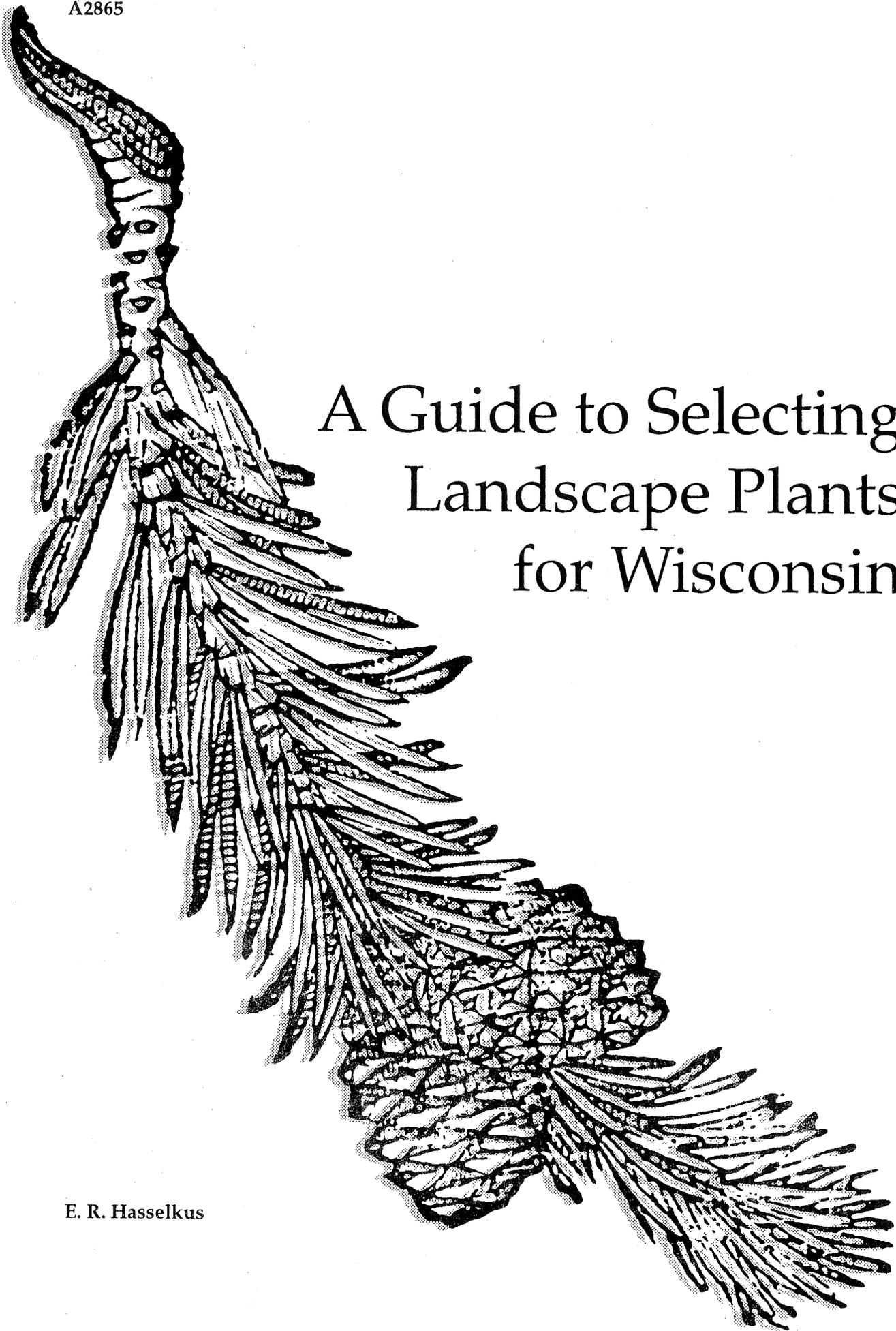


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Abbreviations used in this guide

cvs. = cultivars

f. = forma

spp. = species

ssp. = subspecies

var. = variety

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The following is a list of plants recommended for landscape use in Wisconsin. The list is not exhaustive, but includes most of the better ornamental plant species and cultivars (cultivated varieties) that are usually available for sale in the state.

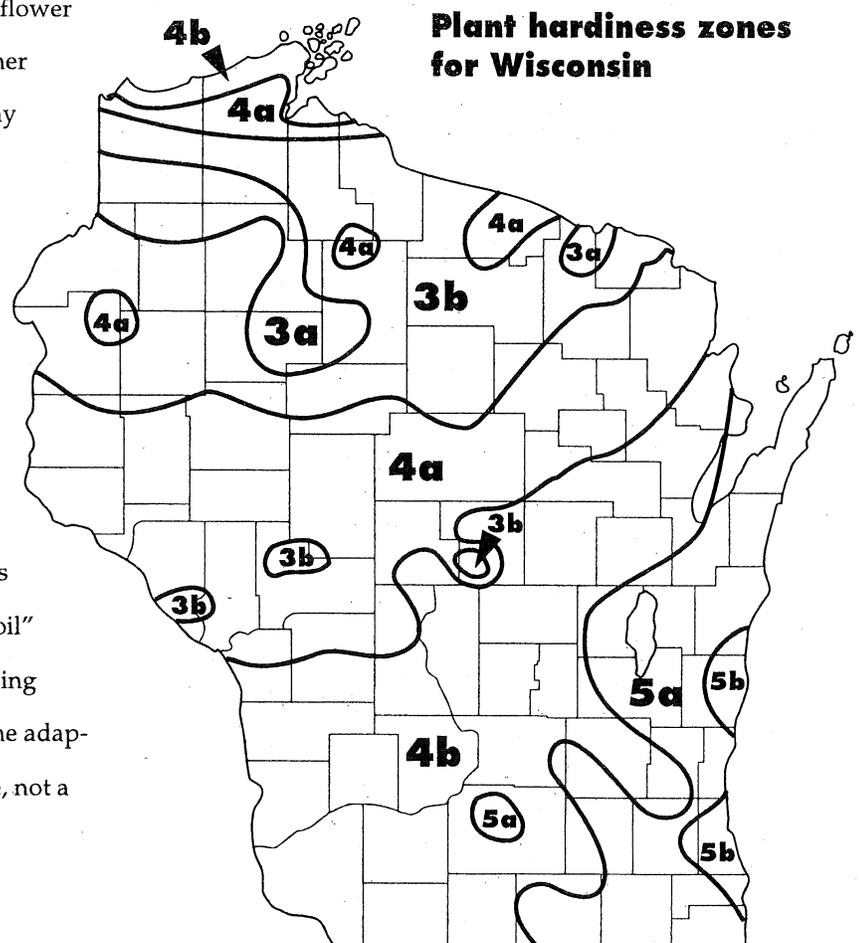
The plants listed vary widely as to their height, growth habit or form, color, texture, site and soil requirements, and other characteristics. They are grouped according to height categories and a brief summary of each plant's characteristics follows its name.

When selecting plants from a list, one often tends to consider the flower display first of all. It is also important to take into account the year-round interest that the plant will provide in the landscape. Remember that a flower display often lasts only a week or two, while other interesting features such as the bark or fruits may be effective for several months.

It is important to consider the site requirements of each plant that you select. Some plants are very exacting as to their preferences and will fail to do well or may die in an unfavorable location. Many plants are sensitive to poorly drained conditions. Use only species tolerant of poor drainage in low, wet spots. Other species need a well-drained, yet moist, soil. The "cool soil" requirement is met by soil that is shaded or sloping toward the north. Where shade is indicated in the adaptation and remarks column, it refers to tolerance, not a requirement for shade.

