

# GARDENING SIMPLIFIED

Proven Winners® ColorChoice® Landscape Guide

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FLOWERING SHRUBS

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# WELCOME

## WELCOME TO GARDENING SIMPLIFIED



Dreaming about a lush, flower-filled landscape or garden, but not sure where to start? You hold the answer in your hands! Our Gardening Simplified Landscape Guide has been created to help you discover all 325+ of the Proven Winners ColorChoice Shrubs and learn how to incorporate them into your surroundings. Rather than an A-Z list of our selection, we've organized all of our shrubs by landscape roles so it's easy to understand how to best utilize their size, shape, and seasons of interest.

We know that when you are approaching a landscape project or shopping at a garden center, it can be overwhelming. With so many choices, where to start? This booklet lays out a blueprint for how to design a landscape, and how to fill each landscape role from among our shrubs. Proven Winners ColorChoice aren't just another option at the garden center – we come by our name earnestly, trialing and testing each variety before introduction to make sure it outperforms everything else on the market. When you plant our shrubs, you ensure a beautiful, reliable, easy-care landscape that you can be proud of.

On top of the plants and plans to help you reach new horticultural heights, we provide the information you need to be successful on our tags, websites, and social media. Our team of professional horticulturists has a mission of informing and empowering gardeners of all skill levels to not just learn about plants and gardening, but to apply that knowledge to better understand the world around us.

So get ready – it's grow time!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey Hirvela". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

**Stacey Hirvela**

Horticulturist, Proven Winners ColorChoice Shrubs

## ABOUT US



All Proven Winners shrubs begin their journey to your yard at Spring Meadow Nursery in Grand Haven, Michigan. We were founded in 1981 by the Deppe family, who still own and run the nursery today. In the mid 1990s, Dale Deppe, along with plant hunter Tim Wood, began seeking out the best new ornamental shrubs the world had to offer. That's how we came to introduce two garden classics – Wine & Roses® weigela and 'Limelight' hydrangea – under the ColorChoice brand. In 2004, we joined with the Proven Winners brand and became Proven Winners® ColorChoice® Shrubs. Our selection now includes over 325+ superior selections, all chosen to meet the same exacting standards as our original best sellers.



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### ON THE COVER

When you have a plant with the flower power of Double Play Doozie spirea, you'll enjoy easy-care color all season long! This truly innovative new spirea is a continuous bloomer: the show starts in spring, with bright burgundy-red new growth. Within a few weeks, this tidy mound of a shrub lights up with pink-red blooms, and fresh flowers continue to appear all through summer. Few other plants can match the performance of this versatile, high-performance plant. See page 38 for more information.



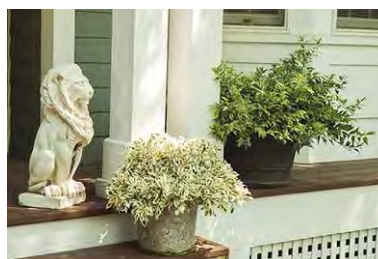
## HOW TO USE THIS LANDSCAPE GUIDE

Whether you want to spruce up your existing landscape or design a whole new one, you'll find that our award-winning shrubs create the perfect palette. Here are some tips to help you get the most out of this book, and get started on a more colorful, more eye-catching landscape:

1. Look for plants that provide a range of seasonal interest. We love roses and hydrangeas as much as you do, but the best landscapes incorporate shrubs that provide beauty throughout the year. Pick out some spring-blooming favorites, like forsythia, lilac, and quince, some summertime stunners like hydrangeas and rose of Sharon, some fall fabulousness like viburnum and sweetspire, and of course, winter wonders like evergreens and winterberry holly.
2. Plant in multiples of odd numbers. Aside from the shrubs in the Specimen Plant section, or unless you are planting a pair of shapely plants on either side of an entry, most things are best planted in groups of 3, 5, or 7. Take a look at some local landscapes you admire to see this principle in action.
3. Have trouble visualizing what the plants will look like around your home? Simply take a photo of your house, print it out in black and white, and roughly sketch in the shapes of the plants you like. It's an easy way to design your landscape and experiment with different possibilities.
4. No landscape? No problem! Nearly all of our shrubs can be grown in decorative containers on balconies, patios, porches, and decks. For more information, see page 62.



Look for drawings of a home, like the one above, for hints on how the plants may be positioned in your landscape for maximum enjoyment.





PLANT SPECIFICS													
In this chart, you'll find a master listing of every plant in this edition of Gardening Simplified, along with all the information you need to grow your favorites successfully: how much sun it wants, how tall and wide it gets, and more. If you have additional questions about the shrubs in Gardening Simplified, visit <a href="http://provenwinners.com/feedback">provenwinners.com/feedback</a> and select "Shrubs" as the category for a personal response from one of our professional horticulturists.													
Name	Botanical Name	USDA Zone	Size (H x W)	Height	Width	Color	Season	Light	Water	Soil	Pruning	Flowering	Notes
Amelanchier	A. alnifolia (W. & A.)	5	8	2-3	2-3	White	Spring	Full Sun	Low	Moist	Prune	Early Spring	
Blackberry	R. prinos (W. & A.)	5	8	4-6	4-6	Black	Spring	Full Sun	Low	Moist	Prune	Early Spring	
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## RETAILERS AND LANDSCAPERS

Our shrubs are supplied by an extensive network of wholesale growers across North America. If you are a business looking to retail Proven Winners ColorChoice Shrubs, please contact Spring Meadow Nursery at 800-633-8859 or visit [provenwinners.com/professionals/growers/locate](http://provenwinners.com/professionals/growers/locate).

## WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PLANTS IN THIS MAGAZINE?

To keep the focus on the plants themselves and their landscaping roles, we've compiled all of the nitty-gritty details into a chart that starts on page 90. Here, you'll find hardiness zones, heights, bloom times, and more.

## MYPWCOLORCHOICES.COM

Introducing our new companion website, [www.mypwcolorchoices.com](http://www.mypwcolorchoices.com). Here, you can find out more information about all of our shrubs and see lots of additional photos and videos. Once you've decided on plants that you'd like to purchase for your landscape or garden, you can add them to wishlists. Your wishlists can be printed out and taken to your favorite garden center so that they can help you find the plants that you want for your project.

You can also use this site to find plants that are suited to your climate and growing conditions by entering your USDA Hardiness Zone, as well as filter out plants based on flower color and height. In short, [mypwcolorchoices.com](http://mypwcolorchoices.com) makes using our Gardening Simplified Landscape Guide even simpler!

## WHERE TO FIND PROVEN WINNERS COLORCHOICE SHRUBS

### IN STORES

Our shrubs are sold in hundreds of better garden centers across the United States and Canada. Visit [provenwinners.com/retailers/locate](http://provenwinners.com/retailers/locate) to search by ZIP, Postal Code, or radius. With more than 325 different flowering shrubs and evergreens in our line, most retailers only carry a small selection of our plants. As such, the varieties that you want may not be available or in stock at all garden centers, though most of them can source the plants you want from the grower who supplies them with our shrubs.

### ONLINE

Our plants are available online through several reputable websites. This can be a good option for finding something that's difficult to source otherwise, but do be aware that purchasing online usually means you are getting a smaller plant than you would if you purchased from a local garden center. Since such plants typically take a few additional seasons to develop, so this might not be the best route for big landscape projects or any time you are looking for immediate gratification.

