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Shrubs and Trees

See Fruit, page 44, for a note about the hardiness of shrubs and trees.

S001 **Abelia, Fragrant** **NEW**

Abelia mosanensis Sweet Emotions

From Latvia, this hardy deciduous shrub has pink flowers with fragrance better than a lilac, late May through mid-June. Glossy summer foliage turns orange-red in fall. 5–6'h ○● \$9.00—4" pot

S002 **Almond, Dwarf Russian** *Prunus tenella*

Showy masses of pink to white flowers in early spring. Scarlet foliage in fall. Excellent hedge that attracts bees, butterflies, and birds. 4–6'h ○● \$30.00—2 gal. pot

Arborvitae *Thuja occidentalis*

Wonderful evergreens that are tolerant of clay soil, air pollution, and black walnuts. Protect from rabbits and deer in winter. Many cultivars are bred from our native Minnesota tree. ○● \$6.00—1 quart pot:

S004 **Zmatlik**—Narrow and columnar with green ruffled foliage. Slow-growing. Found as a seedling by Zmatlik in the Czech Republic in 1984. 6–7'h by 1'w ○ \$7.00—1 quart pot:

S005 **Techny**—Broadly based pyramidal shape with dense foliage that maintains very dark green coloring all year. Excellent for medium to tall hedges or screens. Resistant to winter burn. 20'h by 10'w

S006 **Yellow Ribbon**—Upright and pyramidal. Foliage is gold in fall and almost orange in winter. 8–10'h by 2–3'w

\$8.00—4" deep pot:

S007 **Thin Man**—Fast-growing and narrow, use one as an accent or several as a screen. Holds its green color well in the winter. 30–40'h by 3–4'w

\$10.00—1 gal. pot:

S008 **Danica** **NEW**—Compact, dense, and round. Foliage is emerald, turning blue-green in winter. Royal Horticultural Society Award of Garden Merit. 1–2'h ○

S009 **DeGroot's Spire**—Narrow spire with twisted foliage. Can be used in a container during the spring, summer, and early fall, then plant it in the garden. 7'h ○

S010 **Hetz Mini Globe** **NEW**—Globe-shaped and compact, so it never requires pruning. Dark green scaly leaves year-round. 3–4'h ○

\$11.00—5.25" pot:

S011 **North Pole**—Columnar with dark green winter foliage, resistant to burn. Excellent landscape plant for narrow spaces or as an accent. A selection originating at Northstar Nursery in Faribault, Minn. 10–15'h by 4–5'w ○

\$20.00—2 gal. pot:

S012 **Fire Chief**—Crackling red spring foliage mellows to orange as the summer goes on. 4'h

\$22.00—3 gal. pot:

S013 **Techny**—Broadly based pyramidal shape with dense foliage that maintains very dark green coloring all year. Excellent for medium to tall hedges or screens. Resistant to winter burn.

\$25.00—3 gal. pot:

S014 **Weeping Threadleaf** *T. filiformis*—Airy, mounding shrub, eventually an upright tree with a weeping habit. Tufts of thin, pendulous twigs droop toward the ground. This selection of the Minnesota native white cedar has lost interest in standing tall. Tolerates clay soil and air pollution. Slow to grow, can be staked to encourage vertical growth. 7–8'h by 3–4'w ○

\$25.00—5 gal. pot:

S015 **Rushmore** **NEW**—Dark green, upright, and highly resistant to winter burn. Makes an excellent hedge. Bred in South Dakota. 12–15'h by 5–7'w

See the miniature ARBORVITAE, page 40

S017 **Azalea, Korean** *Rhododendron yedoense poukhanense* Compacta

Densely covered with rose-purple 2" flowers in May. Orange-red fall color. Deciduous. Prefers acidic soil with good drainage, or even a raised planting position. 3–6'h by 6–12'w ○● \$8.00—4" deep pot

Azalea, Lights *Rhododendron*

Spring flowers. These hardy hybrid azaleas are a breakthrough series developed at the U of M. The flower buds are hardy to –35°F. Deciduous. Acidic soil. ○● \$18.00—1 gal. pot:

S018 **Mandarin Lights**—Bright orange-red, lightly scented flowers. 4–5'h

S019 **Northern Lights**—The first of the U of M's hardy azalea hybrids blooms coral pink in early spring. Slight fragrance. ★★ 8'h

S020 **Rosy Lights**—Extra-fragrant dark pink flowers with rose red contrasts. 4'h

S021 **Tri-Lights**—Trumpet-shaped flowers, shading from pink to white with yellow throats. Blooms May–June. ★★ 4–5'h

\$39.00—3 gal. pot:

S022 **Golden Lights**—Dazzling gold-apricot flowers. 4–6'h

Beautyberry *Callicarpa*

Grown primarily for its round, iridescent lilac-violet berries in large clusters along arching branches in September and October. Loved by birds and flower-arrangers. Planting more than one shrub encourages more berries. ○

\$8.00—1 quart pot:

S023 **Purple C.** *dichotoma*—Pink flowers in summer, berries in fall, and yellow autumn foliage. May die back to the ground in winter. From China, Korea, and Japan. 3–4'h

\$11.00—5.25" pot:

S024 **Pearl Glam** **NEW**—Purple foliage and white flowers in summer, but the wait-for-it moment is its fall display of near-neon purple-magenta berries. Reliable in Minnesota, though it dies back to the ground like a perennial, blooming and fruiting on new wood the following season. 4–5'h by 3–4'w ●

S025 **Birch, Dwarf**

Betula x plettkei Cesky Gold

Red-orange leaves herald the arrival of spring, then welcome summer by turning yellow. Multi-stemmed to form a low mound, or can be trimmed to form a small hedge or miniature patio tree. Slow-growing. Excellent for bonsai, beautiful in summer pots, and realistic as a miniature weeping willow for miniature gardens and model railroads. Or just use it wherever you need its delicate, lacy, feathery texture. 2–4'h ○● \$10.00—4" deep pot

S026 **Birch, European White** **NEW**

Betula pendula Royal Frost

Deep burgundy-red foliage turns yellow and orange in the fall, contrasting with the white exfoliating bark. Catkins in early spring. Upright, pyramidal shape. Prefers cool summers and consistent moisture. 30–45'h by 15–20'w ○● \$9.00—1 quart pot

