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Buttonbush <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Common (N)  Sugar Shack	Su/Sh	Prefers moist or wet	Bl – white spherical, mid to late summer	6'-12' x 6'-12' 3'-4' x 3'-4'	Zone 3
Daphne, Variegated, <i>Dapne x burkwoodii</i>	Carol Mackie	Su/Sh – morning sun	neutral - acidic	Bl- pale pink, May/June F – variegated Fr - intense	2-3' x 3-4'	Zone 5b – can be borderline, protect from harsh winds
Rock Daphne, <i>Dapne cneorum</i>	Ruby Glow	Su/Sh – morning sun	neutral - acidic	Bl– dark pink, Fr - intense, F– grey green, Fm – spreading, rock gardens W - evergreen	1' x 2'	Zone 5 – protect from winter desiccation
Deutzia, <i>Deutzia gracillis</i>	Chardonnay Pearls	Su/Sh – morning sun preferred	prefers moist humus, adaptable, eventually drought tolerant	Bl – pearl -like buds, white star-like flowers, May/June, Fr, F – S: lemon /lime, Fm – compact, suitable for containers, front of border	3'-4'-3'-4'	Zone 5
Deutzia hybrid, <i>Deutzia X hybrids</i>	Yuki Snowflake Yuki Cherry Blossom	Su – part shade tolerated	prefers moist humus, adaptable, eventually drought tolerant	Bl – crimson buds, pink/ white panicles, May/June, Fr, Fm – arching, renovation pruning recommended after blooming	2'-3' x 2'-3'	Zone 5
Dogwood, Red/ Yellow Twig <i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Arctic Fire, Budd's Yellow Red Osier (N)	Su or Su/ Sh	prefers moist, tolerates dry to standing water; rain gardens	Bl – white clusters, May/ June Br – darkpurple/black, attract birds, W – red or yellow twigs	3 - 5' x 4 - 5'	Zone 3
Dogwood, Tartarian <i>Cornus alba</i> , Asian	Ivory Halo	Su or Su/ Sh	prefers moist, mildly acidic; adaptable.	Bl – white clusters, May/ June F - variegated Br – darkpurple/black, attract birds, W – red twigs, burgundy leaves	3-6' x 3-6', spreads less, root prune to prevent suckering	Zone 4
Elderberry, European or American <i>Sambucus nigra</i> , <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> ,	Black Lace, Lemmon Lace, Common (N)	Su/Sh – morning sun for lighter foliage form	prefers moist, mildly acidic; adaptable.	Bl – showy white or pink clusters, attract butterflies F – S: burgundy/golden/ green, cutleaf - good alternative to Japanese Maples, Br – edible when ripe, good for preserves & wine, attract birds; deep purple or red	6-8' 3-6' 12-15'	Zone 4 -5
Forsythia, compact, <i>Forsythia hybrid</i> , <i>F. ovata</i> (Korean) <i>hybrd</i>	Show Off – Sugar Baby	Su	adaptable	Bl – edible (teas), bright yellow, early spring, before leaf bud, F – F – red to burgundy	1-2' x 2-3'	Zone 5

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Fothergilla, Witch-Hazel family, <i>Fothergilla x intermedia</i> , or <i>F. gardenii x major</i> <a href="http://www.rickdarke.com/Fothergilla.pdf">http://www.rickdarke.com/Fothergilla.pdf</a>	Mount Airy	Su/Sh	prefers moist, mildly acidic	F – S: blue – green, Bl – white bottle -rush, Fr – licorice scent F – F: red - orange	5-6' root prune to prevent suckering	Zone 5 protect from winter dessication
Holly, deciduous, dioecious; Winterberry; <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Female – Berry Nice, Red Sprite (dwarf); Males – Jim Dandy (dwarf)	Su	prefers moist, mildly acidic	Br- red/ orange, attract birds. F – food source for Woolly Bear caterpillar W – persistent berries; Salt tolerant; Deer resistant	7-8' (common, Berry Nice); 2 - 4' (dwarf)  ratio - 1 male to 6 – 9 females	Zone 3
Honeysuckle, Southern Bush, Variegated; <i>Diervilla sessifolia</i>	Cool Splash	Su/Sh – prefers morning sun	adaptable	Bl – creamy yellow, June/ July, attract butterflies & hummingbirds; F-S: variegated	2-3' x 2-3' root prune to prevent suckering	Zone 3-4