Finally, be sure to choose plants that are hardy in your area.

Wisconsin is divided into six zones (see map) on the basis of minimum winter temperatures. While some plants may survive in a sheltered spot north of their recommended zone, it is usually best to plant reliable hardy species. Certain evergreens, especially the broadleaved ones, are quite cold-hardy but may become desiccated and die if they are exposed to winter sun and wind. If these same kinds of evergreens are grown in the shade they often thrive. Other perfectly hardy species that are growing on an inappropriate site are often winterkilled.



2 D E C I D U O U S T R E E S

Botanical Name	Common Name	Hardness Zone	Growth Rate	Form	Adaptation and Remarks
TALL TREES — (40–100 feet)					
* <i>Acer x freemanii</i>	Freeman Maple	3a	F	Upright	Urban; smooth gray bark.
'Armstrong'				Fastigate	No fall color.
'Autumn Blaze'			F	Upright	Red fall color; seedless.
<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Norway Maple	4b	M	Round	Urban; dense canopy; competitive roots; late, yellow fall color.
'Cleveland'			F	Oval-upright	Uniform, dense foliage.
'Columnare'				Columnar	Indistinct central leader.
'Deborah'				Oval	New foliage reddish; bronze by summer; an improved 'Schwedleri.'
'Drummondii'	Harlequin N.M.		S	Round	Variegated, cream-edged leaves.
'Emerald Lustre'		4a		Oval	More winter-hardy.
'Emerald Queen'			F	Oval	Vigorous; crisp foliage.
'Globosum'	Globe N.M.		S	Globe	Useful on a standard under utility wires; 20' height.
'Greenlace'				Round	Deeply divided, fine-textured leaves.
'Royal Red'		5a	S	Round	Best for purple summer foliage.
* <i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	3a	F	Round	Moist, acid soil; tolerates poor drainage; smooth gray bark; yellow, orange, or red fall color.
'Autumn Flame'					Early, scarlet fall color.
'Bowhall'				Oval	Orange fall color.
'Red Sunset'					Late, scarlet fall color.
'Schlesingeri'					Red-orange fall color.
* <i>Acer saccharinum</i>	Silver Maple	3a	F	Vase	Moist soil; tolerates poor drainage; fine-textured; weak-wooded; competitive roots; yellowish or no fall color.
'Celebration'					Seedless.
'Pyramidale'	Upright S.M.			Pyramidal	Improved branch structure.
'Skinneri'	Skinner's Cutleaf S.M.				Shredded leaves; pendulous branches; central leader.
* <i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	3a	M	Round	Rich soil; salt-sensitive; oval when young; competitive roots; yellow, orange, or red fall color.
ssp. <i>nigrum</i>	Black Maple				Scorch-resistant, leathery leaves.
'Green Mountain'					Scorch-resistant, leathery leaves.
'Legacy'					Scorch-resistant, leathery leaves.
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horsechestnut	4b	M	Round	Urban; coarse; showy, white, May flowers; litter problem; no fall color; difficult to transplant; pest or disease problems may limit use.
<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	Northern Catalpa	4a	F	Oval	Poor, dry soil; showy, white, June flowers; coarse; litter problem; no fall color; subject to verticillium wilt.

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* <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Common Hackberry	3a	M	Vase	Tolerates alkaline soils; "pebbled" bark; yellowish fall color; pest or disease problem may limit use.
'Prairie Pride'					Superior branch structure; glossier leaves; no witches' broom.
* <i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech	4b	S	Oval	Moist, rich soil; smooth, gray bark; yellow-bronze fall color; difficult to transplant.
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	European Beech	5a	S	Round	Moist, rich soil; less difficult to transplant than <i>F. grandifolia</i> ; several cultivars available.
* <i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	3a	M	Round	Moist soil; tolerates poor drainage; dioecious; orange to purple fall color.
'Autumn Purple'				Round	Seedless; superior fall color.
'Skyline'				Oval	Seedless; upright habit.
<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash	3a	F	Oval-irregular	Dry to wet soil; tolerates poor drainage; salt-tolerant; twiggy and weak-wooded; yellow fall color; pest or disease problem may limit use.
'Aerial'				Columnar	Narrow, upright branching.
'Marshall Seedless'				Oval	Seedless; glossy, dark green foliage; improved habit of growth.
'Patmore'				Oval	Seedless; glossy, dark green foliage; straight trunk.
'Summit'				Upright	Finer textured foliage.
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Ginkgo	4b	S	Pyramidal	Urban; dioecious, females produce smelly fruits; golden yellow fall color.
'Fastigiata'	Sentry Ginkgo			Columnar	No fruits.
* <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Common Honeylocust	4a	F	Vase	Urban; tolerates poor drainage; salt-tolerant; dioecious, females produce pods; fine-textured foliage; wicked thorns; yellow fall color; pest or disease problems may limit use.
var. <i>inermis</i>	Thornless C.H.	4a	F	Vase	Tolerates poor drainage; thornless, as are all the following; pest or disease problem may limit use.
'Imperial'				Round	Podless; low-growing; flat-topped; pest or disease problem may limit use.
'Shademaster'				Irregular	Podless; vase shape in age; pest or disease problem may limit use.
'Skyline'				Upright	Podless; tends to form central leader; good golden fall color; pest or disease problem may limit use.
'Sunburst'		4b		Irregular	Podless; yellow new foliage; poor branch structure; pest or disease problem may limit use.

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* <i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Kentucky Coffeetree	4a	M	Upright	Moist, rich soil; coarse and rugged; dioecious; litter problem.
<i>Larix decidua</i>	European Larch	4a	F	Pyramidal	Full sun; graceful, fine-textured; transplant in spring before buds open; litter problem.
<i>Larix kaempferi</i>	Japanese Larch	4a	F	Wide- pyramidal	Similar to above, more picturesque.
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tuliptree	4b	F	Upright	Rich, moist soil; unique leaves; interesting June flowers; yellow fall color; purchase from northern source.
* <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore; American Planetree	4b	F	Pyramidal	Moist soil; tolerates poor drainage; mottled bark; coarse, maple-like leaves; no fall color; subject to anthracnose.
<i>Populus tremula</i> 'Erecta'	Columnar European Aspen	3a	F	Fastigiate	Moist soil; white bark; red fall color.
* <i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	3b	M	Oval	Dry soil; white flowers and littering black fruits; orange fall color; subject to black knot.
* <i>Quercus alba</i>	White Oak	4b	S	Round	Dry soil; subject to iron chlorosis; red fall color; difficult to transplant.
* <i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak	4a	S	Round	Moist to wet soil; urban; tolerates poor drainage.
* <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak	3a	S	Round	Dry to wet soil; no fall color; difficult to transplant.
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak	4b	M	Pyramidal	Moist, acid soil; pendulous lower branches; red fall color; iron chlorosis on alkaline soil.
<i>Quercus robur</i>	English Oak	5a	M	Round	Well-drained soil.
* <i>Quercus rubra</i>	Red Oak	3a	M	Round	Urban; pyramidal when young; red fall color; well-drained soil; often sold as <i>Q.</i> <i>borealis</i> .
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Baldcypress	5a	F	Pyramidal	Moist soil; intolerant of alkaline soil; tolerates poor drainage; sun; bronze fall color; fine-textured; purchase from northern source.
* <i>Tilia americana</i>	Basswood; American Linden	3a	M	Round	Salt-sensitive; coarse; rich soils.
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Littleleaf Linden	3b	S	Pyramidal	Urban; moist soil; fragrant flowers; poor branch structure, needs training while young; yellow fall color.
'Chancellor'					Uniform, upright habit.
'Greenspire'					Improved branching habit.
<i>Tilia</i> x 'Redmond'	Redmond Linden	4a	M	Pyramidal	Urban; dark green foliage.
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	Silver Linden	5a	S	Pyramidal	Tolerates heat and drought.
<i>Ulmus</i> x 'New Horizon'	Hybrid Elm	4a	F	Upright	Dutch elm disease resistant; urban.
'Regal'					Dutch elm disease resistant; urban.