## NEED TO GET IN TOUCH? WE'RE EASY TO FIND!

### FACEBOOK:

[Facebook.com/PWColorChoice](https://www.facebook.com/PWColorChoice)

### INSTAGRAM:

[@PWColorChoice](https://www.instagram.com/PWColorChoice)

### TWITTER:

[@Proven\\_Winners](https://twitter.com/Proven_Winners)

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[ProvenWinners.com/Feedback](http://ProvenWinners.com/Feedback)



HOW TO READ OUR PLANT TAG



**HEAT TOLERANT / RESISTENTE AL CALOR**

**Blue summer flowers.**  
Las flores de esta variedad son de color azul y aparecen en verano.

**Flores azules en verano.**

**Blue Chiffon®**  
Rose of Sharon

**LONG BLOOMING**

**PROVEN WINNERS**  
COLOR CHOICE

Plant Name

Common Name

THREE OF THE PLANT'S BEST FEATURES

**DATE PLANTED:** write in the date you planted your new shrub for future reference.

**SHRUB CARE LINK:** Our shrub care center compiles a number of useful articles on caring for your landscape.

**SCIENTIFIC NAME AND PATENT STATUS**


Notes | Notas: •

Date planted | Fecha de siembra:

Light Exposure Luz	sun	sol	
Hardiness Resistencia	USDA 5-9 (hardy to -20°F)	USDA 5-9 (resistente hasta -28°C)	
Size Tamaño	8-12' tall and 4-6' wide	2.4-3.7m de alto y 1.2-1.8m de ancho	
Spacing Espaciado	6-7'	1.8-2.1m	
Bloom Time Tiempo de floración	summer	verano	
Pruning Poda	late winter/ early spring	finales de invierno/ principios de primavera	
Soil & Water Sustrato & Agua	adaptable to most well-drained soil	se adapta a la mayoría de los suelos bien drenados	
Care Cuidados	fertilize in spring and midsummer	fertilizar en primavera y a mediados de verano	
Uses Usos	borders, specimen, hedging	arriates, ejemplar solitario, seto vivo	
Deer Resistance Resistencia a los venados	high alta	medium mediana	low baja


**Planting | Plantar**

1. Dig hole wider than pot and as deep. | Cava un hoyo más ancho que la maceta e igual que profundo.
2. Carefully remove rootball from pot, place in hole, and backfill. | Retira con cuidado el cepellón de raíces de la maceta, trasládalo al hoyo, y vuelve a llenar el hoyo.
3. Water well and apply 2-3" of mulch. | Riega bien y aplica 5-8cm de mantillo.



For questions and complete care instructions, visit [ProvenWinners.com/ShrubCare](http://ProvenWinners.com/ShrubCare)

Para ver preguntas e instrucciones de cuidado completas, visita [ProvenWinners.com/ShrubCare](http://ProvenWinners.com/ShrubCare)



*Hibiscus syriacus 'Notwoodthree'*  
PP#20574 CBR#3583

Plant **Blue CHIFFON®** rose of Sharon for intriguing summer color. This adaptable, easy-to-grow plant boasts a graceful habit, low seed set, and large, double blue flowers.

La rosa de Saron **Blue CHIFFON®** tiene un interesante colorido en verano. Esta planta se adapta bien y es fácil de cuidar. Tiene un porte elegante, flores dobles grandes de color azul, y pocas semillas.

**LIGHT EXPOSURE:** tells if the plant will grow in sun, shade, or in between. Sun is 6+ hours of bright light daily, part sun/part shade is 4-6 hours of sun or filtered light, and shade is fewer than 4 hours.

**HARDINESS:** the coldest winter temperatures the plant can survive.

**SIZE:** the height and width the plant will reach after about 7 years in the ground.

**SPACING:** a recommendation of how far apart to plant multiples of the same shrub.

**BLOOM TIME:** when you can expect the plant to bloom. May vary a bit depending on your climate.

**PRUNING:** when to prune. Note that pruning is not always required; consult the plant listing on our website for full details.

**SOIL & WATER:** if the plant requires any particular soil conditions, you'll find that here.

**CARE:** fertilizing instructions or other maintenance recommendations.

**USES:** suggested landscape roles where this variety may particularly excel.

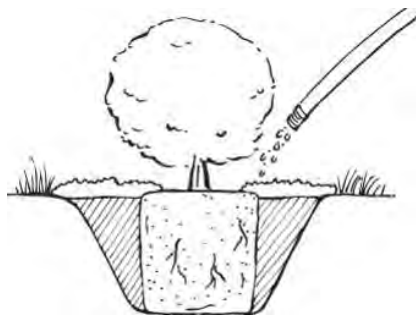
**DEER RESISTANCE:** indicates level of resistance to deer damage.



## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BASICS

**LIGHT:** A spot is considered "full sun" if it gets at least six hours of bright sun each day. Sites that get 4-6 hours of bright sun, or receive filtered light all day long, are considered part sun. Shaded sites get fewer than four hours of sun per day.

**PLANTING:** When you plant one of our shrubs, there's no need to add anything to the soil, and we recommend against adding any kind of compost, garden soil, or potting mix to the hole when you plant. Doing so can create serious drainage issues that can set back or even kill new plants, so keep it simple by choosing the right plants for your conditions and following this diagram:



**WATERING:** Proper watering after planting is the key to getting your plant established. Generally speaking, newly planted shrubs should not be allowed to dry out completely, but nor should they ever be wet or soggy, either. Because weather, climate, and soil conditions can vary so widely, it's impossible to give an exact frequency or amount on watering; the best course is to observe the soil, and the plant, and to check whether the soil is dry or wet using your hands, a trowel, or even a piece of bamboo stake or BBQ skewer.

**FERTILIZING:** Newly planted shrubs don't need fertilizer their first year – there's plenty already applied by the grower prior to purchase. You can apply a granular (i.e., not liquid) rose fertilizer beginning in late winter/early spring of the second year if you wish; once a year is sufficient in most cases, though if you are trying to push growth, you can apply the fertilizer monthly through late July.

**PRUNING AND LONG-TERM CARE:** This varies from plant to plant; please reference the tag or provenwinners.com for complete details.



### LEARN WITH US ON YOUTUBE

Looking for more information and inspiration on choosing and caring for our shrubs? It's all on YouTube! Type "Proven Winners Shrubs" in the search bar to find our channel and dozens of videos, like:

- 30 second profiles of individual varieties
- Plants with a Purpose: video lists of the best problem-solving shrubs, covering everything from low flammability to deer resistance to specific colors
- How-to tutorials on pruning, watering, and more
- Video answers to your most frequently-asked gardening questions
- Great tips on selecting and growing our shrubs in hot climates from Alabama native, Dr. Judson LeCompte

We've even created a playlist to complement this landscaping guide, so you can get a closer look at the plants and ideas you'll read on the next pages.

**GOT AN IDEA FOR A VIDEO?** Let us know! Leave a comment on one of our videos, or reach out to us using any of the contacts on page 5.



# INSPIRATION FROM THE PROS

Landscape designers across North America look to our shrubs to provide the color, texture, and year-round interest for their projects. We asked a few Proven Winners Certified Landscape Professionals to share some of their favorite combinations using our plants for some inspiration as you embark on your own landscape and garden projects.

Looking for a talented, trusted landscape professional for a project at your home? See all of the Proven Winners Certified Landscape Professionals here: [https://www.provenwinners.com/certified\\_landscape\\_professionals](https://www.provenwinners.com/certified_landscape_professionals).



## ERICA BOWMAN, MLA, VTLA

Senior Landscape Architect & Garden Designer  
Julie Moir Messervy Design Studios  
Bellows Falls, Vermont

A favorite grouping of shrubs in autumn includes Summer Wine physocarpus (p.18), Brandywine viburnum (p. 83), *Miscanthus sinensis*, *Schizachyrium scoparium* 'The Blues', and *Aster oblongifolius* 'October Skies' as part of a drought tolerant, retained screening bed on the side of a pool. This bed really comes into its prime in fall when the grasses are filled with inflorescence and the fall foliage begins to shine. I recently added a new Proven Winners perennial hibiscus to this mix, Summerific 'Evening Rose' whose late blooms and purple foliage will add more summer color.



This planting is anchored by Kodiak Orange diervilla (p. 83); I love how you can see the color change in its tips so well in this picture. It is accompanied by *Schizachyrium scoparium*, sedums, dianthus, daylilies, and creeping juniper. That distant juniper in the bed gives great contrast to the Diervilla's leaves.



## BARBARA CONOLLY

Owner & President,  
Gardens by Barbara Conolly, Inc.  
East Falmouth, Massachusetts

This client had large old *Hydrangea macrophylla* here, but with an ocean view, we needed a plant that would sit lower and still provide that Cape Cod look. Cityline Paris hydrangea was the perfect choice!