S027 **Bladdernut, American**

Staphylea trifolia

Understory tree with downward-facing clusters of bell-shaped white flowers in mid-May, giving way to papery, inflated 2" brown seed pods. In fall, the ripened seeds inside the pods rattle in the wind. Pods persist into winter and are good for dried flower arrangements. Great for a moist, shady area, providing protective cover for wildlife. Suckering clumps can form colonies. Good for rain gardens. Early blooming is a boon for pollinators emerging from hibernation. Seeds can be collected in the fall and eaten raw or cooked. Wright County, Minn. source. 10–15'h ○● \$13.00—3.5" deep pot

S028 **Blue Beech** *Carpinus caroliniana*

The catkins and fruits look a little like dangling Japanese pagodas—first green, then becoming yellowish brown as they mature into clusters of three-winged nutlets. Corrugated blue-green leaves with serrated edges change to red, scarlet, and orange in fall. The smooth greenish gray trunk becomes fluted with age and seems to have muscles. This great native tree grows well in heavy soil and lower light conditions. Its hard, heavy wood is used for tool handles, mallets, walking sticks, and golf clubs. Tolerant of most soils. Horticultural source. 20–35'h by 20–35'w ○● \$13.00—3.5" deep pot

S029 **Boxwood** *Buxus* Chicagoland Green

A hybrid from the Chicago Botanical Garden selected for its rounded shape, compactness, and cold hardiness. This is the shrub you see trimmed to flat-edged hedges in formal gardens and labyrinths. Small, shiny oval leaves. Can be kept much smaller by pruning. Best sited in winter shade to avoid burning in winter. 3–4'h ○● \$7.00—4" deep pot

S030 **Bridal Wreath** *Spirea x vanhoutii*

Cascades of double white flowers cover the entire plant in mid-spring. Small, toothed leaves turn yellow to orange in fall. If necessary, prune after blooming, as next year's buds set soon after. An old-fashioned northern garden classic that blooms at Memorial Day. 6–8'h ○● \$19.00—2 gal. pot

S031 **Buckeye, Ohio** *Aesculus glabra*

Stately, dense tree with showy 6" yellow-green flower clusters in April and May, followed by tan husks. Each husk contains one or two buckeyes, shiny reddish brown 1" globes with a tan eye. Called "buckeye" because they resemble the eye of a buck deer. The leaves have five shiny 6" leaflets emerging from a central stalk, turning yellow and red in fall. Flowers pollinated by bees and ruby-throated hummingbirds. Also known as fetid buckeye because the leaves and twigs emit a skunk-like smell when crushed. Manitowoc County, Wis., or Anoka County seed source. 40–60'h by 30–50'w ○● \$15.00—1 gal. pot

S032 **Bush Honeysuckle**

Diervilla rivularis Kodiak Orange

Bold, glowing orange foliage in fall. The leaves in summer are glossy green with splashes of orange and the early summer flowers are bright yellow. Cultivar of a Minnesota native species. Excellent for massing and erosion control because it colonizes, tolerating most soils. Best leaf color in sun. Attracts multiple pollinators. 3–4'h ○● \$12.00—5.25" pot

S033 **Button Bush**

Cephalanthus occidentalis Sugar Shack

Long prized as a Minnesota native shrub, this downsized selection is perfect for your garden. Fragrant white flowers like miniature Sputniks, glossy red foliage, and colorful fruit make this plant shine from spring to fall. Attractive landscape plant with honey-scented flowers. 3–4'h ○● \$12.00—5.25" pot

Cardinal Bush *Weigela*

Spreading shrub grown for its funnel-shaped flowers that attract hummingbirds. ○● \$5.00—3" pot:

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S034 **Minuet** *W. florida*—Purple-tinged foliage and purplish red flowers with yellow throats in late spring. 2–3'h by 3–4'w

S035 **Rumba** *W. florida*—Deep pink flowers with a yellow throat bloom June–September. 3'h

\$9.00—1 quart pot:

S036 **April Snow** *W. praecox*—Fragrant white selection from seeds collected by Bluebird Nursery's founder, Harlan Hamernik, in the mountains of China. Blooms in spring about two weeks earlier than other cardinal bush varieties. 4–6'h by 3–5'w

\$11.00—1 gal. pot:

S037 **Alexandra** *W. florida*—Dark burgundy-purple foliage and intense rosy pink flowers in late spring. Full sun for darkest color. Also known as Wine and Roses. 4–5'h

\$12.00—5.25" pot:

S038 **Czechmark Sunny Side Up** *W. florida*—White flowers with yellow throats. Bred in the Czech Republic, and noted for hardiness and extra-large flowers. 3–4.5'h

S039 **Czechmark Trilogy** *W. florida*—Flowers start out white, flow to pink, and deepen to red, all three colors at once on the plant. 3–3.5'h

S040 **Czechmark Twopink** *W. florida*—Abundant flowers in light and dark pink. 3–3.5'h

S041 **Snippet Dark Pink** *W. florida*—Flowers and buds are deep pink. Spring bloom with strong rebloom on an extra-compact shrub. 1–2'h

S042 **Sonic Bloom Pearl** *W. florida* **NEW**—White flowers that mature to pink. Blooms early summer and reblooms. 4–5'h ●

S043 **Spilled Wine** *W. subsessilis*—Wavy dark red leaves complement the hot pink-magenta flowers in spring and fall. 2'h by 3–4'w

S044 **Cherry, Black** *Prunus serotina*

Pink to white flowers hanging in clusters in spring. Edible scarlet to black fruit in June. Crushed leaves have a distinct cherry aroma. Yellow to red fall color. Jackson County, Minn., source. 50–80'h by 30–60'w ○● \$11.00—1 gal. pot

About those stars...

Throughout this section, you will notice trees and shrubs that are marked with four or five stars (★★★★). These plants have been noted by Lonnee, Rose, Selinger, and Whitman in the 2011 edition of *Growing Shrubs and Small Trees in Cold Climates* as some of the very best plants available on the market.



Arborvitae

Watch for the birdie!