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MEDIUM TREES — (30–40 feet)					
<i>Aesculus x carnea</i> 'Briotii'	Ruby Horsechestnut	5a	S	Round	Rich, moist soil; red flowers; subject to sunscald.
<i>Aesculus glabra</i>	Ohio Buckeye	3a	S	Round	Rich, moist soil; yellow-green flowers; orange fall color.
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	European Alder	4a	F	Oval	Wet soil; tolerates poor drainage; catkins; cone-like fruits; no fall color.
* <i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch	4b	M	Vase	Wet to dry soil; intolerant of alkaline soils; tolerates poor drainage; pinkish, peeling bark.
'Heritage'					Lighter bark color.
* <i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Paper Birch	3a	M	Oval	Cool, moist soil; white, peeling bark; golden yellow fall color; pest problem.
<i>Betula pendula</i> 'Gracilis'	Cutleaf Weeping European Birch	3a	M	Weeping	Cool, moist soil; dissected leaves; yellow fall color; subject to bronze birch borer.
<i>Betula platyphylla</i> var. <i>japonica</i> 'Whitespire'	Whitespire Birch	3a	M	Pyramidal	White bark; heat tolerance results in greater resistance to bronze birch borer.
<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	Katsuratree	5a	M	Vase	Moist soil; dioecious; form controlled by pruning, wide-spreading if multi-trunked; yellow to apricot fall color.
<i>Cladrastis lutea</i>	American Yellowwood	4b	S	Round	Moist, rich soil; smooth, light gray bark; fragrant, white June flowers in large, pendulous clusters; yellow fall color.
<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	Cucumbertree	4a	F	Pyramidal	Inconspicuous, greenish flowers; pink to red fruits; coarse foliage; no fall color.
* <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum	5a	S	Pyramidal	Moist soil; tolerates poor drainage; dense habit; dioecious; orange to scarlet fall color; difficult to transplant.
<i>Phellodendron amurense</i> 'Macho'	Macho Amur Corktree	4a	M	Vase	Urban; dry soil; seedless; compound leaves; corky bark; yellow fall color.
<i>Prunus maackii</i>	Amur Chokecherry	3a	M	Round	Amber, exfoliating bark; does well in containers.
<i>Prunus sargentii</i>	Sargent Cherry	5a	M	Upright	Sun; well-drained soil; early, pink flowers; red fall color.
<i>Salix x sepulcralis</i> 'Tristis'	Golden Weeping Willow	4a	F	Weeping	Wet soil; tolerates poor drainage; bright yellow twigs; fine-textured; litter problem.
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	Lacebark Elm	5b	M	Vase	Disease resistant; exfoliating bark.

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LOW TREES — (15–30 feet)					
<i>Acer ginnala</i>	Amur Maple	3a	M	Round	Partial shade; red fruits; red fall color.
'Bailey Compact'					More compact; 10' high.
<i>Acer japonicum</i>	Fullmoon Maple	4b	S	Spreading	Partial shade; red fall color; hardier than <i>A. palmatum</i> .
* <i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Downy Serviceberry	3b	S	Upright	Dry soil; suckering; gray bark; white flowers; yellow fall color; edible fruits.
* <i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i>	Apple Serviceberry	3a	S	Spreading	Semi-shade; large, white flowers; edible fruits; red-orange fall color.
'Autumn Brilliance'					Bright red-orange fall color.
'Cole's Select'					Bright red-orange fall color.
'Princess Diana'					Bright red-orange fall color.
'Strata'					Horizontal branching.
* <i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Allegheny Serviceberry	3a	S	Upright	Moist soil; white flowers; orange to red fall color; edible fruits.
'Cumulus'					Single trunk.
* <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	American Hornbeam	3b	S	Spreading	Moist soil; shade; smooth, gray, muscle-like trunk; orange fall color.
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud	4b	M	Spreading	Sun or shade; purplish-pink flowers; yellow fall color; "Columbus strain" is the most winter-hardy.
* <i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Pagoda Dogwood	3a	M	Spreading	Cool, moist soil; shade; blue-black fruits on red stalks; early, maroon fall color.
* <i>Crataegus crus-galli</i>	Cockspur Hawthorn	4a	S	Spreading	Urban; sun; persistent, brick red fruits; orange to red fall color; thorns.
var. <i>inermis</i>	Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn			Spreading	No thorns.
<i>Crataegus laevigata</i> 'Paulii'	Paul's Scarlet Hawthorn	5a	S	Upright	Heavy soil; sun; double, scarlet flowers in late May; no fall color; pest or disease problem.
'Superba'	Crimson Cloud Hawthorn				Single, scarlet flowers; resistant to leaf spot.
* <i>Crataegus mollis</i>	Downy Hawthorn	3a	S	Spreading	Sun; large, red, early-ripening fruit; yellow fall color; susceptible to rust.
<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	Washington Hawthorn	4b	M	Upright	Urban; sun; latest blooming; small, persistent, orange-red fruits in clusters; orange fall color.
* <i>Crataegus punctata</i>	Dotted Hawthorn	3a	S	Spreading	Moist, heavy soil; sun; picturesque; susceptible to rust.
<i>Crataegus viridis</i> 'Winter King'	Winter King Hawthorn	4b	M	Upright	Sun; few thorns; glossy leaves; persistent red fruits; silver bark.