'Limelight' hydrangea here were chosen to set off the bigleaf hydrangeas in front. Their dense flowerheads are a wonderful contrasting element.







### MICHAEL GALLI

Founder & Owner, Metamorphosis Landscaping, Millbrae, California

I really enjoy using Pugster® White in my moon garden designs. Their compact form and incredible flower output help set the tone for the design. They easily fit into the front of most of my planter beds. And when you pair them with white Proven Winner Bloom-a-Thon® azaleas, Little Lime® hydrangeas, Bobo® hydrangeas, a beautiful *Acer palmatum* "Butterfly" and some great outdoor lighting, it gives a client a WOW factor project for any night time entertaining they plan.



### LEIGH MCGONAGLE

Owner & Founder, Poplar Point Studio, Moravia, NY

I love the fringe texture of Celtic Pride microbiota – it's great for winter interest. Here, we used it as a ground cover to soften the harder edges of a stone wall.



The size of Show Off forsythia makes it more manageable for foundation plantings than older types; it also works well as a spring "thriller" plant in containers before being planted in the landscape.



### ANDREA WILSON MUELLER

Founder & Owner, Inside Out Design, LLC, Frankfort, KY

This entryway displays 'Millenium' allium, Little Lime hydrangea, Gem Box Inkberry, and lots of soft carex – with different textures, leaf shapes and blooms it provides an interesting and colorful welcoming place to this home in Frankfort, Kentucky.



In this full sun entrance, the homeowner wanted all of the plants to be low – less than 2'. In this instance and many others, Ground Hug has quickly become one of my favorite plants with its clean, glossy foliage, spring bloom, fall color and berry. It's pretty much the perfect plant, especially for low maintenance borders. It's paired with 'Blue Moon', a variety of our native woodland phlox





# SPECIMEN PLANTS

## YOUR LANDSCAPE'S MOST STYLISH STATEMENT

Specimen plants are those landscape elements that, because of their structure, their color, their sheer flower power (or maybe all three!), make a dramatic statement that accents your home's architecture. Specimen shrubs tend to be larger plants (usually 5'/1.5m or taller) that are exceedingly showy at least once a year. Think of them as the plants that set your home apart from everyone else's.

The right specimen plant will make passersby stop in their tracks, but with so many options, how to pick the right one? As you look through the following pages, note which ones you are personally drawn to. Think about where they might be placed in your landscape that will accentuate features of your home's exterior, like spaces between windows, a fireplace, or the center of a large bed. Think, too, of your home's color. Is there a specimen shrub here that would really set it off, either when it is in flower, or perhaps in fall. Whatever you're looking for, there is a specimen shrub for every taste and style.





If you find yourself drawn to more than one plant, you don't have to pick just one! A specimen shrub is a focal point of a portion of your landscape, so there's room for multiple specimens within one yard. For maximum impact, look for plants that are at peak at different times of the year so the focus shifts through the season. And don't forget about the back and sides of your home – specimen plants aren't just for passersby. They can be a key part of your private retreat as well.



SWEETSHRUB (*Calycanthus*)  
**'Aphrodite'**  
Long blooming | Heat tolerant | Deer resistant



LAWSON'S FALSE CYPRESS  
(*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*)  
**HAYWIRE™**  
Appealing thread-leaf texture | Native to western North America | Deer resistant



**PINPOINT® Blue**  
**PINPOINT® Blue & Gold**  
**PINPOINT® Gold**  
Cool, refreshing color | Native to western North America | Deer resistant evergreen

FALSE CYPRESS (*Chamaecyparis pisifera*)  
**SOFT SERVE®**  
**SOFT SERVE® Gold**  
Deer resistant | Soft to the touch  
Resists pests & diseases





SPECIMEN PLANTS



GOLDEN SHADOWS®

PAGODA DOGWOOD (*Cornus alternifolia*)

GOLDEN SHADOWS®

Unique small tree | Excellent choice for shade  
Fab foliage + flowers

Landscaping Tip:

The strongly horizontal presence of Golden Shadows dogwood is balanced by planting narrow, softly textured Pinpoint Blue & Gold and Soft Serve Gold false cypress (previous page). The interplay of golden tones provides visual unity year-round.



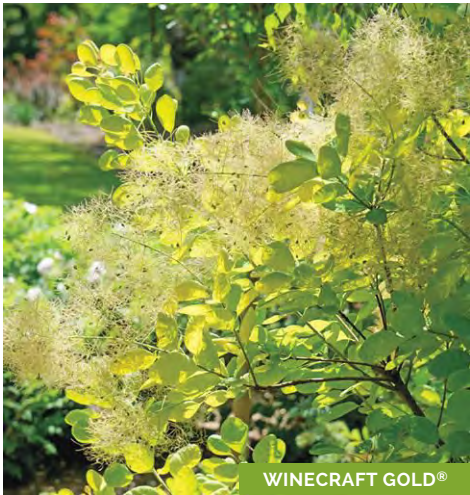
SMOKEBUSH (*Cotinus coggygria*)

WINECRAFT BLACK®  
WINECRAFT GOLD®  
THE VELVET FOG®

Waxy, high quality foliage | Soft, smoke-like blooms in summer | Fuller and more lush than conventional smokebush



WINECRAFT BLACK®



WINECRAFT GOLD®



THE VELVET FOG®



SEVEN-SON FLOWER (*Heptacodium miconioides*)

TEMPLE OF BLOOM®

Year-round beauty | Fragrant flowers  
Beautiful peeling bark



RED TWIG DOGWOOD (*Cornus stolonifera*)

PUCKER UP®

Bold texture from corrugated foliage | Slow growing:  
no pruning necessary | Deer resistant



BURNING BUSH (*Euonymus alatus*)

FIRE BALL®  
UNFORGETTABLE FIRE®

Outstanding fall color | More dense & compact  
than other burning bush



# SPECIMEN PLANTS - ROSE OF SHARON

Meet one of the landscape's most versatile – and best-loved – flowering shrubs. Rose of Sharon can do so many different things in the landscape that it's hard to limit them to just one role. Whether you choose to plant yours as a stunning specimen, lush flowering hedge, or floriferous border plant, you can look forward to months of low-maintenance summer color for years to come.



Blue CHIFFON®



Dark Lavender CHIFFON®



Magenta CHIFFON®



Pink CHIFFON®



White CHIFFON®

ROSE OF SHARON (*Hibiscus syriacus*)

### CHIFFON® Series

Large flowers with "powderpuff" centers | Graceful, elegant habit | Months of summer blooms

- Blue CHIFFON®
- Dark Lavender CHIFFON®
- Magenta CHIFFON®
- Pink CHIFFON®
- White CHIFFON®

ROSE OF SHARON (*Hibiscus syriacus*)

### PARAPLU® Series

Extra-large blooms | Shimmering color | Elegant foliage and habit

- PARAPLU PINK INK®
- PARAPLU ROUGE™
- PARAPLU VIOLET®



PARAPLU PINK INK®





Azurri Blue SATIN®



Orchid SATIN®



Purple SATIN®



Ruffled SATIN®



PARAPLU ROUGE®



PARAPLU VIOLET®

ROSE OF SHARON (*Hibiscus syriacus*)

### SATIN® Series

Pure, true colors | Graceful, elegant habit

Low seedset – no nuisance weeds

**Azurri Blue SATIN®**

**Orchid SATIN®**

**Purple SATIN®**

**Ruffled SATIN®**



## SPECIMEN PLANTS



### HYDRANGEA

#### **FIRE LIGHT®** (*H. paniculata*)

Big, full flowers start white and soon turn red  
Blooms last for months | The most sun-loving hydrangea

#### **LIME RICKEY®** (*H. arborescens* - Native)

Sturdy stems prevent flopping | Jade green blooms last for months | Cold and heat tolerant

#### **QUICK FIRE®** (*H. paniculata*)

The earliest blooming panicle hydrangea – enjoy an extra two (or more!) weeks of flowers | Elegant lacecap flowers start white and turn red

#### **QUICK FIRE FAB®** (*H. paniculata*)

Earliest-blooming mophead hydrangea  
Very colorful | Full, lush blooms last for months





## OAKLEAF HYDRANGEA (*H. quercifolia*)

Fabulous fall color | The most shade tolerant hydrangea Native to North America

### **GATSBY GAL®**

Landscape-friendly semi-dwarf habit

### **GATSBY MOON®**

Big, full, mophead blooms

### **GATSBY PINK®**

Lacecap flowers turn deep pink as they age

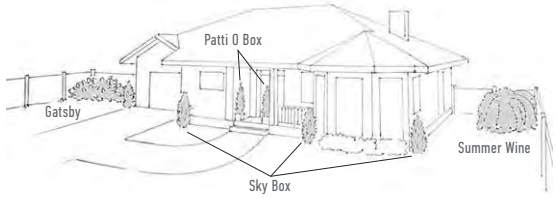
### **GATSBY STAR®**

Enormous, star-like double blooms





SPECIMEN PLANTS



**Landscaping Tip:**  
Patti O Box and Sky Box hollies both provide a vertical element to the landscape while Gatsby hydrangea (p.17) and Summer Wine ninebark helps fill in corner spaces.