Plants marked with the bird icon are endorsed by the Audubon Society as providing food and habitat for birds. www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds

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Key

- Full sun
- ◐ Part sun/part shade
- Shade

- 🌸 Attractive to bees
- 🐦 Audubon-endorsed
- 🦋 Butterfly-friendly
- 👤 Hummingbird-friendly

- 🌿 Attractive foliage
- 🍷 Culinary
- 🌺 Edible flowers
- 🌱 Ground cover
- 🏠 Medicinal
- 🇺🇸 Minnesota native
- 🪨 Rock garden

- ❄️ Cold-sensitive: keep above 40°F
- ☹️ Toxic to humans
- 🔄 Saturday restock

Chokeberry, Black *Aronia melanocarpa*
White flowers in spring and clustered purple-black fruit September through winter. Berries are high in antioxidants; good for tart juice and jelly. Foliage turns brilliant red in fall. Thrives in most soils. ○●🌸🌿

\$12.00—5.25" pot:
S045 **Wild Black Chokeberry** 🌿—Otertail County, Minn., source. 6–8'h by 5'w 🌿🏠
\$16.00—1 gal. pot:
S046 **Viking** *A. melanocarpa elata*—Bred in Sweden for fruit production. 3–5'h

S047 **Chokecherry, Wild** 🌿
Prunus virginiana
Long clusters of white blossoms are followed by red fruit, ripening to dark black-purple. In spite of the name, the fruit makes excellent jam or syrup. Can be grown as a dense hedge. Good in most soils. Jackson County, Minn., source. 20'h by 6'w ○🌸🌿🏠🍷
\$12.00—5.25" pot

Cinquefoil, Shrubby *Potentilla fruticosa*
Fine, ferny foliage. Easy and deer-resistant cultivars of a Minnesota native shrub. ○●

\$17.00—2 gal. pot:
S048 **Absaraka** **NEW**—Bright yellow 1–1.5" flowers at the ends of branches from June until frost. Also known as Dakota Goldrush. 2.5–3'h by 4'w
S049 **McKay's White**—Compact ball-shaped shrub with creamy white flowers from June until fall. 2'h

S050 **Crabapple** **NEW**
Malus Red Jewel
Small ornamental tree with pink buds opening into white flowers in spring. Brilliant cherry red half-inch fruits darken and soften into the winter to provide food for cedar waxwings and other birds. Fruit persists through winter. 15'h by 10'w ○ **\$39.00—3 gal. pot**

S051 **Cranberry, American Highbush** 🌿
Viburnum trilobum
White flower clusters in spring. Red berries persist into winter. Flowers are good for butterflies, while the berries are excellent winter food for wildlife. Central Minnesota source. 8–12'h ○●🌸🌿🏠
\$12.00—5.25" pot

S052 **Currant, Clove-Scented**
Ribes aureum
In spring, red buds become gold flowers that smell strongly of cloves or spicy vanilla. Irregularly shaped shrub with red fall color. Requires both pollinating and fruiting plants to get fruit, and our grower does not label individual plants. If you get fruit, the berries ripen from yellow to orange to red to black, all colors at once, and can be used in jellies, preserves, and pies. Horticultural source. Formerly *Ribes odoratum*. 6–12'h ○●🌸🌿🏠
\$10.00—5.5" pot

Cypress, False *Chamaecyparis*

Slow-growing, ferny evergreens. Deer-resistant. ○◐
Mops *C. pisifera*—Gold thread-like foliage forms a low mound. 3–4'h
S053a **\$7.00—4" deep pot**
S053b **\$20.00—3 gal. pot**

\$11.00—5.25" pot:
S054 **Soft Serve** *C. pisifera*—Patience rewarded the breeder who coaxed this unusual sport to produce its exceptionally soft, fern-like branches. Needles are bright green on top and blue underneath. Pyramidal shape. 6–10'h by 5–6'w
S055 **Soft Serve Gold** *C. pisifera*—Stays golden all year. Pyramidal shape. 6–10'h by 5–6'w 🌿

\$17.00—1 gal. pot:
S056 **Baby Blue Ice** *C. pisifera* **NEW**—Dense, icy blue foliage. Naturally pyramidal, but can be pruned to other shapes. Grows 4" per year. 3'h 🌿
S057 **Dainty Doll** *C. obtusa* **NEW**—Highly prized, slow-growing dwarf from Japan. Rounded when young, maturing to become wider than tall. Lacy foliage. 1.5–2'h

S058 **Filicoides Compacta** *C. obtusa* **NEW**—Upright open branch structure with lacy foliage like fern fronds, pointed at the tips. Also known as fern-spray false cypress. Takes part shade. 10'h by 7'w ○●
S059 **Golden Pillar** *C. obtusa* **NEW**—Dense, upright, and yellow-green. 3'h by 1'w

S060 **Green Cushion** *C. obtusa* **NEW**—Soft needles on a round, mounded plant. Grows 1" per year. Native to Japan. 6–10'h
S061 **Harvard Gold** *C. pisifera* **NEW**—Intense neon gold foliage, one of the brightest of the false cypresses. Found in Harvard's Arnold Arboretum. 4'h

S062 **Lemon Twist** *C. obtusa* **NEW**—Dwarf tree with threadlike yellow foliage that twists and occasionally fuses together at the tips to form clubs. Plant in full sun for best yellow highlights. Flattened globe shape. Tolerates heat. 4'h
S063 **Mariesii** *C. obtusa* **NEW**—Fine foliage with milky white speckles has a frosted look. Compact plant becomes more upright with age. Named for English botanist Charles Maries. 2–4'h ○●

S064 **Maureen** *C. obtusa* **NEW**—Low mound of textured foliage. Spreads to become wider than tall. 1.5–2'h by 4'w ○●
S065 **Melody** *C. obtusa* **NEW**—Yellow-green foliage with some bronzing in winter. Upright shrub that broadens as it ages. Prefers part shade, tolerates sun. 6'h by 4'w ○●

S066 **Moonshine** *C. obtusa* **NEW**—Dark foliage with sprays of white tipped needles. Variegation more pronounced with light afternoon shade. Upright shape, growing 1–2" a year. 1–1.5'h 🌿
S067 **Snowkist** *C. obtusa* **NEW**—Sprays of white-capped needles line-dance over dark green foliage. Average to moist conditions and light shade provide best color. Mounded to pyramidal. 1–2'h 🌿