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<i>Magnolia x loebneri</i> 'Leonard Messel' 'Merrill'	Loebner M.	5a	S	Pyramidal	Rich soil; sun; difficult to transplant. Pink flowers. White flowers.
<i>Magnolia x soulangiana</i>	Saucer Magnolia	5a	S	Round	Rich soil; sun; large pink flowers; difficult to transplant; subject to alkaline soil-induced chlorosis.
<i>Malus</i> spp. and cvs.	Ornamental Crabapples				All require sun and well-drained soil. They all possess a high degree of resistance to the apple scab disease.
<i>M.</i> 'Adams'	Adams Crab	4a	M	Spreading	Slightly susceptible to fire blight; rose- red flowers; 5/8" diam., persistent, deep red fruits.
<i>M. baccata</i> 'Jackii'	Jack Crab	3a	M	Upright- spreading	Slightly susceptible to fire blight; white flowers; tiny, 1/3-1/2" diam., dark red fruits.
<i>M.</i> 'Bob White'	Bob White Crab	4a	M	Rounded	Moderately susceptible to fire blight; white flowers; 5/8" diam., persistent, yellow fruits.
<i>M.</i> 'Candied Apple'	Weeping Candied Apple Crab	4a	M	Weeping	Slightly susceptible to scab; pink flowers; 5/8" diam., persistent cherry-red fruits; foliage tinged with red.
<i>M.</i> 'Donald Wyman'	Donald Wyman Crab	4a	M	Rounded- spreading	Disease resistant; white flowers; 3/8" diam., persistent bright red fruits.
<i>M.</i> 'Indian Summer'	Indian Summer Crab	4a	M	Rounded	Disease resistant; rose-red flowers; 5/8-3/4" diam., persistent red fruits.
<i>M.</i> 'Mary Potter'	Mary Potter Crab	4a	S	Horizontal	Moderately susceptible to fire blight and scab; white flowers; 1/2" diam., red fruits; 10' height.
<i>M.</i> 'Ormiston Roy'	Ormiston Roy Crab	4a	M	Rounded	Slightly susceptible to fire blight; white flowers; 3/8" diam., persistent, yellow fruits.
<i>M.</i> 'Professor Sprenger'	Professor Sprenger Crab	4a	M	Upright- spreading	Disease resistant; white flowers; 1/2" diam., persistent orange fruits.
<i>M.</i> 'Profusion'	Profusion Crab	4a	M	Rounded- spreading	Slightly susceptible to fire blight; rose- red flowers; 1/2" diam., deep red fruits; bronze-green foliage.
<i>M.</i> 'Ralph Shay'	Ralph Shay Crab	4a	M	Rounded- spreading	Disease resistant; white flowers; 1-1 1/4" diam., bright red, persistent fruits for culinary purposes.
<i>M.</i> 'Red Jewel'	Red Jewel Crab	4a	M	Upright- spreading	Moderately susceptible to scab; white flowers; 1/2" diam., persistent, bright red fruits.
<i>M.</i> 'Red Barron'	Red Barron Crab	4a	M	Upright	Magenta-red flowers; 1/2-5/8" diam., glossy, dark red fruits; reddish fall foliage.
<i>M.</i> 'Sentinel'	Sentinel Crab	4a	S	Upright	Slightly susceptible to fire blight and scab; white flowers; 1/2" diam., persistent, bright red fruits.
<i>M.</i> 'White Cascade'	White Cascade Crab	4a	S	Weeping	Disease resistant; white flowers; 1/2" diam., yellowish fruits.

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* <i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Hophornbeam	3b	S	Pyramidal	Dry soil; shade; catkins; elm-like leaves; yellowish fall color.
* <i>Prunus americana</i>	American Plum	3a	F	Horizontal	Dry soil; sun; suckering habit; white flowers; yellow to orange fall color.
<i>Prunus</i> x 'Newport'	Newport Plum	4a	M	Round	Sun; reddish-purple summer foliage.
* <i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry	3a	M	Upright	Dry, infertile soil; suckering habit; white flowers; yellow to orange fall color.
'Canada Red' or 'Shubert'	Shubert Chokecherry				Sun; foliage changes from green to purple in early summer.
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Callery Pear	5a	M	Round	Sun; early, white flowers; red fall color.
'Autumn Blaze'					Most winter-hardy; horizontal branching.
'Chanticleer'				Columnar	Upright branches.
<i>Salix matsudana</i> 'Tortuosa'	Corkscrew or Contorted Willow	4b	F	Upright	Wet soil; tolerates poor drainage; sun; twisted branches; pest or disease problem.
<i>Salix pentandra</i>	Laurel Willow	3a	M	Round	Wet soil; sun; glossy, dark green foliage; dense habit; good screening plant.
<i>Sorbus alnifolia</i>	Korean Mountainash	4a	S	Oval	Cool soil; simple leaves; small flowers and fruits; orange to red fall color; subject to fire blight.
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> and cvs.	European Mountainash	3a	M	Oval	Cool soil; orange fruits; pest or disease problem.
* <i>Sorbus decora</i>	Showy Mountainash	3a	S	Upright	Cool soil; large, reddish fruits; pest or disease problem.
<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	Japanese Tree Lilac	3a	S	Horizontal	Sun; large, pyramidal, cream-white flower clusters in June; tan fruits.
'Ivory Silk'				Oval	Straight, single trunk.

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<i>Abies concolor</i>	White Fir	4a	M	70'	Dry soil; heat; gray-green foliage.
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	Chinese Juniper	4b	S	15'	Dry soil; sun; green foliage; rust resistant.
	'Towa'				Dense columnar form; fruits.
	'Mountbatten'				Narrow, columnar form; large fruits.
* <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern Redcedar	3b	S	20'	Dry soil; sun; brownish winter color.
	'Burkii'				Fine-textured, gray-green foliage.
	'Canaertii'				Dark green, tufted foliage.
	'Glauca'				Silver-gray foliage; informal habit.
	'Hillii'				Gray-green foliage turns purple in winter; no fruits.
<i>Picea abies</i>	Norway Spruce	3a	F	75'	Deep soil; dark green foliage; long cones; pendulous branchlets.
* <i>Picea glauca</i>	White Spruce	3a	M	50'	Moist soil; sun; light green needles.
var. <i>densata</i>	Black Hills Spruce	3b	S	20'	Dry soil; sun; narrow, dense habit.
<i>Picea omorika</i>	Serbian Spruce	4b	S	50'	Sun; narrow habit; pendulous branchlets.
<i>Picea pungens</i> var. <i>glauca</i>	Blue Colorado Spruce	3a	S	60'	Sun; urban; blue needles; stiff, formal habit.
<i>Pinus cembra</i>	Swiss Stone Pine	4b	S	50'	Sun; narrow habit.
<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Austrian Pine	4a	M	50'	Sun; salt-tolerant; urban; stout, dark green needles; pest or disease problem.
* <i>Pinus resinosa</i>	Red Pine	3a	F	50'	Dry soil; sun; reddish bark; yellow-green winter color.
* <i>Pinus strobus</i>	Eastern White Pine	3a	M	75'	Moist soil; sun; picturesque; soft, green foliage, subject to blister rust.
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine	3a	F	50'	Dry soil; sun; orange bark; bluish needles.
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglasfir	4a	M	70'	Half-shade; flat, dark green needles.
<i>Taxus cuspidata</i>	Japanese Yew	4b	S	20'	Shade; urban; deep green needles; often sold as <i>T. cuspidata</i> 'Capitata.'
* <i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	American Arborvitae	3a	M	40'	Moist soil; half-shade; light green, soft, scale-like foliage; screening plant.
	'Hetz Wintergreen'	3a	F	25'	Narrow columnar form with single leader; dark green foliage.
	'Sunkist'	3b	S	15'	Yellow foliage.
	'Techny'	3b	S	20'	Deep green foliage, year-round.
* <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Canada Hemlock	3a	M	75'	Moist soil; shade; soft, feathery foliage.