JAPANESE HOLLY (*Ilex crenata*)

**PATTI O BOX®**  
**SKY BOX®**

Glossy-leaved evergreens | Easy to trim and shape  
Excellent structure for holding string lights

NINEBARK (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)

**SUMMER WINE®**

Deep red-purple foliage | Hundreds of flower clusters  
in late spring | Native to North America

JUNIPER (*Juniperus*)

**AQUAVITA™**

Cool blue foliage | Naturally grows as a narrow  
column | North American native





NERIUM OLEANDER (*Oleander*)

**AUSTIN PRETTY LIMITS®**

Year-round color for hot climates | Disease resistant  
Neat, rounded habit



ELDERBERRY (*Sambucus nigra*)

**BLACK LACE®**

Deep purple black foliage makes a dramatic statement and looks great with other colors. | Lacy pink flower clusters in early summer

RED ELDERBERRY (*Sambucus racemosa*)

**LEMONY LACE®**

Lacy white blooms in very early spring, before the foliage emerges | Replicates the texture of Japanese maple in cold climates



ARBORVITAE (*Thuja plicata*)

**FLUFFY®**

Glossy golden evergreen | Creates an eye-catching soft yet bold look in the landscape

**Landscaping Tip:**

Conical evergreens like Fluffy arborvitae are often planted on either side of a front door to provide a hint of formality to a home's entrance. In this case, the plants function more or less as mirror-image specimens of one another.





# SPECIMEN PLANTS

REBLOOMING WEIGELA (*W. florida*)

- SONIC BLOOM® Pink
- SONIC BLOOM® Pearl
- SONIC BLOOM® Pure Pink
- SONIC BLOOM® Red

Reblooming weigela provide months, not just weeks, of flowers | Sun loving | Deer resistant



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**Landscaping Tip:**  
Weigela has an elegant, arching habit that functions as an anchor to large beds. Select your favorite of the reblooming Sonic Bloom series for color that lasts much longer than conventional weigela.







INTERSTELLA®



ZUZU®

LILY OF THE VALLEY SHRUB (*Pieris japonica*)

**INTERSTELLA®**

One of the very first shrubs to bloom in early spring | Graceful ruby blooms hang like tiny bells  
Very shade tolerant

ORNAMENTAL CHERRY (*Prunus incisa*)

**ZUZU®**

Pink powderpuff flowers in spring | Tiny leaves provide appealing texture



BLACK HAT®

RHODODENDRON

**BLACK HAT®**

Very early to bloom in spring | Purple black foliage fall-spring

**DANDY MAN® Rhododendron**

Bold, leathery, evergreen foliage | Disease resistant and heat tolerant | Good choice for shade

**DANDY MAN COLOR WHEEL®**

**DANDY MAN® Pink**

**DANDY MAN® Purple**



DANDY MAN® Purple



DANDY MAN COLOR WHEEL®



DANDY MAN® Pink



# BORDER PLANTS

THE SUPPORTING CAST OF  
YOUR LANDSCAPE



DOUBLE PLAY DOOZIE® Spirea



SUMMER WINE® Ninebark

BOBO® Hydrangea







INVINCIBELLE WEE WHITE® Hydrangea



PINKY WINKY® Hydrangea

Some people call these foundation plants, because they are traditionally used to cover or soften your house's foundation. Whatever you call them, though, you can count on them to beautify your landscape year-round. These are plants that you can mix and match – colors, shapes, sizes – to fill in the spaces between other landscape elements. Generally speaking, the border plants on these pages are going to be shorter than 5'/1.5m and grow with a naturally appealing shape.

The spaces in your landscape that can be filled by these border plants provide the perfect opportunity to explore your favorite plants (hydrangeas, anyone?!) or to experiment with something new and compelling, like a dwarf birch or tiny pomegranate. You'll find lots of interesting choices on the following pages; as you plan your landscape, be sure to note some eye-catching evergreens: the most successful borders or foundation plantings provide a mix of foliage and flowering plants for a dynamic display every day, no matter what the season.



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RUBY ANNIVERSARY®



FUNSHINE®



ABELIA (*Abelia x grandiflora*)

**FUNSHINE®**

Gold foliage creates a very vivid effect in the landscape | Deer resistant and shade tolerant

ABELIA (*Abelia chinensis*)

**RUBY ANNIVERSARY®**

Hardier than most abelia | Very fragrant flowers in late summer | Deer resistant and shade tolerant

BARBERRY (*Berberis thunbergii*)

**SUNJOY NEO®**

Bold, bright orange foliage | Neat and tidy habit  
Very deer resistant

**SUNJOY® Tangelo**

Super colorful and hardy | Orange leaves develop an appealing green edge | Very deer resistant

BIRCH (*Betula x plettkei*)

**CESKY GOLD®**

Shrubby dwarf birch with bright gold foliage  
Extremely cold tolerant | Deer resistant



SUNJOY NEO®



SUNJOY® Tangelo



CESKY GOLD®



BUTTERFLY BUSH (*Buddleia*)

**LO & BEHOLD®**

Dwarf habit | Very, very long blooming | Non-invasive

**LO & BEHOLD® 'Blue Chip'**

**LO & BEHOLD® 'Blue Chip Jr.'**

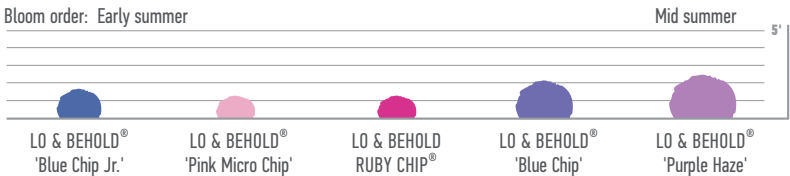
**LO & BEHOLD® 'Pink Micro Chip'**

**LO & BEHOLD® 'Purple Haze'**

**LO & BEHOLD RUBY CHIP®**

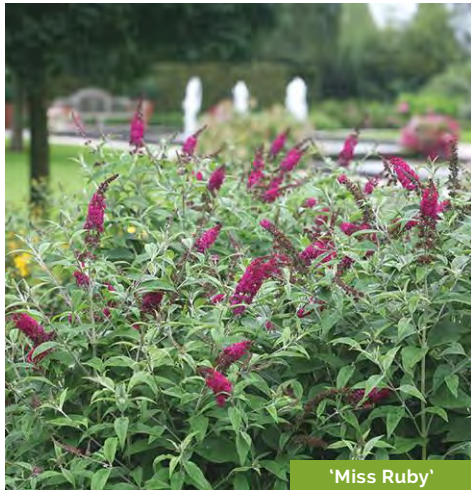
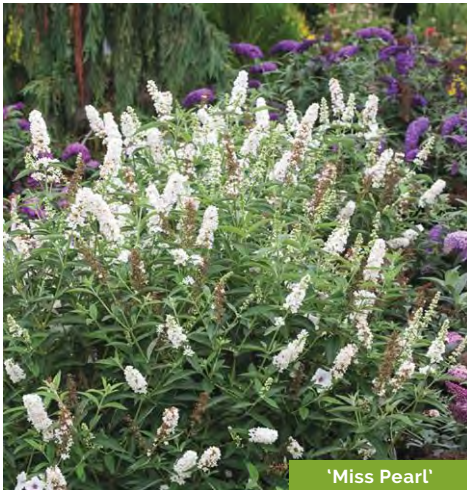


Lo & Behold® Size, Bloom Onset, and Color Comparison





BORDER PLANTS



BUTTERFLY BUSH (*Buddleia*)

MISS Series

Useful 4-5'/12-14m height | Very, very long blooming | Non-invasive

- 'Miss Molly'
- 'Miss Pearl'
- 'Miss Ruby'
- 'Miss Violet'



**Landscaping Tip:**  
Butterfly bush are excellent candidates for containers, since they bloom all summer long. Use pots with good drainage, as wet soil and butterfly bush definitely don't mix.