Cypress, False continued

\$25.00—1 gal. pot:
S069 **Green Arrow** *C. nootkanensis* **NEW**—Tall and narrow with weeping branches hanging close to the trunk. An occasional side branch may reach out, adding to the quirky appearance. Shaggy reddish bark. Intolerant of pollution, so avoid street side planting. 25–35'h by 5–8'w
S070 **Nana Lutea** *C. obtusa* **NEW**—Bright yellow foliage in full sun, lime green in more shade. Inner foliage dark green. Becomes pyramidal with age. 4'h by 2.5'w 🌿

S071 **Sparkling Arrow** *C. nootkanensis* **NEW**—A variegated mutation of Green Arrow (see S069), heavily splashed with creamy white. 8–15'h by 1–2.5'w 🌿
S072 **Cypress, Russian**
Microbiota decussata Celtic Pride

Very hardy and resistant to tip die-back. Low, dense evergreen. Light green foliage turns bronze in winter. Excellent for shade. Once established will tolerate dry conditions. 1–3'h by 3–5'w ○●🌸🌿
\$12.00—5.25" pot

S073 **Dogwood, Bloodtwig**
Cornus sanguinea Arctic Sun
Yellow stems tipped in red provide unique winter interest. Small white flowers in spring, yellow-orange leaves in fall. Stunning winter display when coupled with a red twig dogwood. 3–4'h ○●
\$11.00—5.25" pot

S074 **Dogwood, Golden**
Cornus alba aurea Prairie Fire
Bright gold leaves in spring, creamy white flowers in late spring, chartreuse foliage in summer, blazing red foliage in fall, and orange-red branches in late fall and winter. White berries. 5–7'h ○●🌸
\$10.00—1 gal. pot

S075 **Dogwood, Pagoda**
Cornus alternifolia Golden Shadows
Iridescent yellow-green leaves, broadly edged in yellow. The foliage turns a reddish purple shade in fall. Unique, horizontally layered branching structure, which accounts for its common name. Flat 3–4" clusters of fragrant white flowers in spring. Fruit are small blue-black berries that add considerable color in summer as they mature and are much appreciated by songbirds. Best in filtered shade and moist soil, but great fall color in sunny spots. Short-lived for a shrub; may self-seed. Cultivar of a Minnesota native species. 10–12'h by 6–8'w ○●🌸🌿🏠
\$10.00—4" deep pot

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False cypress



Fir



Juniper

Hydrangea ○●☹️

Mophead *Hydrangea macrophylla*

Large, showy flower clusters. Blooms on new wood, so there will still be flowers later in the summer even after severe winters. Water daily when first planted. 2–3'h
\$13.00—5.25" pot:

S089 **Let's Dance Diva**—Over-the-top flowers with petals the size of your palm on lacecaps as big as dinnerplates. Bright pink centers fading outward to light pink, but acidic soil can make them blue. Nicely mounded shape.
S090 **Let's Dance Rave**—Strong bloomer with large flowers that are intense pink in alkaline soils and fuchsia-purple in acidic soils. Holds shape and color well as a cut flower.

Mountain *Hydrangea serrata*

Delicate, reblooming lace cap flowers are pink (or blue in acidic soil). Prune soon after first blooming. 2–3'h
\$12.00—5.25" pot:

S091 **Tuff Stuff Ah-Ha**—Flower clusters the size of dinnerplates. Its light pink, double flowers have pointed petals that mature to deep pink. Outstanding rebloomer.

S092 Tuff Stuff Red

—Double flowers open red with green centers, then mature to all red. Tidy mound. Prune only as needed to remove dead wood.



Panicked hydrangea

Panicked *Hydrangea paniculata*

Showy, conical flower clusters on arching branches that drape gracefully. Blooms even after the harshest winters. Flower color is not affected by soil acidity. 🌸

\$9.00—4" deep pot:
S093 **Mega Mindy**—Flowers emerge white in summer, changing to a strong reddish pink by fall. Great for cutting. 4.5'h
S094 **Pillow Talk**—Flowers emerge lime and mature to white, then blush with pink as summer progresses. Sturdy stems. 6–8'h
S095 **Polar Ball**—Elongated white florets with slightly twisted petals have a greenish tinge on buds and new growth. Large clusters on strong stems. 6–8'h

\$13.00—5.25" pot:
S096 **Bobo**—Bred in Belgium for summer containers and small gardens. Large upright white flower clusters on strong stems in summer, turning pinkish in fall. 3'h
S097 **Fire Light**—Creamy white, turning deep pomegranate red toward fall. Long-blooming, low-maintenance, and super hardy. 4–6'h
S098 **Limelight**—Bright pastel green flowers in late summer. Vigorous and floriferous. ★★ ★★ 6–8'h
S099 **Little Lime**—Dwarf version of Limelight with green flowers on sturdy stems in summer. Flowers turn pink in fall. 3–5'h by 4–6'w
S100 **Little Quick Fire**—Compact, vigorous shrub with masses of white-maturing-to-pink flowers, June–September. 3–5'h
S101 **Zinfin Doll**—Giant flower clusters resemble pink and white cotton candy. By late fall, flowers become wine red. 6–8'h

Panicked continued

\$19.00—1 gal. pot:
S102 **Vanilla Strawberry**—Enormous blossoms blend white and pink on upright stems. They start out creamy white in midsummer, changing to pink, and finally to strawberry red. Multicolored through summer and fall. 6–8'h
\$34.00—3 gal. pot:
S103 **Fire and Ice**—Creamy white blossoms turn rosy pink, then in fall become a deep red. 6–10'h by 4–6'w

Hydrangea, Snowball *Hydrangea arborescens*

Large clusters of flowers in late spring, lasting though summer and fall. Strong, flop-resistant stems. Good for dried arrangements or winter displays. Prune before growth starts in spring for a shapely plant and larger flowers.

