

Plants for Winter Interest

Deciduous Trees

Common Name(s)	<i>Genus</i>	<i>Species</i>	Cultivar or Variant	Native or Non-Native
Interesting Shapes				
Japanese Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>japonica</i>	Laceleaf	Non-Native
Weeping Larch	<i>Larix</i>	<i>decidua</i>	Pendula	Non-Native
Pyramidal Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur</i>	Fastigiata	Non-Native
Columnar Beech	<i>Fagus</i>	<i>sylvatica</i>	Red Obelisk, Dawyck Purple	Non-Native
Weeping Beech	<i>Fagus</i>	<i>sylvatica</i>	Purple Fountain	Non-Native
Berry Bearers				
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier</i>	<i>arborea or canadensis</i>		Native
Chokecherry	<i>Prunus</i>	<i>virginiana</i>		Native
Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>	<i>coronaria</i>	Donald Wyman, Jewelcole, and Winter Gold	Native
Mountain Ash	<i>Sorbus</i>	<i>americana or decora</i>	American or Showy	Native
Viburnum	<i>Viburnum</i>	<i>lentago</i>	Nannyberry	Native
Interesting Bark				

Paperbark Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>griseum</i>		Non-Native
Coral Bark Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>palmatum</i>		Non-Native
Sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar</i>	<i>styraciflua</i>		Non-Native
Stewartia	<i>Stewartia</i>	<i>pseudocamellia</i>		Non-Native
Seven Son Tree	<i>Heptacodium</i>	<i>miconioides</i>		Non-Native
White Birch	<i>Betula</i>	<i>papyrifera</i>		Native
Poplar	<i>Populus</i>	<i>tremuloides</i>	Trembling Aspen	Native
Sycamore Tree	<i>Platanus</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	American Sycamore	Native
Fox Valley River Birch	<i>Betula</i>	<i>nigra</i>	Little King	Non-Native
Three Flowered Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>triflorum</i>		Non-Native
Cornelian Cherry	<i>Cornus</i>	<i>mas</i>	Cornelian Cherry Dogwood	Non-Native
Retains Leaves into Winter				
Blackjack Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>marilandica</i>		Non-Native
Stone Mountain Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>georgiana</i>		Non-Native
Pin Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>palustris</i>		Native
Scarlet Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>coccinea</i>		Non-Native
Sawtooth Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>serrata</i>		Non-Native
Chinese Cork Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>variabilis or bungeana</i>		Non-Native
American Beech	<i>Fagus</i>	<i>grandifolia</i>		Native
Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus</i>	<i>caroliniana</i>		Native
Ironwood	<i>Ostrya</i>	<i>virginiana</i>		Native

Deciduous Shrubs

Common Name(s)	Genus	Species	Cultivar or Variant	Native or Non-Native
Dogwood - Tatarian	<i>Cornus</i>	<i>alba</i>	Elegantissima, Ivory Halo, Siberica or Kessleringii	Non-Native
Dogwood - Bunchberry	<i>Cornus</i>	<i>canadensis</i>		Native
Dogwood - Red Osier	<i>Cornus</i>	<i>sericea</i>	Isanti, Flaviramea or Cardinal	Native
Dogwood - Blood Twig	<i>Cornus</i>	<i>sanguinea</i>	Winter Beauty, Midwinter Fire or Annie's Winter Orange	Non-Native
Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus</i>	<i>opulifolius</i>		Native
Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea</i>	<i>paniculata</i>	Panicle	Non-Native
Winterberry	<i>Ilex</i>	<i>verticillata</i>		Native
Sumac	<i>Rhus</i>	<i>typhina</i>	Staghorn	Native
Chokeberry	<i>Aronia</i>	<i>melanocarpa</i>		Native
Beautyberry	<i>Callicarpa</i>	<i>americana</i>		Native
Siberian Peashrub	<i>Caragana</i>	<i>arborescens</i>	Pendula	Non-Native
Corkscrew Hazel	<i>Corylus</i>	<i>avellana</i>	Contorta	Non-Native
Roses	<i>Rosa</i>	<i>sp.</i>		Native and Non-Native
Azalea	<i>Rhododendron</i>	<i>sp.</i>		Non-Native

Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos</i>	<i>albus</i>		Native
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Conifers