Hydrangea, Hardy, Compact; <i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> <a href="http://www.hydrangeashydrangeas.com/paniculata.html">http://www.hydrangeashydrangeas.com/paniculata.html</a>	BoBo Little Lime Little Quick Fire	Su/Sh – prefers sun	moist, well drained; pH adaptable	Bl – white, turning pink; (Lime series – green cast; Quick Fire series – dark pink early); July through September; cut & dried flowers	3' x 4'	Zone 3
Kerria, Japanese; Japanese Rose; <i>Kerria japonica</i>	Pleniflora	Su/Sh – tolerates full shade	Average, tolerates either dry or wet soils	Bl – yellow pom pom; fade in full sun; reblooms spradically. F-S: bright kelly green W – bright green twigs	5-8' x 6-10'	Zone 4
Ninebark; native <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> and <i>spp.</i>	Amber Jubilee, Summer Wine, Little Devil (dwarf) Common (N)	Su/Sh prefers sun	prefers slight acidic; adaptable	Bl- cream/pink clusters, attracts butterflies; Br- burgundy red, attracts birds; F- S: gold – red tones; F-F: colour intensifies, Deer resistant, drought tolerant, W – peeling bark	5 - 10' x 3-4', 4-6' x 4-6', 3-4' x 3-4' 9' x 9'	Zone 3
Roses, Hardy landscape hybrids <i>Rosa</i> x <a href="http://www.starrosesandplants.com/plants/roses">http://www.starrosesandplants.com/plants/roses</a> <a href="http://www.djroger.com/oso_easy_rose.html">http://www.djroger.com/oso_easy_rose.html</a>	Drift – 8 colours Oso Easy – 7 types Knockout – 7 types  singles , semi-doubles, doubles	Su	rich – heavy feeders; well drained; slightly acidic	Bl – spring to frost; Br – rose hips black spot & mildew resistance	1.5' x 2.5' 1-2' x 1-2' 3-4' – 3-4' prune hard in early spring	Zone 5 own root stock

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Snowberry, Waxberry; Coralberry; <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> , <i>S. x doorenbosii</i> ,	Albus (N) Amethyst Candy	Su/Sh	prefers moist clay, adaptable	Br - white; deep purple-pink; hot pink – food for grouse, pheasant, quail. Deer resistant. W – persistent berries Fm – arching, spreading	3' x 6'	Zone 3
Northern Spicebush, Wild Allspice  <i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Common (N)	Su/Sh	Prefers moist, well drained soils, adaptable	Bl – yellow, early April before leaves emerge Br – red berries F-S: bright green F-F: orange red Fragrant foliage Host plant for Spicebush Swallowtail, Promethea silkmoth and Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	6'-12'	Zone 4
Spirea, compact dwarf, <i>Spirea japonica x S. bumalda</i>	Magic Carpet	Su/Sh	adaptable, drought tolerant	F-S: red fading to yellow - green Bl – hot pink clusters, late spring / early summer, reblooms F-F: scarlet, Fm - mounding	1.5 – 2' x 3"	Zone 4
Stephenandra, Lace Shrub; <i>Stephenandra incisa</i> ,	Crispa	Su/Sh	moist, slightly acidic	Bl – tiny clusters, stary white; F – F: orange/yellow Fm – arching, spreading	1-3' x 1-4' cuttings	Zone 4
Summersweet, Sweet Pepper Bush, <i>Clethra alnifolia</i> <a href="http://plants.comnon.ca/11100004/Plant/701/Hummingbird_Summersweet">http://plants.comnon.ca/11100004/Plant/701/Hummingbird_Summersweet</a>	Hummingbird Ruby Spice  Native to Nova Scotia and east coast	Fu/Sh avoid hot sites, tolerates full shade	wet areas – rain garden; slightly acidic	Bl – white spikes; pink – July/August; attracts butterflies, hummingbirds; Fr – spicy F-F – golden yellow Fm – loose mound	4-6' x 3-5' slow, root prune to prevent suckering	Zone 5
Sweetspire, <i>Itea virginica</i>	Henry's Garnet Little Henry (dwarf)  Native to New York	Fu/Sh	moist, slightly acidic, drought tolerant	Bl – drooping spikes, white Fr – mild F-F: bright yellow/orange/red Fm - arching	3-5' 2-3' x 3'	Zone 5 - 6