\$14.00—5.25" pot:
S104 **Incrediball**—Massive, round 12" clusters. Each blossom emerges lime green, changes to pure white, and then matures to green. 4–5'h
S105 **Incrediball Blush**—Huge, flattened clusters of light to medium pink flowers in summer change to green with age. 4–5'h
S106 **Invincibelle Mini Mauvette**—Mauve-purple flowers all summer. Dwarf, rounded shape. At its best in full sun. 2–3'h
S107 **Invincibelle Ruby** **NEW**—Burgundy buds open to silvery pink petals with bright red edges. Reblooms June–September. Dark foliage. 3–4'h
S108 **Wee White**—Large white flower clusters summer through fall, changing to green and pink. Fresh buds appear throughout fall. 1–2.5'h by 2–3'w

See also HYDRANGEA, CLIMBING, page 42

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Dogwood, Red Twig *Cornus sericea*

A northern classic, great for winter interest with its red branches. Youngest twigs are the most red, so pruning branches wider than your thumb in March will keep winter color vibrant. ○●●☺

\$10.00—4" deep pot:

S076 **Pucker Up!**—Unusual quilted leaves, white flowers in late spring, dark blue berries, and burgundy leaves in the fall. Red stems all year. 3–4'h ☺

\$11.00—5.25" pot:

S077 **Arctic Fire**—Compact with all-season interest. Clusters of small white flowers in spring, followed by burgundy berries in summer, red leaves in fall, and intensely red twigs in winter. 3–4'h

S078 **Wild Red Twig Dogwood** ☺—White flowers and green leaves. Rounded shape. Eastern North Dakota source. 8–10'h ☺☺

S079 Dogwood, Silky

Cornus obliqua Red Rover

A compact shrub with red foliage in fall, a handsome contrast with the blue berries that birds appreciate. The red stems for winter color are a bonus. The species is native to Minnesota. 4–5'h ○●☺☺

\$11.00—5.25" pot

Elderberry *Sambucus*

Excellent foliage plants stand out in the landscape. They can be cut to the ground in spring to help improve their shape, but because the plants bloom on old wood, pruning in spring will come at the expense of flowers and fruit. Leaves and stems are poisonous, but not the berries, which are good for wildlife. Deer-resistant. ○●☺☺☺☺

\$13.00—5.25" pot:

S080 **Black Lace** *S. nigra*—Intense purple-black foliage is finely lobed, giving it an effect similar to Japanese maple. If you don't cut it back in spring, pink spring flowers are followed by blackish red fall berries that can be harvested or left on the plant to attract birds and wildlife. Full sun for best color. Can be pruned back for more formal settings. 6–8'h

S081 **Laced Up** *S. nigra* ☺—Fuzzy pink flowers in early summer on a narrowly upright plant. Lacy near-black foliage for three seasons. If another variety is nearby (like Black Lace), it will produce black fruits. Light citrusy floral scent. 6–10'h by 3–5'w

S082 **Lemony Lace** *S. racemosa*—Very deeply lobed chartreuse leaves with red-tinged new growth. Small white flowers in spring produce red fruit in fall (unless it's cut back in spring). Looks like a trunkless Japanese maple with its airy fine-textured foliage. 3–5'h

Fir, Balsam *Abies balsamea*

Short, soft needles. The only fir native to the North Woods. ○●☺

\$19.00—1 gal. pot:

S083 **Eugene's Yellow** ☺—Yellow-green needles light up this dwarf fir. Flattened globe shape. Prefers afternoon shade and well-drained soil. 1'h by 1.5'w ☺☺

\$22.00—2 gal. pot:

S084 **A. balsamea**—A popular Christmas tree, narrowly pyramidal with dense crown terminating in a slender spire. A beautifully shaped evergreen with horizontal branches and drooping lower branches. Seed from Michigan's Upper Peninsula. 40–90'h by 20–30'w ☺

Forsythia *Forsythia*

The classic spring-blooming shrub with yellow flowers lining arched branches in April. Forsythias are named for the Scottish botanist William Forsyth, who was the superintendent of Kensington Gardens in London and a founder of the Royal Horticultural Society. ○●

\$12.00—5.25" pot:

S085 **Show Off Sugar Baby**—Deep yellow flowers from base to tip of the branches bloom in early spring. Easy to grow, tolerating any pH, clay soil, and air pollution. Drought-tolerant once established and seldom needs pruning. Deer-resistant. 2–3'h by 1.5–2.5'w

\$29.00—3 gal. pot:

S086 **Northern Gold**—Developed in Canada, this variety is among the hardiest of this classic yellow harbinger of spring. 6–8'h

S087 Fringetree, White *Chionanthus virginicus*

Slow-growing U.S. native that is especially beautiful in spring when profuse white flowers appear before the foliage. Blue-black fruit may follow in the summer. Yellow fall color. 6–8'h ○●☺

\$69.00—5 gal. pot

S088 Hawthorn ☺

Crataegus monogyna Inermis Compacta

Dwarf tree with stout, thornless branches. Creamy white flowers in May, glossy deeply lobed leaves turn yellow in fall, and dark red fruits hang on through winter. Rounded dense crown. Great little tree for small spaces. 5–10'h by 3'w ○●☺☺ \$26.00—1 gal. pot

Hydrangeas see box, page 49

S109 Ironwood *Ostrya virginiana* ☺

Branches are broadly horizontal and leaves are oval, sharply serrated, with yellow fall color. Catkin flowers are followed by drooping clusters of seed-bearing pods resembling hops. Gray brown bark. A tough native hardwood and excellent urban tree, resistant to many disease and insect problems. It can serve as a specimen or understory tree. Also known as American hop hornbeam. Minnesota source. 30'h ○●☺☺

\$5.00—2" pot

Juniper, Spreading *Juniperus horizontalis*

Unless noted otherwise, these are selections of *J. horizontalis*, a native northern Minnesota shrub that carpets thin soils on rocks. Useful as a ground cover and tolerant of deer, rabbits, drought, and slope. ○●☺☺☺

\$7.00—1 quart pot:

S110 **Blue Mat**—Dense evergreen shrub, with long, flexible branches. Blue-green foliage turns dark purplish green in winter. 1'h by 6–8'w

S111 **Blue Rug**—Low and spreading evergreen with silver-blue foliage that has purple overtones in the winter. Great for erosion control and dry locations. 0.5'h by 8–10'w ☺

S112 **Daub's Frosted** *J. x pfitzeriana*—Blue-green foliage highlighted in gold. Great for erosion control or along banks and slopes. Grows 3–6" each year until mature height. A favorite of garden writer Bonnie Blodgett. Evergreen, deer-resistant landscape shrubs. 1–2'h by 6'w ☺

\$10.00—1 gal. pot:

S113 **Webber** ☺—Dense foliage is scaly and blue-green with bronze at the base. Tips of the branches turn purple in winter. 0.5'h by 5–6'w

\$11.00—5.25" pot:

S114 **Good Vibrations Gold**—Attractive chartreuse leaves emerge in spring, change to bright yellow, and then take on orange hues in fall. 1–2'h by 4–5'w

S115 Kerria *Kerria japonica* Pleniflora

Double gold 2" flowers in May (around lilac time), reblooming through summer. Prune after blooming, if desired. Toothed, narrow bluish green leaves turn yellow in fall. Informal, arching shape. Native to China and Japan. Trial in our zone. Deer-resistant. 4–5'h by 8–9'w ○ \$7.00—4" deep pot

S116 **Korean Spicebush** *Viburnum carlesii*

Deep pink buds open into 3" white snowballs, late April to early May, on stiff branches. Outstanding fragrance. Blue-black berries in late summer. Serrated leaves turn burgundy in fall. 4–6'h ○●☺☺ \$8.00—4" deep pot

S117 Larch, Dahurian ☺

Larix gmelinii Tharandt Dwarf

Soft foliage on thin cinnamon brown branches. Will develop a low, flat top. Deciduous, needles turn bronze in fall. 1.5'h by 3'w ○☺ \$26.00—1 gal. pot

Larch, European *Larix*

A deciduous conifer, it looks like an evergreen in summer, though its fresh green foliage turns to gold before the needle-like leaves fall in autumn. The leafless branches provide winter interest. ○

\$26.00—1 gal. pot:

S118 **Pendula (Weeping)** *L. decidua*—Once its clusters of foliage fall, the rose-shaped cones remain, dotting the trailing branches through winter. Prostrate if not staked. Height depends on staking, though 8–12' is a reasonable guess.

S119 **Puli** *L. decidua* ☺—Naturally grows as a low ground cover, but can be staked up to 8' high to cascade in a waterfall of feathery foliage or formed into imaginative living sculptures in your yard. Named after a Hungarian dog breed with long ropy ringlets. 0.5'h by 3'w ☺☺

\$37.00—3 gal. pot:

S120 **Varied Directions** *L. eurolepis*—As you'd guess from the name, the branches of this multi-stemmed tree spread out randomly, then arch down to create a weeping shape. 8'h

See also TAMARACK, page 51

Lilac *Syringa*

Nothing says spring in Minnesota like fragrant lilacs. Prune flower clusters as needed immediately after blooming. Long-lived and easy to grow. ○●☺☺

\$13.00—1 gal. pot:

S121 **Charisma** *S. prestoniae*—Purple buds open to pinkish lavender flowers two weeks later than common lilac. Compact for small spaces. Can be trained into a tree. Non-suckering. 3'h

S122 **Donald Wyman** *S. prestoniae*—Purple-lavender buds open to reddish lavender flowers on large pyramidal spikes two weeks later than common lilac. Non-suckering. ★★ 8–10'h

S123 **Minuet** *S. prestoniae*—Fragrant light pink flowers. Best bloom and mildew resistance occur in full sun. Compact with minimal suckering. ★★ 4–6'h ☺☺

S124 **Royalty** *S. x josiflexa*—Dark purple buds open to pinkish lavender flowers two to three weeks later than common lilac. Foliage has purplish undertone. Non-suckering. 8–10'h

\$13.00—5.25" pot:

S125 **Scentara Double Blue**—Early bloomer with lush, fully double blue-lavender flowers. Bred for fragrance. Compact and rounded, with good resistance to mildew. 6–8'h

Bloomerang series—Dwarf plants bloom in spring and, after a rest period during the heat of summer, rebloom. It comes back, as its name says. Deadheading right after spring flowering encourages reblooming. Deer-resistant. Good fragrance and mildew resistance.

\$14.00—5.25" pot:

S126 **Dark Purple**—Purple-pink flowers from deep purple buds. 3–4'h

S127 **Dwarf Pink**—Deep pink. Vigorous but compact. 2.5–3'h

S128 **Dwarf Purple** ☺—Greater vigor and better disease resistance. 2.5–3'h

\$24.00—2 gal. pot:

S129 **Late-Blooming** *S. villosa*—Buds open several weeks later than common lilac, with abundant rosy lavender clusters up to 8" long and sweetly fragrant. 6–12'h

S130 **Sensation** *S. vulgaris*—Large trusses of very showy purplish-red florets each sharply edged in white in late May. Very hardy hybrid of the common lilac. 8–15'h by 6–12'w ☺

Magnolia *Magnolia*

These northern-hardy magnolias need rich, well-drained soil. Most varieties bloom in early to mid-spring, with leaves emerging after flowers fade. Water frequently in hot, dry weather. ○●

\$11.00—1 quart pot:

S131 **Seedlings of White Rose** *M. x loebneri*—The White Rose parent has fragrant, double white flowers that resemble roses or camellias. Upright, with bronze foliage in the fall. These seedlings will vary in size, flower, or shape and may take 10+ years to get their first flowers. 8–10'h (parent tree height)

\$30.00—3 gal. pot:

S132 **Ann** *M. liliiflora* x *M. stellata*—Fragrant purplish red 3–4" flower with a white interior. Blooms late so is less likely to suffer frost damage in spring. Compact and shrubby. 8–10'h ☺

S133 **Royal Star** *M. kobus stellata*—Many-petaled, fragrant white flowers, 4" or more in diameter. Blooms April–May. ★★ 8–10'h

\$39.00—2 gal. pot:

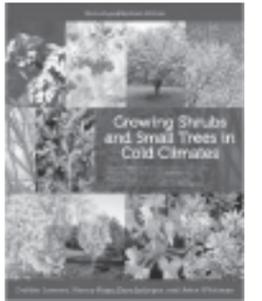
S134 **Blushing Belle** ☺—Profuse, late spring display of large pale pink flowers, with deeper pink reverses. 25'h by 15–20'w

S135 **Burgundy Star** ☺—Narrowly columnar with lightly fragrant burgundy red to reddish pink 5" flowers in early spring. 8–12'h by 3–4'w

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About those stars...

Throughout this section, you will notice trees and shrubs that are marked with four or five stars (★★★★). These plants have been noted by Lonnee, Rose, Selinger, and Whitman in the 2011 edition of *Growing Shrubs and Small Trees in Cold Climates* as some of the very best plants available on the market.