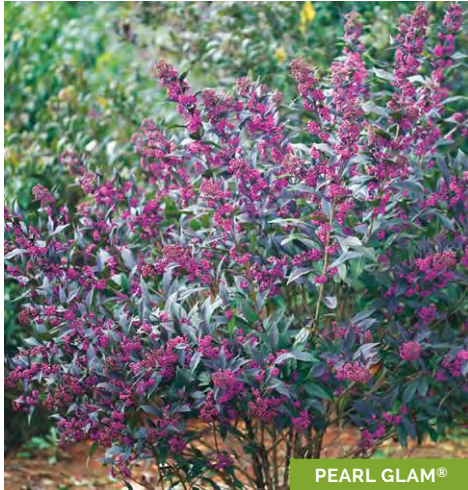




BEAUTYBERRY (*Callicarpa*)

**PEARL GLAM®**

Bright purple berries in autumn | Dark purple foliage provides season-long drama | Narrow, space-saving habit



BLUEBEARD (*Caryopteris* sp.)

Whiskered blue flowers in late summer | Loves hot, dry spots | Very resistant to deer and rabbits

**BEYOND MIDNIGHT®**

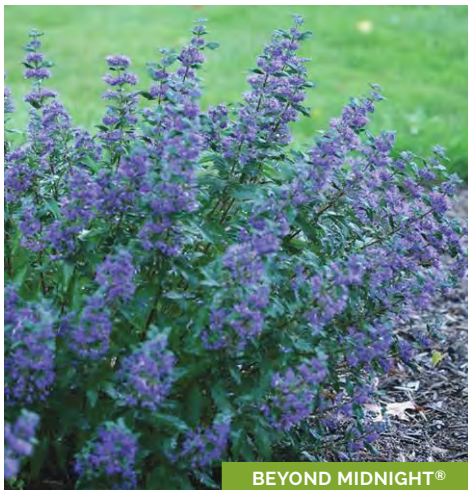
Dark green foliage with deep blue blooms in August and September

**BEYOND PINK'D™**

Fantastically pink blooms with unique foliage and heat tolerance

**SUNSHINE BLUE® II**

More cold tolerant than other yellow-leaf bluebeards

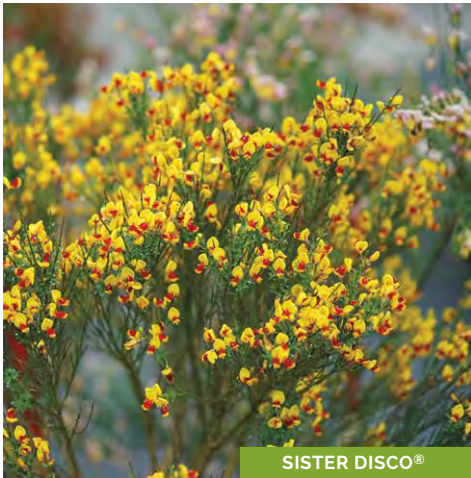




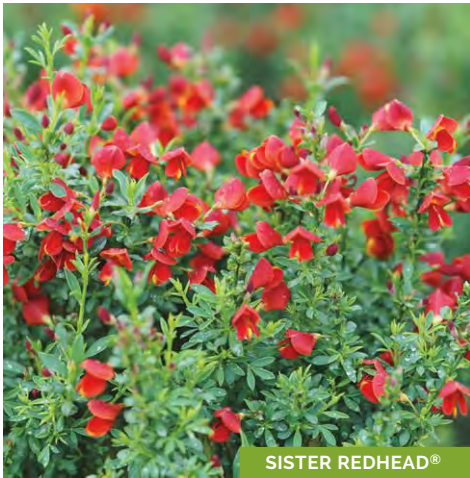
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SCOTCH BROOM (*Cytisus scoparius*)  
Bright spring color | Thrives in dry, sunny spots  
Very deer resistant

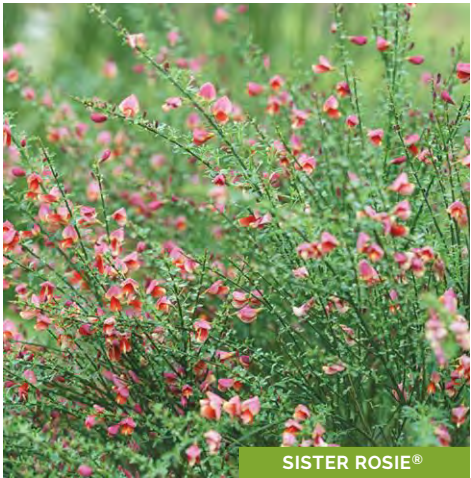
SISTER DISCO®  
SISTER REDHEAD®  
SISTER ROSIE®



SISTER DISCO®



SISTER REDHEAD®



SISTER ROSIE®



CHARDONNAY PEARLS®

DEUTZIA  
CHARDONNAY PEARLS®  
Dainty white flowers in spring | Deer resistant  
Chartreuse foliage all season

Landscaping Tip:  
Spring flowering shrubs like the ones on this page are irresistible, but be sure to mix them with other shrubs and perennials that flower at different times of the year to keep your landscape colorful and interesting all the way up til frost.







## FORSYTHIA

Smaller habits means these forsythia play well with other plants | Packed with blooms from stem to tip  
Shade tolerant and deer resistant

**SHOW OFF STARLET®**  
**SHOW OFF® SUGAR BABY®**



## BOTTLEBRUSH (*Fothergilla x intermedia*)

**LEGEND OF THE FALL®**  
**LEGEND OF THE SMALL™**

Outstanding fall color | Fragrant white flowers  
in spring | Shade tolerant, native to North America



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ROSE OF SHARON (*Hibiscus syriacus*)

LIL KIM® Series

Dwarf rose of Sharon make perfect garden plants  
Months of colorful blooms each summer  
Three colors to choose from

LIL KIM®

LIL KIM® Red

LIL KIM® Violet



Landscaping Tip:  
Use Lil Kim rose of Sharon  
in a decorative container to  
enhance and diversify your  
patio plantings.







ROSE OF SHARON (*Hibiscus x*)

**POLLYPETITE®**

Naturally grows with a neat, rounded, dwarf habit  
Large purple flowers all summer  
Very handsome deep green foliage



**FAIRYTRAIL BRIDE™**



Breeder Ushio Sakazaki shows off his magnificent  
Fairytail Bride™ Cascade Hydrangea™.