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TALL SHRUBS — (8–10 feet, sometimes 15 feet; plant 5–6 feet apart)				
<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	Bottlebrush Buckeye	4b	Mounded	Moist soil; semi-shade; white flowers in July; edible nuts.
* <i>Amelanchier</i> spp. (see Low Trees)	Serviceberry	3a	Upright	Partial shade; alkaline soil; white flowers; edible purple fruits; smooth, gray bark; yellow to orange fall color; fire blight sometimes a problem.
<i>Caragana arborescens</i>	Siberian Peashrub	3a	Erect-oval	Dry, alkaline soil; yellow flowers; greenish twigs.
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Fringetree	4b	Spreading	Moist soil; shade; white flowers; dioecious; blue fruits; coarse.
* <i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Pagoda Dogwood	3a	Spreading	Moist soil; shade; white flowers; blue fruits; horizontal branches; early, maroon fall color.
<i>Cornus mas</i>	Corneliancherry Dogwood	5a	Oval	Shade; urban; yellow flowers in April; flower buds may be injured or killed during some winters; edible red fruits.
'Golden Glory'			Upright	Darker green foliage.
* <i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Gray Dogwood	3a	Erect	Dry or wet soil; shade; white flowers; white fruits; purple fall color.
* <i>Cornus sericea</i>	Redosier Dogwood	3a	Spreading	Wet, moist soil; tolerates poor drainage; white flowers; white fruits; red twigs; often sold as <i>C. stolonifera</i> .
<i>f. baileyi</i>	Bailey R.D.		Erect	
'Flaviramea'	Yellowtwig R.D.			Yellow bark in winter.
<i>Cotinus coggygria</i>	Smoketree	5a	Rounded	Sun; dry soil; pinkish "smoke-like" inflorescence; subject to verticillium wilt.
'Nordine Red'				Purplish summer foliage.
<i>Cotoneaster multiflorus</i>	Manyflowered Cotoneaster	4b	Mounded	Sun; well-drained soil; white flowers; red fruits; very wide-spreading; subject to fire blight.
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	Autumnolive	5a	Spreading	Poor, dry soil; sun; fragrant flowers; edible, red fruits; twiggy.
<i>Euonymus alata</i>	Winged Euonymus	4a	Spreading	Sun or shade; well-drained soil; corky, winged twigs; pink to rose fall color.
* <i>Euonymus atropurpurea</i>	Eastern Wahoo	4b	Tree-like	Moist soil; shade; tiny, purplish flowers; orange to purple fall color.
<i>Euonymus europaea</i>	Spindletree or European Euonymus	4a	Tree-like	Dry soil; urban; striped bark; persistent, pink fruits; orange to purple fall color.
'Red Cap'	Red Cap E.E.			Bright pink fruits.
<i>Exochorda racemosa</i>	Pearlbush	5a	Leggy	Sun; pearl-like flower buds.
<i>Forsythia</i> x 'Meadowlark'	Meadowlark Forsythia	3b	Upright	Sun; deep yellow flowers in April.
* <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Common Witchhazel	4a	Spreading	Shade; yellow flowers in October; yellow fall color.

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<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> 'Grandiflora'	Peegee Hydrangea	4a	Upright	Moist soil; white to pink flowers in August; persistent, tan flower clusters.
<i>Kolkwitzia amabilis</i>	Beautybush	5a	Upright	Alkaline soil; sun; pink flowers in June; shredded bark; leggy.
<i>Ligustrum amurense</i>	Amur Privet	4b	Erect	Dry soil; white flowers; black fruits; hedge plant.
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i> 'Cheyenne'	Cheyenne Privet	4a	Erect	Dry soil; urban; white flowers; black fruits; hedge plant.
<i>Magnolia stellata</i>	Star Magnolia	4b	Rounded	Rich soil; white flowers; orange fruits; finest-textured magnolia.
* <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Common Ninebark	3a	Vase	Dry soil; semi-shade; white flowers; red, capsular fruits; shredded bark; coarse.
<i>Prunus tomentosa</i>	Manchu Cherry	3a	Rounded	Dry soil; sun; white flowers; edible, red fruits.
<i>Prunus triloba</i>	Double Flowering Plum	4a	Rounded	Sun; double, pink flowers; no fruit.
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i> 'Asplenifolia'	Glossy Buckthorn Feathery Glossy Buckthorn	4b	Vase	Moist soil; shade; finely divided leaves.
'Columnaris'	Tallhedge Glossy Buckthorn	4b	Columnar	Moist soil; shade; red to black fruits; holds leaves late; screening plant.
* <i>Rhus glabra</i>	Smooth Sumac	3a	Suckering	Dry soil; sun; persistent red fruits; smooth stems; scarlet fall color.
* <i>Rhus typhina</i> 'Dissecta'	Staghorn Sumac Shredleaf S.S.	3b	Suckering Picturesque	Dry soil; sun; persistent red fruits; felty stems; orange to red fall color. Dry soil; sun; red fruits; dissected leaves; orange to red in fall.
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat Willow or French Pussy Willow	4b	Oval	Wet or dry soil; sun; large, silver catkins in early spring.
<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>	Buffaloberry	3a	Irregular	Dry soil; sun; yellowish flowers; dioecious; edible red fruits; silvery foliage.
* <i>Staphylea trifolia</i>	American Bladdernut	4a	Upright	Moist soil; shade; whitish flowers; green to brown, bladder-like fruits; white-striped bark.
<i>Syringa x chinensis</i>	Chinese Lilac	4a	Vase	Dry, alkaline soil; purple-lilac flowers; fine-textured; good screening plant.
<i>Syringa x hyacinthiflora</i> cvs.	Hyacinth Lilacs	4b	Upright	Sun; white, pink, lilac, purple flowers; early blooming.
<i>Syringa x prestoniae</i> cvs.	Preston Lilacs	3a	Rounded	Sun; pink to purple flowers; late-blooming; coarse-textured; possible disease problem.
<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	Japanese Tree Lilac	3a	Tree-like	Sun; white flowers in June; tan fruits; cherry-like bark; often sold as <i>S. amurenensis japonica</i> .
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i> cvs.	Common Lilac	3a	Upright	Well-drained soil; sun; white, pink, lilac, purple, fragrant flowers; subject to mildew.
<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i> 'Cheyenne Red'	Tamarisk	4a	Irregular-upright	Dry soil; sun; salt-tolerant; tiny, pink flowers; very fine-textured; often sold as <i>T. pentandra</i> . Deep reddish pink flowers.

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<i>Viburnum dentatum</i> var. <i>pubescens</i>	Arrowwood Viburnum	4a	Vase	Moist soil; shade; white flowers in June; blue fruits; maroon fall color. Lower growing; later flowering.
<i>Viburnum lantana</i> 'Mohican'	Wayfaringtree Viburnum	3b	Upright	Dry soil; shade; white flowers; red to black fruits; late maroon fall color. More compact with showier fruits.
* <i>Viburnum lentago</i>	Nannyberry Viburnum	3a	Upright	Moist or dry soil; sun or shade; white flowers; black fruits; leggy; maroon fall color; subject to mildew.
* <i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	Blackhaw Viburnum	4a	Spreading	Partial shade; white flowers; black fruits; single or multi-trunked; maroon fall color.
<i>Viburnum sargentii</i>	Sargent Viburnum	4a	Upright	Lacy white flowers; persistent, red fruits; rough bark.
* <i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	American Cranberry- bush Viburnum	3a	Upright	Moist soil; shade; lacy, white flowers; persistent, edible red fruits.

