsis ○ 

Trumpet Vine

Fast-growing vigorous vine. Fronds of dark green foliage emerge in late spring and become golden-yellow in autumn. Special supports, such as a trellis or wire strung every 18-24", are necessary—even though the stems are strong and upright. May also be allowed to ramble along the ground, fences and trellises, eventually reaching 30', but can best be kept smaller by pruning in early spring. Ordinary soil. Flowers best in a sunny spot, but will tolerate part shade. Zones 4-9.

C. radicans 'Flamenco' – Darker green foliage with very attractive clus-