Common Name(s)	Genus	Species	Cultivar or Variant	Native or Non-Native
Lacebark Pine	<i>Pinus</i>	<i>bungeana</i>		Non-Native
False Cypress	<i>Chamaecyparis</i>	<i>lawsoniana</i>	Ellwoodii	Non-Native
False Cypress	<i>Chamaecyparis</i>	<i>obtusa</i>	Hinoki - Pigmaea - Nana Gracilis	Non-Native
False Cypress	<i>Chamaecyparis</i>	<i>pisifera</i>	Sawara - Golden Mop Threadleaf	Non-Native
False Cypress	<i>Chamaecyparis</i>	<i>thyoides</i>	Atlantic White Cedar	Non-Native
False Cypress	<i>Chamaecyparis</i>	<i>nootkatensis</i>	Green Arrow, Pendula	Non-Native
Blue Spruce	<i>Picea</i>	<i>pungens</i>	Colorado	Native
Mugo Pine	<i>Pinus</i>	<i>mugo</i>	Dwarf, Gold	Non-Native
Japanese Umbrella Pine	<i>Sciadopitys</i>	<i>verticillata</i>		Non-Native
Birds Nest Spruce	<i>Picea</i>	<i>abies</i>	Nidiformis	Non-Native
Eastern White Cedar	<i>Thuja</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	Emerald	Native
Pine	<i>Pinus</i>	<i>strobus</i>	Eastern White	Native
Spruce	<i>Picea</i>	<i>glauca</i>	White, Alaskan	Native
Macedonia Pine	<i>Pinus</i>	<i>peuce</i>		Non-Native
Norway Spruce	<i>Picea</i>	<i>abies</i>	Acroncona	Non-Native

Korean Fir	<i>Abies</i>	<i>koreana</i>		Non-Native
Common Juniper	<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>communis</i>	Creeping Juniper	Native

Broadleaf Evergreen Shrubs

Common Name(s)	Genus	Species	Cultivar or Variant	Native or Non-Native
Kalm St Johnswort	<i>Hypericum</i>	<i>kalmianum</i>		Eastern Canada Native
Firethorn	<i>Pyracantha</i>	<i>angustifolia,</i> <i>coccinea,</i> <i>koidzumii</i>		Non-Native
Winter Heather	<i>Erica</i>	<i>carnea</i>		Non-Native
Rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron</i>	<i>sp.</i>		Non-Native
Boxwood	<i>Buxus</i>	<i>sempervirens</i>		Non-Native
Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster</i>	<i>apiculatus,</i> <i>acutifolius,</i> <i>horizontalis</i>		Non-Native
Euonymus	<i>Euonymus</i>	<i>fortunei</i>	Wintercreeper	Non-Native
Mountain Laurel	<i>Kalmia</i>	<i>latifolia</i>		Non-Native
Lily of the Valley Shrub	<i>Pieris</i>	<i>japonica</i>		Non-Native
Holly	<i>Ilex</i>	<i>meserveae,</i> <i>crenata</i>		Non-Native

Vining Plants

Common Name(s)	Genus	Species	Cultivar or Variant	Native or Non-Native
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Climbing Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea</i>	<i>anomala subs. petiolaris</i>		Non-Native
Clematis	<i>Clematis</i>	<i>sp.</i>		Native and Non-Native
Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera</i>	<i>brownii, heckrottii, periclymenum</i>	scentsation	Non-Native
Grape Vine	<i>Vitus</i>	<i>vinifera</i>		Non-Native
Virginia Creeper	<i>Pathenocissus</i>	<i>quinquefolia</i>	Engelmannii	Native
Bittersweet	<i>Celastrus</i>	<i>scandens</i>		Native

Perennials

Common Name(s)	Genus	Species	Cultivar or Variant	Native or Non-Native
Joe-Pye Weed	<i>Eupatorium</i>	<i>maculatum</i>	Spotted	Native
Bee Balm	<i>Monarda</i>	<i>didyma</i>		Native
Hollyhock	<i>Alcea</i>	<i>rosea</i>		Non-Native
Delphinium	<i>Delphinium</i>	<i>barbeyi, occidentale, nelsonii</i>		Non-Native
Black Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia</i>	<i>hirta</i>		Native
Blazing Star	<i>Liatris</i>	<i>spicata</i>	Dense Blazing Star	Native
Coneflower	<i>Ratibida</i>	<i>pinnata</i>	Grey Head	Native
Coneflower	<i>Echinacea</i>	<i>purpurea</i>	Purple	Native
Coneflower	<i>Echinacea</i>	<i>pallida</i>	Pale Purple	Native

Coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia</i>	<i>laciniata</i>	Green Headed	Native
Hyssop	<i>Agastache</i>	<i>nepetoides</i>	Yellow Giant	Rare
Tall Phlox	<i>Phlox</i>	<i>paniculata</i>		Native or Non-Native
Rattle Snake Master	<i>Eryngium</i>	<i>yuccifolium</i>		Non-Native
Russian Sage	<i>Salvia</i>	<i>yangii</i>		Non-Native
Sedum	<i>Sedum</i>	<i>sp.</i>		Non-Native

Evergreen Perennials

Common Name(s)	Genus	Species	Cultivar or Variant	Native or Non-Native
Rock Cress	<i>Arabis</i>	<i>alpina</i>		Non-Native
Sea Thrift	<i>Armeria</i>	<i>maritima</i>		Non-Native
Heartleaf Bergenia	<i>Bergenia</i>	<i>cordifolia</i>		Non-Native
Barrenwort	<i>Epimedium</i>	<i>sp.</i>		Non-Native
Christmas Fern	<i>Polystichum</i>	<i>acrostichoides</i>		Non-Native
Sedge	<i>Carex</i>	<i>sp.</i>		Non-Native and Native
Japanese Spurge	<i>Pachysandra</i>	<i>terminalis</i>		Non-Native
Ginger	<i>Hexastylis</i>	<i>arifolia</i>		Non-Native
Hellebores	<i>Helleborus</i>	<i>sp.</i>	Lenten Rose, Christmas Rose	Non-Native
Coral Bells	<i>Heuchera</i>	<i>sp.</i>		Non-Native
Foamflower	<i>Tiarella</i>	<i>cordifolia</i>		Native
Lily turf	<i>Liriope</i>	<i>muscaria</i>		Non-Native

Stonecrop	<i>Sedum</i>	<i>rupestre</i>	Angelina, low growing types	Non-Native
Yucca -Adam's Needle	<i>Yucca</i>	<i>filamentosa</i>		Non-Native

Annuals

Common Name(s)	Genus	Species	Cultivar or Variant	Native or Non-Native
Pansy	<i>Viola</i>	<i>wittrockiana</i>		Non-Native
Ornamental kale	<i>Brassica</i>	<i>oleracea</i>	Pigeon Series (Pink, Red and White)	Non-Native
Regular kale	<i>Brassica</i>	<i>oleracea</i>		Non-Native
Flowering Cabbage	<i>Brassica</i>	<i>oleracea</i>	acephala	Non-Native
Lettuce	<i>Lactuca</i>	<i>sativa</i>		Non-Native
Asters	<i>Aster</i>	<i>sp.</i>		Native or Non-Native
Geranium	<i>Geranium</i>	<i>sp.</i>		Non-Native

Grasses

Common Name(s)	Genus	Species	Cultivar or Variant	Native or Non-Native
Northern Wild Oats	<i>Avena</i>	<i>fatua</i>		Non-Native
Switch Grass	<i>Panicum</i>	<i>virgatum</i>		Native
Karl Foerster Feather Reed	<i>Calamagrostis</i>	<i>acutiflora</i>		Non-Native
Little Bluestem - 2022 Per	<i>Schizachyrium</i>	<i>scoparium</i>		Native
Big Bluestem	<i>Andropogon</i>	<i>gerardii</i>		Native
Northern Sea Oats	<i>Chasmanthium</i>	<i>latifolium</i>		Non-Native

Prairie Dropseed	<i>Sporobolus</i>	<i>heterolepis</i>		Native
Blue Oat Grass	<i>Helictotrichon</i>	<i>sempervirens</i>		Non-Native
Blue Fescue	<i>Festuca</i>	<i>glauca</i>	Elijah Blue	Non-Native
Panicum Heavy Metal Grass	<i>Panicum</i>	<i>virgatum</i>		Native

Clumping versus Sod-
Forming Grass

[Comparison Chart for Ornamental Grasses \(bluestem.ca\)](http://bluestem.ca)