Elderberry



Lilac

Hands-On Learning



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Shrubs and Trees



Pussy willow
catkins

Key

- Full sun
- ◐ Part sun/part shade
- Shade
- 🐝 Attractive to bees
- 🐦 Audubon-endorsed
- 🦋 Butterfly-friendly
- 🐦 Hummingbird-friendly
- 🌿 Attractive foliage
- 🍷 Culinary
- 🌸 Edible flowers
- 🌿 Ground cover
- 🏠 Medicinal
- 🏠 Minnesota native
- 🏠 Rock garden
- ❄️ Cold-sensitive: keep above 40°F
- ☠️ Toxic to humans
- 🔄 Saturday restock

Magnolia continued

- \$39.00—2 gal. pot (continued):**
- S136 **Frank's Masterpiece** **NEW**—Petal backs are deep magenta on 10" flowers with pinkish white inside. Mid-spring bloom. Matures to pyramidal with lower branches semi-weeping. 20–30'h by 10–20'w
- S137 **Honey Tulip** **NEW**—Honey yellow 6" flowers are tulip-shaped. Upright, early bloomer. 10–15'h by 4–6'w
- S138 **Sunsation**—Yellow 6" flowers have a rosy pink blush towards the base. Blooms a bit later than other magnolias, saving the buds from the risk of late frosts. Pyramidal shape. 25–30'h by 15–20'w
- S139 **Yellow Bird** **NEW**—Fast-growing upright hybrid from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden with 3" lemon yellow cup-shaped flowers in late spring. 20–40'h by 10–20'w
- \$51.00—5 gal. pot:**
- S140 **Jane M. liliiflora x M. stellata**—Blooms late in the spring (avoiding frosts), then intermittently through summer and into early fall. Tulip-shaped flowers are deep pink to purple on the outside and pure white inside. Light fragrance. Grows best in full morning sun and part shade in the afternoon. 20'h by 15–30'w

S141 **Maple, Japanese *Acer palmatum***
Exquisite in both color and shape, this ornamental is great in a large summer pot or as a focal point in the garden. Protect from winter wind and sun for outdoor success in Minnesota, or bring indoors. 15–20'h ○●☉
\$12.00—1 gal. pot

S142 **Maple, Korean *Acer pseudosieboldianum***
Elegant tree that resembles the coveted Japanese maple, but is reliably hardy here. Multi-stemmed with fingered leaves in vibrant shades of yellow, orange, and red in fall. Attractive clusters of small greenish white flowers with burgundy bracts. Moist soil. ★★ ★★
15–25'h ○☉ **\$13.00—3.5" pot**

S143 **Maple, Three-Flowered *Acer triflorum***
Brilliant orange, scarlet, purple and gold leaves in fall give way to bare branches covered with bronze, scaly bark that catches snow for winter interest. Even in part shade, this maple will develop spectacular fall color. 20–30'h ○● **\$59.00—3 gal. pot**

S144 **Mockorange *Philadelphus Snowbelle***
Clusters of double white 1" flowers in early summer. The common name refers to the captivating citrus fragrance of the flowers. Makes a good, low maintenance hedge. Its Latin name means "brotherly love." 3–4'h ○●🌿 **\$7.00—4" deep pot**

Ninebark *Physocarpus opulifolius*
Maple-like leaves on arching stems. A shrub for year-round interest, including peeling strips of bark in winter. Blooms June–July, followed by interesting seed pods. Best with protection from the hottest sun. A Minnesota native shrub with many cultivars. ○●🌿
\$4.00—4" pot:

S145 **Minnesota Sunrise** 🌿—Spring growth in shades of yellow and orange darkens to burgundy as it ages, then turns bright red in fall. Pink clusters of flowers in spring contrast nicely with the leaf colors. An introduction from Northstar Nursery in Faribault. 6–10'h

S146 **Royalty**—Purple leaves. Pinkish white, button-like flowers. Vigorous and extremely hardy. 6–8'h
\$11.00—4" deep pot:

S147 **Festivus Gold**—Bright yellow foliage holds its color. Blanketed by clusters of white flowers in late spring. Compact. 3–4'h

Ninebark continued

- \$13.00—5.25" pot:**
- S148 **Summer Wine Black**—Dark purple-black foliage with pink-tinged white flowers. Dramatic. 5–6'h
\$20.00—1 gal. pot:
- S149 **Amber Jubilee**—Shades of yellow, orange, and scarlet on new leaf growth in summer, with foliage maturing to lime green. Leaves turn purple and red in fall. Small white flowers in May and June. Bred for Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. 5–6'h by 3–4'w
- S150 **Little Devil**—Burgundy and bronze-green leaves on red stems turn more purple in fall. The closely spaced small leaves give it a refined look and it stays compact without pruning. Pinkish white flower clusters in June. Also known as Donna May. Bred by Dr. David Zlesak. 3–4'h

S151 **Pearl Bush *Exochorda* Snow Day Blizzard**
Pearl-shaped white buds explode into 2.5" flowers covering every cascading branch in spring. Naturally an upright mound, it may be trimmed after blooming to form a small tree. Easy. 5–6'h ○● **\$10.00—4" deep pot**

S152 **Pine, Mugo *Pinus mugo* Tannenbaum** **NEW**
Shaped like a Christmas tree with year-round dark green foliage on upright branches. The only mugo pine to hold its shape and have a single trunk. Shrubby evergreen conifer with sharp rigid needles from the high mountains of Europe. Very hardy, easy, and adaptable, though preferring well-drained soils. Drought-tolerant. Introduced by South Dakota State University. 8–15'h ○☉ **\$26.00—1 gal. pot**

S153 **Pine, Swiss Stone** **NEW**
Pinus cembra Chalet
Dense, soft blue-green needles 2–5" long do not turn brown in winter. Egg-shaped cones with hard-to-extract but edible pine nuts. Grows only 6–10" per year. Attractive conifer that is conical while young. Remains thick and dense right down to the ground through most of its life. Makes an excellent evergreen specimen or group planting. Native to the European Alps. 30–40'h by 15–20'w ○☉ **\$21.00—1 gal. pot**