MEDIUM SHRUBS — (5–8 feet; plant 3–4 feet apart)

<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokecherry	4b	Erect	Wet soil; shade; tolerates poor drainage; white flowers; red fruits; red fall color.
<i>Cornus alba</i> 'Argenteo-marginata'	Creamedge Dogwood	3a	Mounded	Moist soil; white flowers; white fruit; variegated foliage.
* <i>Corylus americana</i>	American Filbert or Hazelnut	3a	Rounded	Dry soil; shade; catkins in March; orange fall color.
<i>Cotoneaster divaricatus</i>	Spreading Cotoneaster	5b	Mounded	Dry, alkaline soil; red fruits; fine-textured; late maroon fall color; dies back in severe winters.
<i>Cotoneaster lucidus</i>	Hedge Cotoneaster	3a	Upright	Dry soil; partial shade; black fruits; orange to maroon fall color; good hedge plant; <i>C. acutifolius</i> is similar.
<i>Euonymus alata</i> 'Nordine Strain'	Nordine Winged Euonymous	4b	Spreading	Sun or shade; pink and orange fruits; red fall color; often sold as 'Koreana.'
<i>Forsythia</i> x 'Sunrise'	Sunrise Forsythia	4b	Spreading	Sun; urban; large, deep yellow flowers in April.
* <i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Red Sprite'	Winterberry	4a	Upright	Wet, acid soil; tolerates poor drainage; dioecious (needs pollinator); red fruits. Only 3 1/2' high; larger fruits.
* <i>Ligustrum obtusifolium</i> var. <i>regelianum</i>	Regel's Border Privet	5a	Spreading	Dry soil; shade; white flowers; blue-black fruits; late, purple fall color.
<i>Malus</i> 'Jewelberry'	Jewelberry Crabapple	5a	Spreading	Disease resistant; white flowers; persistent, 1/2" diam., red fruits; 8' mature height.
<i>Malus sargentii</i> 'Tina'	Sargent Crabapple Tina Sargent Crabapple	4b	Spreading	Slightly susceptible to fire blight; white flowers; 1/4" diam., red fruits; 8' mature height. Disease resistant; 5' mature height.
<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	Bayberry	4b	Upright	Dry soil; sun; gray, fragrant fruits; dioecious; semi-evergreen; suckering.

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<i>Philadelphus x virginialis</i> 'Glacier'	Glacier Mockorange	4b	Rounded	Sun; double, white, fragrant flowers.
<i>Prunus x cistena</i>	Purple-leaved Sand Cherry	3a	Rounded	Dry soil; sun; white flowers; purple foliage all season.
<i>Rhodotypos scandens</i>	Jetbead	5a	Spreading	Dry soil; shade; white flowers; black fruits in clusters of four.
<i>Rosa hugonis</i>	Father Hugo Rose	4b	Vase	Poor soil; sun; yellow flowers; sparse red fruits; fine-textured.
<i>Rosa rugosa</i> cvs.	Rugosa Rose	3a	Rounded	Dry soil; sun; white, yellow, pink or red flowers; large, edible, red fruits; fall color; wrinkled leaves; salt-tolerant.
* <i>Rosa setigera</i>	Prairie Rose	4b	Sprawling-mounded	Sun; pink flowers in July; red fruits; orange fall color; can be used as a climber.
<i>Salix purpurea</i> 'Gracilis'	Dwarf Arctic Willow	3a	Rounded	Wet soil; sun; fine-textured silvery leaves; hedge plant.
<i>Sorbaria sorbifolia</i>	Ural Falsespirea	3a	Erect	Sun; fuzzy white flowers; suckering.
<i>Spiraea x vanhouttei</i>	Vanhoutte Spirea	4a	Vase	Sun; white flowers; arching branches.
<i>Syringa meyeri</i> 'Palibin'	Palibin Lilac	4a	Rounded	Sun; purple flowers; dense; fine-textured; good informal hedge plant often sold as <i>S. palibiniana</i> .
<i>Syringa patula</i> 'Miss Kim'	Miss Kim Lilac	3b	Rounded	Sun; purple flowers; maroon autumn foliage; coarse.
<i>Viburnum carlesii</i>	Koreanspice Viburnum	4b	Rounded	Shade; urban; pink to white, fragrant flowers; blue-black fruits; red fall color.
* <i>Viburnum cassinoides</i>	Witherod Viburnum	4a	Rounded	Wet, acid soil; tolerates poor drainage; white flowers; pink to red to blue fruits; red fall color.
<i>Weigela florida</i>	Old-fashioned Weigela	5a	Spreading	Well-drained soil; pink, funnel-shaped flowers.
<i>Weigela</i> x 'Red Prince'	Red Prince Weigela	4b	Spreading	Well-drained soil; red flowers.

LOW SHRUBS — (2–5 feet; plant 2½–3 feet apart)

<i>Acanthopanax sieboldianus</i>	Fiveleaf Aralia	5a	Upright	Dry soil; shade; urban; leaves palmately compound; thorny.
* <i>Amelanchier stolonifera</i>	Running Serviceberry	3a	Suckering	Dry soil; shade; white flowers; edible fruits; orange fall color.
* <i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> var. <i>elata</i>	Glossy Black Chokeberry	3b	Suckering	Wet soil; shade; white flowers; black fruits; red fall color.
<i>Berberis koreana</i>	Korean Barberry	4a	Upright	Sun; showy red fruits and autumn foliage; thorns; suckering; coarse.
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Japanese Barberry	4a	Mounded	Dry soil; shade; red fruits; orange fall color; thorns; good hedge plant.
var. <i>atropurpurea</i>	Redleaf J.B.	4b		Sun; red summer foliage.
'Crimson Pygmy'		4b	Low mound	Sun; red summer foliage; 2' tall.

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<i>Buxus</i> x 'Green Velvet'	Green Velvet Box	5a	Rounded	Shade; broadleaf evergreen; good hedge plant.
<i>Buxus sinica</i> var. <i>insularis</i> 'Wintergreen'	Wintergreen Korean Littleleaf Box	4b	Rounded	Shade; broadleaf evergreen; good hedge plant.
<i>Chaenomeles</i> x <i>superba</i> 'Texas Scarlet'	Texas Scarlet Floweringquince	5a	Spreading	Dry soil; urban; red flowers; yellow, edible fruits; thornless; flower buds may be injured or killed during some winters.
<i>Cotoneaster apiculatus</i>	Cranberry Cotoneaster	5a	Mounded	Dry soil; red fruits; red fall color.
<i>Daphne</i> x <i>burkwoodii</i> 'Carol Mackie'	Burkwood Daphne	4b	Rounded	Partial shade; well-drained soil; semi-evergreen; fragrant pinkish flowers. Variegated leaves.
<i>Deutzia</i> x <i>lemoinei</i> 'Compacta'	Compact Lemoine Deutzia	5a	Rounded	Well-drained soil; white flowers.
* <i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Dwarf Bushhoneysuckle	3a	Mounded	Dry soil; shade; yellow flowers; good bank cover.
<i>Forsythia viridissima</i> 'Bronxensis'	Bronx Forsythia	5a	Low mound	Sun; small yellow flowers; fine-textured; purple fall color.
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Annabelle'	Smooth Hydrangea Annabelle Hydrangea	4a	Mounded	Moist soil; shade; white, clustered flowers; dense; bloom on new wood.
'Grandiflora'	Snowhill Hydrangea		Mounded	Smaller flower clusters and less dense than above.
* <i>Hypericum kalmianum</i>	Kalm's St. Johnswort	4a	Rounded	Dry soil; sun; yellow flowers; shiny brown twigs.
<i>Lonicera</i> x <i>xylosteoides</i> 'Clavey's Dwarf'	Clavey's Dwarf Honeysuckle	4a	Rounded	Dense growth; good hedge or screening plant.
'Miniglobe'	Miniglobe Honeysuckle			Dense 2' globe.
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i> 'Mayhan'	Mayhan Oregongrape	5a	Suckering	Shade; urban; yellow flowers; blue fruits; holly-like evergreen foliage; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs shelter from winter sun and wind.
<i>Philadelphus coronarius</i> 'Aureus'	Golden Mockorange	4a	Rounded	Sun; white flowers; yellow summer foliage.
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> 'Nanus'	Dwarf Common Ninebark	3a	Rounded	Dry soil; shade; creamy-white flowers; red capsular fruits; shredded bark.
* <i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> 'Abbotswood'	Bush Cinquefoil	3a	Mounded	Dry soil; sun; blooms all summer. White flowers; blue-green foliage.
'Goldfinger'				Yellow flowers; yellow-green foliage.
'McKay's White'				Cream flowers; yellow-green foliage.
'Primrose Beauty'				Pale yellow flowers; silvery foliage.
<i>Prunus glandulosa</i> 'Sinensis'	Pink Dwarf Floweringalmond	4a	Rounded	Sun; well-drained soil; double, pink flowers; no fruits; narrow leaves.
<i>Rhododendron</i> x 'Northern Lights'	Northern Lights Azalea	3b	Spreading	Sun; moist, acid soil; pink, orange, yellow, white, or orchid flowers.