CASCADE HYDRANGEA™ (*Hydrangea x*)

**FAIRYTRAIL BRIDE™**

Blooms along entire length of stem | Weeks and  
weeks of flowers | No pruning required



## BORDER PLANTS



LET'S DANCE ¡ARRIBA!™



LET'S DANCE BIG BAND®

BIGLEAF HYDRANGEA (*H. macrophylla*)

### LET'S DANCE® Series

Developed in Michigan for better performance in cold climates | Big, colorful flowers | Reblooming means more flowers summer through fall

### LET'S DANCE® ¡ARRIBA!™

Blooms – and reblooms – even in cold climates

### LET'S DANCE BIG BAND®

High-performance big bloomer

### LET'S DANCE® BLUE JANGLES®

Smallest, most compact rebloomer

### LET'S DANCE CAN DO!™

Blooms long and strong, year after year

### LET'S DANCE® RAVE®

Fabulous purple rebloomer

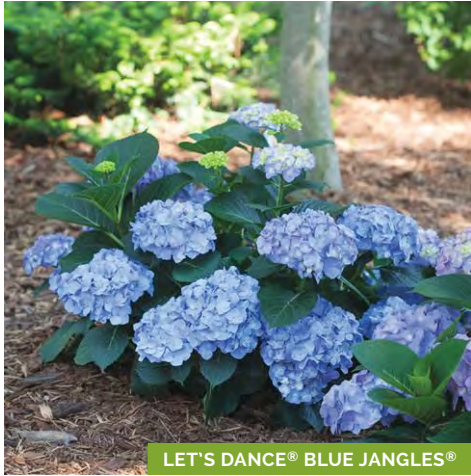
### LET'S DANCE® RHYTHMIC BLUE®

Blue mophead rebloomer

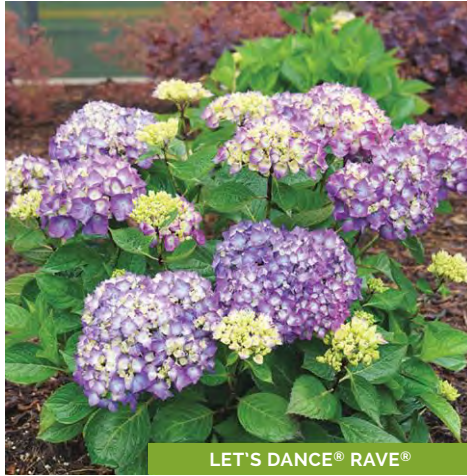


LET'S DANCE CAN DO!™





LET'S DANCE® BLUE JANGLES®



LET'S DANCE® RAVE®

## BIGLEAF HYDRANGEA (*H. macrophylla*)

Super compact and colorful | No pruning required  
Full, lush, mophead blooms

### WEE BIT GIDDY®

Intensely saturated pink-red flowers

### WEE BIT GRUMPY®

Blooms an unforgettable moody violet color



LET'S DANCE® RHYTHMIC BLUE®



WEE BIT GIDDY®



WEE BIT GRUMPY®



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## PANICLE HYDRANGEA (*H. paniculata*)

### BOBO®

Smothered with lacy white flowers in summer  
Dwarf variety is a fraction of the size of other panicle hydrangeas | Very hardy and reliable

### FIRE LIGHT TIDBIT®

The smallest panicle hydrangea yet | Ideal for small spaces & containers | Dozens of full mophead blooms

### LITTLE LIME PUNCH™

Incredibly vivid punch-red blooms | Dwarf habit fits anywhere | Months of color and interest

### Little QUICK FIRE®

Dwarf version of first-to-bloom Quick Fire hydrangea | Lacecap flowers start white and turn red | Months of blooms

### ZINFIN DOLL®

Big cone-shaped blooms transition from white to deep pink | Early to bloom and color, ideal for cool climates | Landscape-friendly habit



FIRE LIGHT TIDBIT®



LITTLE LIME PUNCH™



BOBO®



Little QUICK FIRE®



ZINFIN DOLL®



MOUNTAIN HYDRANGEA (*H. serrata*)

**TUFF STUFF™ Series**

Hardier and more reliable than bigleaf hydrangea | Colorful lacecap flowers lend an informal look | Reblooming

**TUFF STUFF™**

Pink or purple blooms

**Tiny TUFF STUFF™**

Small size, delicate blooms

**TUFF STUFF™ Red**

Deep pink flowers

**TUFF STUFF AH-HA®**

Outstanding rebloomer





BORDER PLANTS



SWEETSPIRE (*Itea virginica*)

FIZZY MIZZY™

Flower spikes create unusual texture | Fragrant blooms in early summer | Shade-tolerant native shrub

SWEETSPIRE (*Lagerstroemia*)

CENTER STAGE® Series

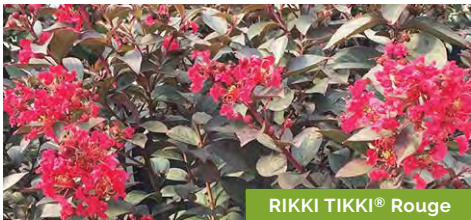
Colorful flowers combine with shiny, deep-black foliage | Exceptional performance, even in hot, humid climates | Vigorous and healthy grower

- CENTER STAGE® Coral
- CENTER STAGE® Pink
- CENTER STAGE® Red

RIKKI TIKKI® Series

Intriguing silver-green foliage | Summer flowers provide bright pops of color | Useful rounded habit

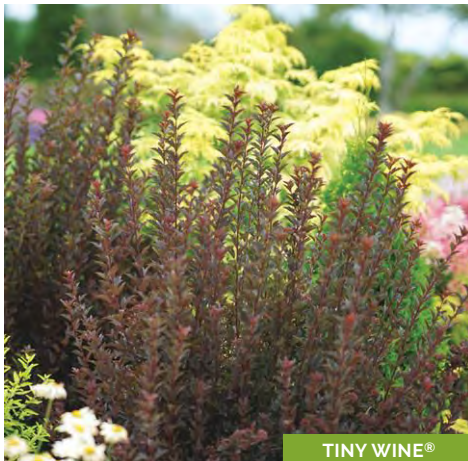
- RIKKI TIKKI® Pink
- RIKKI TIKKI® Rouge



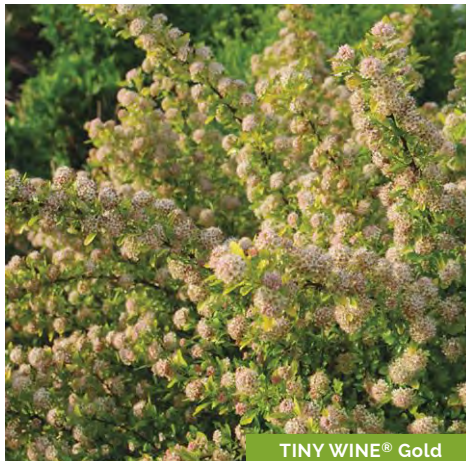




GINGER WINE®



TINY WINE®



TINY WINE® Gold

NINEBARK (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)

### GINGER WINE®

Magnificently colorful foliage, especially the new growth | White flower clusters in spring | Superior disease resistance

### SUMMER WINE® Black

Deep purple foliage looks good with everything  
Fine texture | Small, upright habit

Dwarf ninebarks, half the size of others  
Colorful foliage | Late spring brings clusters of white flowers

### TINY WINE®

### TINY WINE® Gold



SUMMER WINE® Black



PEPPY LE POM™

ORNAMENTAL POMEGRANATE  
(*Punica granatum*)

### PEPPY LE POM™

Dwarf pomegranate mixes easily with other plants  
Super bright orange flowers | Grow in a container in colder climates



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DOUBLE PLAY DOOZIE®

SPIREA (*Spiraea x*)

DOUBLE PLAY DOOZIE®

The only reblooming Japanese spirea! | Blooms for months, not just weeks | Seedless

SPIREA (*Spiraea japonica*)

DOUBLE PLAY® Gold

Cheerful golden foliage | Purple flowers in late spring  
Shade tolerant and deer resistant



DOUBLE PLAY® Gold



PROUD BERRY®

CORALBERRY (*Symphoricarpos sp.*)

PROUD BERRY®

Bubble-like pink berries in late summer and fall  
Very tough and durable | Shade tolerant and deer resistant

ESPERANZA (*Tecoma fulva*)

CHICKLET™ Orange

Space-saving version of this hot climate favorite  
Months of colorful orange trumpet-shaped blooms | Grow as a patio plant in cold climates for summertime wow