Virburnum, Doublefile <i>Virburnum plicatum f. tomentosum</i>	Summer Snowflake	Fu/Sh direct sun needed for blooms	prefers moist loam	Bl – white lace cap, in double rows, April/May, reblooms until fall. Br – red/ purple – attract birds. F-F: burgundy – purplish red Fm – horizontal branching	5-8'	Zone 5 - 6
Wiegela – Wine series <i>Wiegela florida</i>	Wine & Roses Fine Wine Spilled Wine Midnight Wine	Su	medium	F-S: burgundy Bl – rosy red, magenta pink – reblooms – attracts butterflies, hummingbirds F-F: redder tones Fm – mounding, spreading	5' x 5' 2-4' x 2-4' 2-3' x 2-3' 1.5 – 2' x 2'	Zone 5
Weigela	Sonic Bloom series	Su	medium	Bl – tubular, red; pink; pearl-white/pink.	5' x 5'	Zone 5

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Boxwood <i>Buxus microphylla</i> var. <i>Koreana</i> ( <i>B. sinica</i> var. <i>insularis</i> ) <i>x sempervirens</i> hybrids	Green Gem Green Mound Green Mountain Green Velvet	Su/Sh needs some light; morning sun or dappled	Shallow roots, protective mulch; prefers moist, well drained	F- glossy emerald green W – evergreen Fm – mounding; clipped into hedges; taller variety - topiary	2 - 3' 2-3' to 4-5' 3-5' x 2-3' 2-4'	Zone 5 protect from winter dessication
Cedar, Eastern white (spire; dwarf), Western red (dwarf) ; <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> ; <i>Thuja plicata</i>	Degroots Mr. Bowling Ball Whipcord  Common White Cedar (N)	Su/Sh denser in sun	prefers moist soil	F - silvery green, Fm – spiraling narrow pyramid; lacy mound; thread-like loose mound. W - evergreen	5- 24' x 2-5' 2-3' x 2-3' 5' x 5'	Zone 3 - 5 protect from winter dessication
Cypress, Japanese False <i>Chamaecyparis pisifera</i> <a href="http://www.midwestgardentips.com/false_cypress.html">http:// www.midwestgardent ips.com/ false_cypress.html</a> <i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i>	Threadleaf Golden Mop, Hinoki dwarf/ Nana Gracilis	Su/Sh afternoon shade	fertile, well drained	Fm – mounding; compact/ upright. F – golden; deep green. W - evergreen	3' x 4' 2' up to 9' slow growth	Zone 5 protect from winter dessication
Juniper <i>Juniperus squamatus</i> ; <i>Juniperus procumbens</i> .	Blue Star Dwarf Japanese Garden/ 'Nana'	Su	drought tolerant	F- silver blue; bright – bluish green. Fm – mounding; spreading. W- evergreen; winter shades	1-3' x 1-3' 1' x 6'	Zone 4
Smoke Bush; <i>Cotinus coggygria</i>	Golden Spirit Royal Purple	Su	drought tolerant once established	F-S: dark burgundy-purple; golden yellow. Br – pink; creamy grey - seed clusters plumes. F-F: scarlet; coral – orange.	up to 15 ' 12' x 12' coppice for tidy mound	Zone 5 shorter shrub with winter dieback
Sumac, Fragrant; <i>Rhus aromatica</i>	Gro-Low	Su for best colour	medium to dry	F-F: yellow-orange-red. Br- brick red clusters. Fm – spreading, arching.	2' x 6- 10'	Zone 4 - 5
Willow, Dappled/ Variegated; <i>Salix integra</i> <a href="http://www.midwestgardentips.com/hakuro-nishiki_dappled_willow.html">http:// www.midwestgardent ips.com/hakuro- nishiki_dappled_willo w.html</a>	Flamingo (less tsusceptible to sun scorch) Hakuro Nishiki	Su/Sh leaves will crisp if too hot	fertile, moist, tolerates wet, prefers slightly acidic,	F-S: emerges pink, turns cream/green variegated W – red twigs with rennovation pruning.	10' x 10' 3' x 3' with yearly pruning/ coppicing. std. available	Zone 4 - 5
Yew <i>Taxus cuspidata</i>	Dwarf Bright Gold	Su/ Sh prefers shade,	prefers sandy loam, intolerant of wet soils	F – dark green flat needles/ gold edge. Br – bright red, persist into fall W - evergreen	6' x 6'	Zone 4 - 5 protect from winter dessication
Spruce, Colorado Blue , Dwarf/ Globe; <i>Picea pungens</i>	Glauca Globosa	Su/Sh tolerates light shade	medium, well drained, slightly acidic	F- blue-green W - evergreen	3-5' x 4-6' std. available	Zone 2

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