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<i>Rhododendron</i> x 'PJM Hybrid'	PJM Hybrid Rhododendron	4a	Rounded	Moist, acid soil; sun; profuse lavender flowers; evergreen leaves turn purple in autumn.
* <i>Rhus aromatica</i> 'Gro-Low'	Fragrant Sumac Gro-low Fragrant Sumac	3a	Mounded	Dry soil; sun; red fruits; fragrant foliage, turns orange-maroon in fall. Uniform 2 1/2' height; glossy leaves.
<i>Ribes alpinum</i>	Alpine Currant	3a	Rounded	Shade; urban; good hedge plant.
<i>Rosa virginiana</i>	Virginia Rose	4a	Suckering	Sun; pink flowers; persistent red fruits; red stems; good bank cover.
<i>Salix repens</i> var. <i>nitida</i>	Silver Creeping Willow	4b	Spreading	Moist soil; sun; silvery foliage; ground cover.
<i>Spiraea albiflora</i>	Japanese White Spirea	4a	Mounded	Sun; white flowers in summer.
<i>Spiraea</i> x <i>billiardii</i>	Billiard Spirea	5a	Upright	Sun; pink flowers in July and August.
<i>Spiraea</i> x <i>bumalda</i> 'Anthony Waterer' 'Froebelii' 'Goldflame' 'Norman'	Bumalda Spirea	4a	Rounded	Dry soil; sun; summer flowering. Raspberry red flowers. Pinkish flowers; coppery fall color. Gold leaves; red-tipped young shoots; coppery fall color. Finer textured; lower growing.
<i>Spiraea</i> x <i>cinerea</i> 'Grefsheim'	Grefsheim Spirea	4a	Mounded	Sun; white flowers in early May; fine-textured; may be sold as 'Graciosa.'
<i>Spiraea japonica</i> var. <i>alpina</i> 'Goldmound' 'Little Princess'	Japanese Spirea Daphne S.	4a	Mounded	Sun; pale pink flowers in summer. Only 10" high with tiny leaves. Gold summer foliage. Pale pink flowers.
<i>Spiraea nipponica</i> 'Snowmound'	Snowmound Spirea	4a	Mounded	Sun; white flowers; blue-green foliage; possible disease problem.
<i>Stephanandra incisa</i> 'Crispa'	Cutleaf Stephanandra	5a	Mounded	Sun; well-drained, acid soil; excellent ground cover.
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry	4a	Vase	Best in dry soil; shade; tiny pink flowers; showy white fruits; may be sold as <i>S. rivularis</i> .
<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	Indiancurrant Coralberry	3b	Suckering	Dry soil; shade; pink fruits; good bank cover.
<i>Viburnum opulus</i> 'Compactum'	Compact European Cranberrybush Viburnum	3a	Rounded	Partial shade; white flowers; persistent, red fruit; dense habit.
<i>Viburnum opulus</i> 'Nanum'	Dwarf European Cranberrybush Viburnum	3a	Globe	Shade; no flowers or fruits; twiggy.

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TALL TO MEDIUM EVERGREEN SHRUBS					
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	Chinese Juniper				Sun; well-drained soil.
'Ames'		4a	9'	Broad-pyramidal	Bluish green foliage.
'Blaauw'		4a	4'	Upright-vase	Grayish blue foliage.
'Hetzii'	Hetz Blue Juniper	4a	15'	Ascending-spreading	Silvery blue foliage.
'Maney'		3b	6'	Upright-bushy	Bluish green foliage.
'Mint Julep'		3b	4'	Upright-bushy	Yellow-green foliage; also sold as 'Sea Green.'
'Old Gold'		4a	4'	Spreading	Green with gold tips; no fruits.
'Pfitzerana'	Pfitzer Juniper	4a	6'	Wide-spreading	Green foliage; no fruits.
'Pfitzerana Glauca'	Blue Pfitzer J.	4a	5'	Spreading	Blue-gray; no fruits.
* <i>Juniperus communis</i> var. <i>depressa</i>	Oldfield Common Juniper	3a	4'	Spreading	Dry soil; sun; light green; brownish in winter.
'Petite'			1'	Spreading	Dense; compact; fruits.
<i>Juniperus squamata</i> 'Blue Star'	Blue Star Singleseed Juniper	5a	3'	Mounded	Sun; blue foliage.
<i>Picea abies</i> 'Nidiformis'	Nest Spruce	3b	3'	Spreading	Sun; gray-green needles.
<i>Picea glauca</i> 'Conica'	Dwarf Alberta Spruce	4b	7'	Pyramidal	Shelter from winter sun; light green foliage.
<i>Pinus mugo</i> var. <i>mugo</i>	Mugo Pine	3a	4'	Mounded	Dry soil; sun; green foliage.
<i>Taxus cuspidata</i> 'Expansa'	Spreading Japanese Yew	4b	6'	Spreading	Shade; urban; dark green foliage; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs a special site or ideal conditions.
'Nana'	Dwarf Japanese Yew	4b	4'	Mounded	Shade; urban; very dark green foliage; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs a special site or ideal conditions.
<i>Taxus x media</i> cvs.	Anglojapanese Yew	5a	1–10'	Round or upright	Shade; very dark green; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs a special site or ideal conditions.
'Tauntonii'	Taunton Yew	4b	4'	Spreading	The most winter-burn resistant cultivar.
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	Arborvitae				Moist soil; half-shade.
'Hetz Midget'		3a	18"	Globe	Bright green.
'Holmstrup'		4a		Pyramidal	Dark green; dense foliage.
'Rheingold'		5a	6'	Mound	Golden.
'Wareana'	Ware Arborvitae	3a	8'	Broad-pyramidal	Dark green foliage; may be sold as <i>T. o.</i> 'Robusta.'
'Woodwardii'	Woodward Globe Arborvitae	3a	6'	Globe	Bright green.

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LOW EVERGREEN SHRUBS					
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	Chinese Juniper				Sun; well-drained soil.
'Kallay's Compact'	Kallay's Compact Pfizer Juniper	4a	24"	Spreading	Pale green foliage.
var. <i>procumbens</i>	Japanese Garden Juniper	4b	18"	Creeping	Blue-green, year-round foliage.
'Nana'	Dwarf Japanese Garden Juniper	4b	12"	Creeping	Dwarf and dense.
var. <i>sargentii</i>	Sargent Juniper	4a	18"	Creeping	Green, or blue-green in 'Glauca' cultivar.
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Creeping Common Juniper	3a	15"	Creeping	Sun; green in winter.
* <i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	Creeping Juniper	3a	12"	Creeping	Dry soil; sun; variable color-brown in winter; subject to blight disease.
'Wiltonii'	Blue Rug Juniper	3a	4-6"	Flat-trailing	Silvery blue; fruits.
'Wisconsin'		3a	8"	Creeping	Blue-green turning steel blue in winter.
'Youngstown'	Youngstown Juniper	4a	18"	Radial- creeping	Gray-green; purplish in winter.
<i>Juniperus sabina</i>	Savin Juniper				Sun; well-drained soil.
'Broadmoor'		3a	18"	Mounded	Soft grayish green; fine-textured.
'Calgary Carpet'			8"	Low- spreading	Soft green foliage.
'Buffalo'			12"	Low- spreading	Bright green foliage; fine-textured.