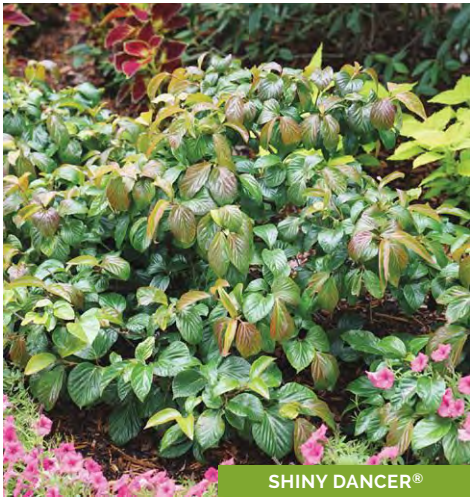
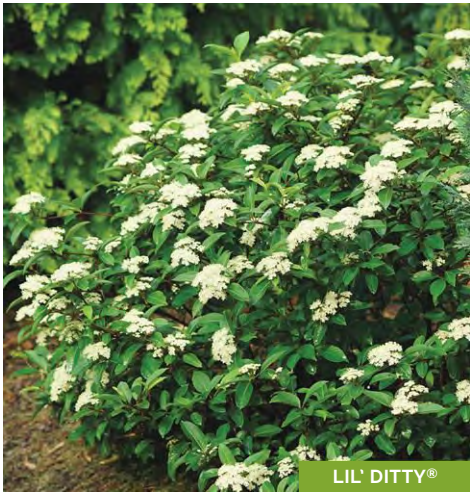
CHICKLET™ Orange



ARBORVITAE (*Thuja occidentalis*)

Contributes shape, color, and texture | Stays a tidy little ball without pruning | Native to North America, shade tolerant

ANNA'S MAGIC BALL®  
TATER TOT®



NORTHERN WITHE-ROD VIBURNUM  
(*Viburnum cassinoides*)

**LIL' DITTY®**  
Very dwarf viburnum | Handsome glossy foliage and lacy white flowers | Native to North America, shade tolerant

VIBURNUM (*Viburnum* x)

**SHINY DANCER®**  
Glossy, leathery, evergreen foliage makes a handsome foliage accent | Lacy white flowers  
Shade tolerant



BORDER PLANTS



CZECHMARK SUNNY SIDE UP®



CZECHMARK TWOPINK®

WEIGELA (*W. florida*)

CZECHMARK Series

More flowers than conventional weigela | Sun loving  
and deer resistant | Three bright colors to choose from

CZECHMARK SUNNY SIDE UP®

CZECHMARK TRILOGY®

CZECHMARK TWOPINK®



BLUE DIDDLEY®

CHASTETREE (*Vitex agnus-castus*)

BLUE DIDDLEY®

Dwarf variety mixes well with other plants  
Dramatic blue flower spikes in summer | Sun-loving



CZECHMARK TRILOGY®

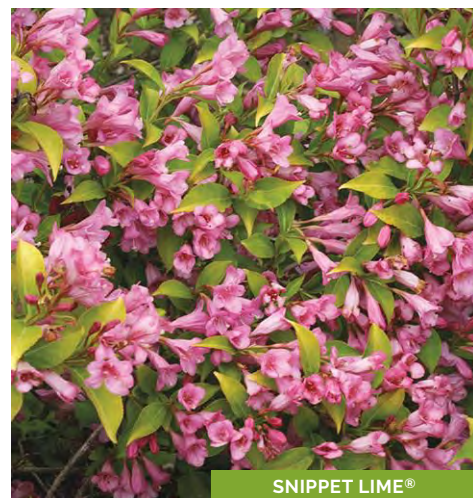




**VERY FINE WINE™**



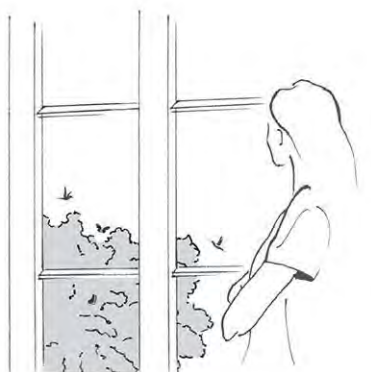
**SNIPPET® Dark Pink**



**SNIPPET LIME®**

**Landscaping Tip:**

Weigela attract hummingbirds and butterflies, so place them within view of a window so that you can enjoy the display whether indoors or out.



**WEIGELA** (*W. florida*)

**VERY FINE WINE™**

Neat, rounded habit works well among other plants | Dark purple foliage with pink flowers in late spring

**SNIPPET® Series**

Dwarf weigela take up much less space than old-fashioned varieties | Reblooming – flowers beyond just late spring

**SNIPPET® Dark Pink**  
**SNIPPET LIME®**



# HEDGES

## LIVING ARCHITECTURE FOR THE LANDSCAPE

Hedges are some of the hardest working plants in the garden, fulfilling the important role of providing privacy and enclosure. While this function is of particular importance in areas where neighbors are nearby, hedges have long been implemented in very large spaces to delineate separate areas or create a strong structural statement.

Before we get to the plant listings, let's first dispel a few hedge myths. First, they needn't be evergreen. Though arborvitae (*Thuja sp.*) is probably the shrub most people think of for hedging, larger panicle hydrangeas like 'Limelight' make a fabulous flowering hedge, as do forsythia and quince. Second, they don't need to be tightly clipped and formal. Some of the nicest hedges are simply left to be themselves, with no fussy pruning or trimming. Third, a hedge doesn't have to be hundreds of feet long – just three or more of the shrubs on the following pages can create a useful, effective hedge, even in an average sized yard.



DOUBLE TAKE ORANGE™



DOUBLE TAKE PEACH™





INCREDIBALL® Smooth Hydrangea

## FLOWERING QUINCE (*Chaenomeles speciosa*)

### DOUBLE TAKE™ Series

Thornless! No painful prickers to contend with | Big, colorful, double flowers | Long blooming, even in hot climates

**DOUBLE TAKE ORANGE™**  
**DOUBLE TAKE PEACH™**  
**DOUBLE TAKE PINK™**  
**DOUBLE TAKE SCARLET™**

## FORSYTHIA

### SHOW OFF®

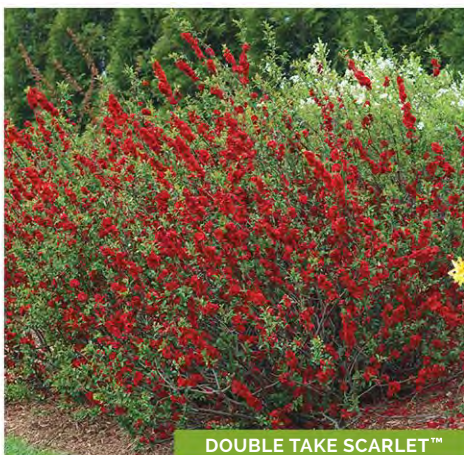
Large forsythia is perfect for flowering hedge  
 Each stem packed with blooms, from root to tip. Shade tolerant and deer resistant



SHOW OFF®



DOUBLE TAKE PINK™

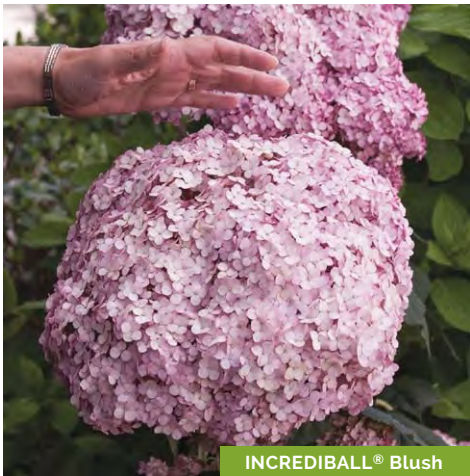
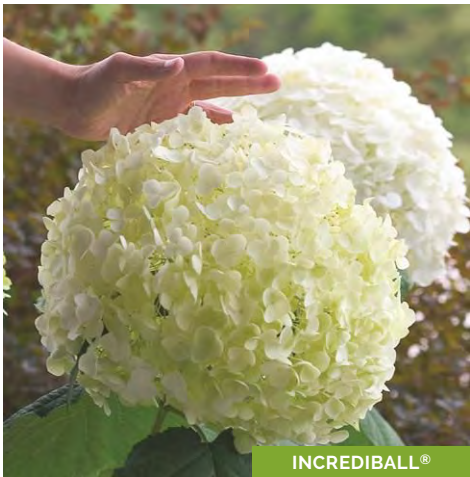