S154 **Pine, White** **NEW**
Pinus strobus Green Twist
A pine with a bad hair day, as blue-green needles twist and turn every which way. Dense oval shape. A selection of the grand tree that covered much of northeastern Minnesota. Prefers moist, well-drained, loamy soils. Intolerant of alkaline soil and street-side planting. 3–5'h ○●🌿 **\$18.00—1 gal. pot**

See another PINE, page 18

Pussy Willow *Salix*
Grows well in moist places other shrubs don't like. The flowers provide one of the first spring nectar sources for many insects. ○●🌿

\$11.00—5.25" pot:

S156 **Black Cat *S. chaenomeloides***—Showy, extra-large purple-black catkins hang from red and black stems in winter. Jazzy red anthers. Stems turn green in spring. Blooms on old growth, so prune hard after blooming to promote next year's bloom. 10–12'h

\$26.00—2 gal. pot:

S157 **S. discolor**—A multi-stemmed shrub that often blooms before snow melt and before its own leaves are out, with fuzzy catkins that gradually turn yellow with pollen. Horticultural source. 20–25'h 🌿🌿 **\$13.00—3.5" deep pot**

S158 **Redbud**
Cercis canadensis Minnesota Strain
One of the first trees to bloom, in some years as early as mid-April. Showy bundles of half-inch blossoms cover its dark branches before it leaves out. It's like a swirling cloud of rosy pink floating above the multi-stemmed trunk. Heart-shaped leaves turn warm yellow in fall. Selected for hardiness at the U of M Landscape Arboretum. ★★ ★★ 20–30'h by 25–35'w ○●🌿 **\$13.00—3.5" deep pot**

Rhododendron *Rhododendron*
Early-blooming shrubs with evergreen leaves. Acidic soil. ○●☉
\$13.00—5.25" pot:

S159 **Amy Cotta**—A bright ball of lavender-pink flowers in late spring or early summer. This slow grower has small, fragrant, azalea-like foliage that is bright green all summer and turns mahogany in the fall. 2–3'h 🌿🌿

S160 **Dandy Man Pink**—Clusters of bell-shaped pink flowers with dark pink speckles. Good heat tolerance. Formerly known as Handy Man Pink. 6–8'h

S161 **Dandy Man Purple**—Lush deep purple blossoms. Formerly Handy Man Purple. 6–8'h

Rhododendron continued

- \$20.00—1 gal. pot:**
- S162 **PJM**—Purplish pink flowers. Among the best varieties for our area. In fall, the dark green, glossy leaves turn to cinnamon, eventually darkening to purple-black. ★★ ★★ 4–5'h 🌿
- \$39.00—2 gal. pot:**
- S163 **Purple Gem**—Compact mound of tiny blue-purple flowers in May. Very small blue-green leaves that turn bronze in winter. 2'h by 3'w
- \$45.00—3 gal. pot:**
- S164 **Minnetonka** **NEW**—Violet-red buds in late spring followed by dense clusters of 3" light purple flowers with pale centers to early summer. Compact and rounded. 3–4'h by 4–5'w

Roses see page 51

S202 **Smokebush**
Cotinus coggygria Winecraft Black
Round purple leaves in spring darken to almost black in the summer and then welcome fall by turning red and orange. After the tiny June flowers have bloomed, their many filaments form showy pink 6–8" plumes of "smoke" through September. Rounded shape and relatively compact size make this a good plant for urban gardens. 4–6'h ○●🌿 **\$12.00—4" deep pot**

S203 **Smoketree**
Cotinus obovatus 'Northstar' Cotton Candy
Fluffy pink smoke in summer and bright orange-red fall foliage. This extra-hardy variety was discovered in a garden in Ottertail County, Minn. Pruning keeps it a tree form. 20–25'h ○ **\$19.00—1.5 gal. pot**

S204 **Snowball, Pink**
Viburnum opulus Roseum
An heirloom shrub from the 16th century. Pompom flower clusters up to 3" across bloom white in May, then flush with pink. Maple-like leaves turn orange-red in fall. 10–12'h ○●🌿 **\$7.00—4" deep pot**

Snowberry *Symphoricarpos*
An upright, arching shrub that gradually forms a thicket by underground stems. Very hardy, adaptable, and easy. Prune back to 12" in early spring for best fruit display. Branches with berries make an unusual cut "flower." Deer-resistant. ○●🌿🌿

\$12.00—5.25" pot:

S205 **Proud Berry**—Clusters of tiny pink-tinted white flowers in summer are followed by the real show: waxy pink half-inch berries that stay on the bare branches into winter, providing food for birds. 3–4'h

S206 **White Snowberry *S. albus***—White berries in fall. Good for erosion control. Dakota County, Minn., source. 3–6'h 🌿🌿

S207 **Spirea, Japanese** 🌿
Spiraea japonica Magic Carpet
Red leaf tips and pink-purple flowers in summer. Tiny-leaved foliage and clusters of small, fuzzy-looking flowers. For ground cover or summer containers. ★★ ★★ 1–2'h ○●🌿🌿 **\$4.00—3.5" pot**

S208 **Spruce, Bird's Nest**
Picea abies nidiformis Bird's Nest
Flat-topped with a hollow center, this spruce looks just like its name. Slow-growing and extremely hardy, this is a good choice for adding year-round structure to your garden. The lush, bright green branches will keep the garden looking alive all winter. Excellent for bonsai. 2–4'h by 4–6'w ○☉ **\$16.00—1 gal. pot**

Spruce, White *Picea glauca*
Selections of a dense, slow-growing, native evergreen. ○
\$17.00—1 gal. pot:

S209 **Blue Planet** **NEW**—Miniature, bun-shaped spruce densely packed with tiny bluish needles. In spring, little light green buds dot the foliage. Neat and compact, perfect for tight spaces. 0.5'h ☉

\$20.00—2 gal. pot:

S210 **Montrose Spire**—Almost vertical branches with stiff, grayish green needles. Moderate growth rate. 20–30' by 8–10'w

S211 **Sumac, Fragrant**
Rhus aromatica Gro-Low
A low spreader with glossy dark green foliage and superb orange-red fall color. Profuse tiny yellow flowers. Good for slopes. A low-maintenance ground cover that works well in all types of soil. Cultivar of a native Minnesota shrub ★★ ★★ 1–2'h ○●🌿 **\$4.00—3.5" pot**



Spruce

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