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<i>Actinidia kolomikta</i>	Arctic Beauty Kiwi	4b	Twining	Sun; pink and white blotches on leaves; dioecious; plant both sexes.
<i>Akebia quinata</i>	Fiveleaf Akebia	4b	Twining	Shade; rosy-purple flowers; purple fruits.
<i>Aristolochia durior</i>	Dutchmanspipe	4a	Twining	Shade; curious flowers; huge leaves; good screen.
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet creeper	4b	Aerial rootlets	Moist soil; sun; orange to red, trumpet-shaped flowers; suckering.
* <i>Celastrus scandens</i>	American Bittersweet	3a	Twining	Dry soil; shade; yellow and red terminal fruit clusters; dioecious; plant both sexes.
<i>Clematis</i> cvs.	Clematis	3b-5b	Twining petioles	Cool, alkaline soil; large, showy flowers of many colors; select cvs. that bloom on current season's growth.
<i>Clematis maximowicziana</i>	Sweet Autumn Clematis	4a	Twining petioles	Semi-shade; small, white flowers in September; often sold as <i>C. paniculata</i> .
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i> var. <i>vegeta</i>	Bigleaf Winter creeper Euonymus	4b	Aerial rootlets	Shade; broadleaf evergreen; several other selections available; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs shelter from winter sun and wind.
<i>Hydrangea anomala</i> ssp. <i>petiolaris</i>	Climbing Hydrangea	5a	Aerial rootlets	Shade; moist soil; white flowers; exfoliating cinnamon bark.
<i>Lonicera x brownii</i> 'Dropmore Scarlet'	Dropmore Scarlet Honeysuckle	3a	Twining	Shade or sun; red flowers all season; red fruits; subject to aphids.
<i>Lonicera heckrottii</i>	Everblooming Honeysuckle	5a	Twining	Shade or sun; pink and yellow flowers; subject to aphids.
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> 'Engelmannii'	Engelmann Virginia Creeper	3b	Holdfasts and tendrils	Shade or sun; finer textured than the species; blue fruits; red fall color.
<i>Parthenocissus tricuspidata</i> 'Veitchii'	Boston Ivy Veitch Boston Ivy	4b	Holdfasts Holdfasts	Shade; blue fruits; maroon fall color. Fine-textured; less aggressive than the species; young leaves purple.
<i>Polygonum aubertii</i>	Silver Fleecevine	5a	Twining	Sun; small, clustered, white flowers in September.
<i>Vitis</i> spp. and cvs.	Grape	3b-5b	Tendrils	Sun; edible fruits.
<i>Wisteria macrostachya</i>	Kentucky Wisteria	4a	Twining	Sun; drooping lavender flower clusters.

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<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i> 'Variegatum'	Silveredge Goutweed	3a	Sun or shade; herbaceous; variegated foliage; aggressive; 1' height.
<i>Ajuga reptans</i> and cvs.	Bugleweed	4a	Moist soil; shade; white, red, purple, or blue flowers; evergreen foliage; 4-6" height.
* <i>Asarum canadense</i>	Canada Wildginger	3a	Rich soil; shade; large, heart-shaped leaves; 6" height.
<i>Asarum europaeum</i>	European Wildginger	4a	Rich soil; shade; round evergreen leaves; 6" height.
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-valley	3a	Shade; moist soil; herbaceous; small, fragrant, white flowers; dark green foliage; 8" height.
<i>Coronilla varia</i>	Crownvetch	3a	Dry, alkaline soil; sun; pink and white flowers; good bank cover; aggressive; not for refined areas; 1-2' height.
<i>Cotoneaster apiculatus</i>	Cranberry Cotoneaster	5a	Dry soil; sun; red fruits; red fall cover; 2' height.
* <i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Dwarf Bushhoneysuckle	3b	Dry soil; shade; yellow flowers; 3' height.
<i>Epimedium</i> spp.	Bishop's Hat	3b	Rich soil; shade; herbaceous; yellow or red flowers; 1' height.
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i> 'Colorata'	Purpleleaf Wintercreeper Euonymus	4b	Shade; evergreen leaves turn purple in winter; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs shelter from winter sun and wind; 6-18" height.
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff	4a	Shade; herbaceous; white flowers; fine-textured; 6-8" height.
<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Bulgaria'	Bulgarian Ivy	5a	Shade; broadleaf evergreen; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs shelter from winter sun and wind; 6-8" height.
<i>Hemerocallis</i> cvs.	Daylily	3a-5b	Partial shade; showy flowers; herbaceous; 1-3' height.
<i>Hosta</i> cvs.	Plantainlily	3a	Shade; green, blue, gold, and variegated leaves; white or lavender flowers; 6-24" height.
<i>Juniperus</i> spp. (see Low Evergreen Shrubs)	Juniper	3a-4a	Dry soil; sun; needled evergreen; 6-24" height.
<i>Lamiastrum galeobdolon</i> 'Variegatum'	Yellow Archangel	4a	Partial shade; herbaceous; yellow flowers; aggressive; 12-18" height.
<i>Lamium maculatum</i> cvs.	Spotted Deadnettle	5a	Shade; variegated leaves; pink or white flowers; aggressive; 6-8" height.
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot Trefoil	3a	Wet, acid soil; sun; tolerates poor drainage; yellow flowers; good bank cover; not for refined areas; 1-2' height.
<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i> 'Green Carpet'	Japanese Pachysandra	4b	Moist soil; shade; evergreen foliage; not fully hardy in zone indicated—needs shelter from winter sun and wind; 6-8" height. Lower growing; glossier leaves; 6" height.
<i>Paxistima canbyi</i>	Canby Paxistima	5a	Shade; tiny, holly-like, evergreen leaves; 12" height.
<i>Phlox subulata</i> and cvs.	Moss Phlox	3a	Sun; dry, infertile soil; small, clustered, pink or white flowers; needle-like, semi-evergreen leaves; good bank cover; 6" height.
<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i> var. <i>compactum</i>	Low Japanese Fleeceflower	4b	Dry soil; herbaceous; pink flowers; red fall color; aggressive; often sold as <i>P. Reynoutria</i> ; 1-2' height.

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<i>Rhus aromatica</i> 'Gro-Low'	Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac	3a	Dry soil; sun; orange-maroon fall foliage; 2 1/2' height.
<i>Sedum</i> spp.	Stonecrop	3a-5b	Dry, infertile soil; sun; rock gardens; succulent; 2-8" height.
<i>Stephanandra incisa</i> 'Crispa'	Cutleaf Stephanandra	5a	Sun; well-drained, acid soil; fine-textured; 3' height.
<i>Vinca minor</i> and cvs.	Periwinkle	4a	Shade; blue flowers in May; broadleaf evergreen; 6" height.
<i>Waldsteinia ternata</i>	Barrenstrawberry	4a	Partial shade; herbaceous; yellow flowers; 4-6" height.

* Wisconsin native

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