DOUBLE TAKE SCARLET™





HEDGING PLANTS 5ft. and taller



SMOOTH HYDRANGEAS (*H. arborescens*)  
Enormous blooms all summer long | Sturdy stems  
won't flop over | Rock-solid reliability

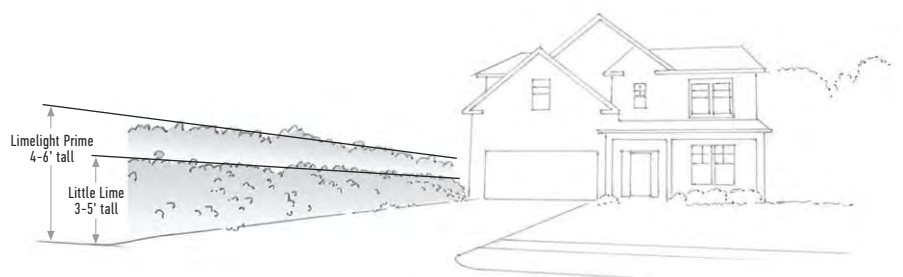
**INCRIDIBALL®**  
**INCRIDIBALL® Blush**

PANICLE HYDRANGEA (*H. paniculata*)  
**LIMELIGHT PRIME®**  
Everything you love about 'Limelight', but with  
stronger stems, better fall color, and an earlier  
bloom time.

**'Limelight'**  
A classic for a floriferous summer hedge | Reliable  
and easy care | Flowers last for months







**Landscaping Tip:**

Limelight Prime hydrangea is even better as a flowering hedge than the original 'Limelight', thanks to its sturdier stems. It pairs beautifully with Little Lime hydrangea for a lushly layered yet low maintenance hedge.



HEDGING PLANTS 5ft. and taller



CASTLE SPIRE®



CASTLE WALL®

**BLUE HOLLY** (*Ilex x meserveae*)  
Glossy evergreen foliage with classic holly shape  
Maintains handsome shape without pruning | Plant  
one male Castle Wall holly to get berries on up to  
seven Castle Spire female hollies

**CASTLE SPIRE®**  
**CASTLE WALL®**

**PRIVET** (*Ligustrum sp.*)  
**GOLDEN TICKET®**  
A non-invasive alternative to the ultimate hedge  
plant! | Glossy, bright golden foliage | Fragrant  
flowers in early summer



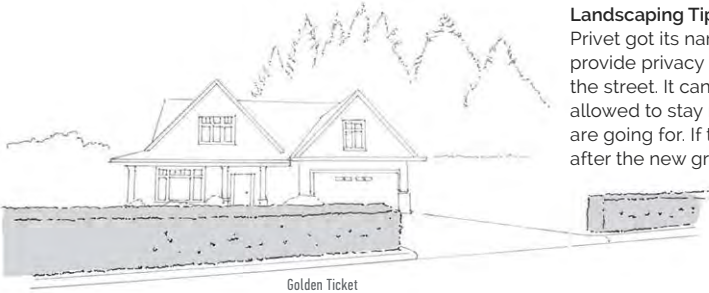
GOLDEN TICKET®



JAZZ HANDS BOLD®

**CHINESE FRINGE-FLOWER**  
(*Loropetalum chinense*)

**JAZZ HANDS BOLD®**  
Big, showy flowers and foliage | Maintains  
deep purple color all season | Heat tolerant and  
deer resistant



**Landscaping Tip:**  
Privet got its name because it is so widely used to  
provide privacy around homes, particularly from  
the street. It can be trimmed into a formal shape or  
allowed to stay natural, depending on the look you  
are going for. If trimming, plan to do so in late spring,  
after the new growth has emerged.





**GIN FIZZ®**



**BLACK CAT®**



**WEDDING CAKE®**

**JUNIPER** (*Juniperus chinensis*)

**GIN FIZZ®**

Heavy set of beautiful blue and green berries  
Tough and durable evergreen | Deer resistant  
and sun loving

**PUSSYWILLOW** (*Salix sp.*)

**BLACK CAT®**

Spring brings hundreds of fuzzy black catkins  
Super tough and durable | Fast growing

**SPIREA** (*Spiraea nipponica*)

**WEDDING CAKE®**

An old-fashioned favorite for flowering hedges  
Thousands of white blooms in spring | Shade  
tolerant and deer resistant



# HEDGING PLANTS 5ft. and taller

ARBORVITAE (*Thuja occidentalis*)

**POLAR GOLD®**

Cheerful golden evergreen | Makes a colorful no-maintenance hedge | Native to North America

**CHEER DROPS™**

Unusual shape provides more visual interest than a conventional arborvitae hedge | Hardy native evergreen



WESTERN ARBORVITAE (*Thuja plicata*)

**SPRING GROVE®**

Fast growing large evergreen | Glossy, bold foliage has a unique braided look | More deer resistant than other types of arborvitae

WEIGELA (*W. florida*)

**WINE & ROSES®**

Makes a very colorful hedge | Pink flowers in late spring | Sun loving and deer resistant







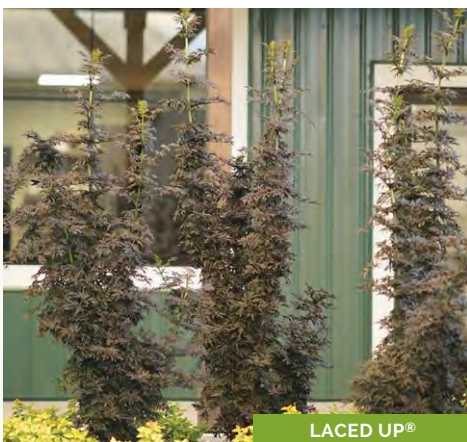
PURPLE PILLAR®



WHITE PILLAR®



FINE LINE® Improved



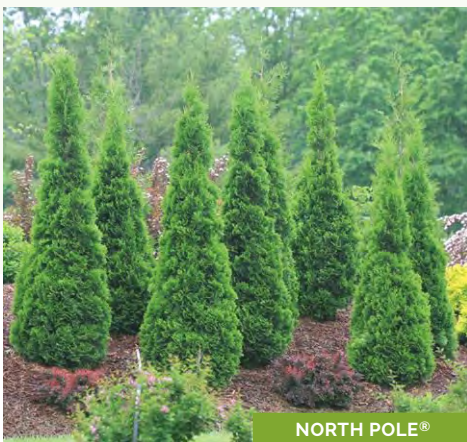
LACED UP®



STONEHENGE SKINNY®



STONEHENGE®



NORTH POLE®

## SPACE-SAVING HEDGES

These plants naturally grow with a super straight and narrow habit – known as “fastigate” – that makes them perfect for using as a hedge where you can’t afford to give up a lot of ground space. These all make stunning specimen plantings as well.

### ROSE OF SHARON (*Hibiscus syriacus*)

Naturally grow as narrow, flower-covered pillars  
Long blooming | Two color options

### PURPLE PILLAR® WHITE PILLAR®

### BUCKTHORN (*Rhamnus frangula*)

### FINE LINE® Improved

Non-invasive | Narrow foliage provides an exotic texture | Space saving, no pruning required

### ELDERBERRY (*Sambucus nigra*)

### LACED UP®

A column of lacy black foliage gives a stunning effect in the landscape | No pruning required  
Deer resistant

### YEW (*Taxus x media*)

### STONEHENGE SKINNY®

Super narrow habit | Deep green foliage all year-round  
Very shade tolerant

### STONEHENGE®

Dark evergreen foliage | No pruning required  
Very shade tolerant

### ARBORVITAE (*Thuja occidentalis*)

### NORTH POLE®

Narrow and space saving, yet fast growing  
Fragrant evergreen foliage | Native to North America