



NORTHERN Gardener

CREATING & CARING FOR YOUR ENVIRONMENT

Shrubs for Special Purposes

Shrubs and trees can be found growing in a wide variety of soil and site conditions. Different varieties of shrubs can be found growing in locations ranging from very wet to very dry, from very low pH to a very high pH and from very exposed and sunny sites to dense shade. If you have a yard with a special problem situation, it is important to select a shrub that will grow and even thrive under those conditions.

Shrubs for Moist Soils

Although it is usually advisable to try to drain areas where water stands for any length of time, the following shrubs will withstand moist soil conditions better than most.

- Bailey Red Twigged Dogwood (*Cornus sericea* 'Bailey')
- Cardinal Dogwood (*Cornus s.* 'Cardinal')
- Yellowtwig Dogwood (*Cornus s.* 'Flaviramea')
- Isanti Dogwood (*Cornus s.* 'Isanti')
- Kelsey Dogwood (*Cornus s.* 'Kelsey')
- Leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*)
- Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)
- Pussy Willow (*Salix caprea*)



CARING FOR YOUR ENVIRONMENT

- ✓ Well-placed shrubs can slow erosion by decreasing water runoff.
- ✓ Professional landscaping can increase your home's value by 10%

- Dwarf Blue Leaf Willow (*Salix purpurea* 'Nana')
- White Snowberry (*Symphoricarpus albus*)
- Nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*)
- American Cranberrybush (*Viburnum trilobum*)
- Compact American Cranberrybush (*Viburnum t.* 'Compacta')

Shrubs That Can Withstand Dry and Sandy Soils

- Amur Maple (*Acer ginnala*)
- Compact Amur Maple (*Acer ginnala* 'Compacta')
- Leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*)
- Siberian Peashrub (*Caragana arborescens*)
- Russian Peashrub (*Caragana frutex*)
- Globe Russian Peashrub (*Caragana frutex* 'Globosa')

- Pygmy Peashrub (*Caragana pygmaea*)
- American Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)
- Gray Dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)
- Russian Olive (*Eleagnus angustifolia*)
- Sea Buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*)
- Northern Bayberry (*Myrica pennsylvanica*)
- Potentilla (*Potentilla fruticosa*)

Popular cultivars:

- Abbotswood
- Coronation Triumph
- Gold Drop
- Goldfinger
- Jackmanni
- Katherine Dykes
- McKay's White
- Western Sand Cherry (*Prunus besseyi*)
- Fragrant Sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)
- Gro-Low Sumac (*Rhus a.* 'Gro-low')
- Smooth Sumac (*Rhus glabra*)
- Cutleaf Smooth Sumac (*Rhus g. laciniata*)
- Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus typhina*)
- Cutleaf Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus t. laciniata*)
- Buffaloberry (*Shepherdia argentea*)
- Summer Glow Tamarix (*Tamarix ramosissima* 'Summer Glow')
- Wayfaringtree (*Viburnum lantana*)
- Mohican Viburnum (*Viburnum lantana* 'Mohican')



Shrubs That Will Tolerate Alkaline Soils

- Saskatoon Serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*)
- Regent Serviceberry (*Amelanchier a. 'Regent'*)
- American Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)
- Cheyenne Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare 'Cheyenne'*)
- Smooth Sumac (*Rhus glabra*)
- Cutleaf Smooth Sumac (*Rhus g. laciniata*)
- Buffaloberry (*Shepherdia argentea*)
- Chinese Lilac (*Syringa x chinensis*)
- Common Purple Lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*)
- French Hybrid Lilacs - All cultivars

Shrubs That Prefer Acid Soils

- Bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)
- Sweetfern (*Comptonia peregrina*)
- Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)
- Rhododendrons and Azaleas (*Rhododendron*) all species and cultivars
- Blueberries (*Vaccinium*) all species and cultivars

Shrubs That Do Well in Shade

- Juneberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)
- Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)
- Gray Dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)
- Bailey Red Twigg Dogwood (*Cornus sericea 'Baileyi'*)
- Cardinal Dogwood (*Cornus s. 'Cardinal'*)
- Yellow Twig Dogwood (*Cornus s. 'Flaviramea'*)
- Isanti Dogwood (*Cornus s. 'Isanti'*)
- Bush Honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*)
- Leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*)
- Common Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)
- Hills-of-Snow Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens 'Grandiflora'*)
- Annabelle Hydrangea (*Hydrangea a. 'Annabelle'*)
- Alpine Currant (*Ribes alpinum*)
- Red Berried Elder (*Sambucus pubens*)
- Ash Leaf Spirea (*Sorbaria sorbifolia*)
- Snowberry (*Symphoricarpus albus*)
- Coralberry or Red Indiancurrant (*Symphoricarpus orbiculatus*)
- Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatum*)
- Mohican Viburnum (*Viburnum l. 'Mohican'*)
- Nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*)
- American Cranberrybush (*Viburnum trilobum*)
- Compact American Cranberrybush (*Viburnum t. 'Compactum'*)

Shrubs With Vivid Fall Color

- Amur Maple (*Acer ginnala*) - orange to red
- Compact Amur Maple (*Acer g. 'Compacta'*) - orange to red
- Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*) - red
- Korean Barberry (*Berberis koreana*) - red
- Green Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) - red
- Peking Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster lucidus*) - yellow to red
- Burning Bush or Winged Euonymus (*Euonymus alatus*) - red
- Common Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) - yellow
- Smooth Sumac (*Rhus glabra*) - red to purple
- Cutleaf Smooth Sumac (*Rhus g. laciniata*) - red to purple
- Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus typhina*) - red to yellow
- Cutleaf Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus t. lacinata*) - red to yellow
- Goldflame Spirea (*Spirea bumalda 'Goldflame'*) - red
- Nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*) - red
- American Cranberrybush (*Viburnum trilobum*) - red
- Compact American Cranberrybush (*Viburnum t. 'Compacta'*) - red

Shrubs For Formal Hedges

- Amur Maple (*Acer ginnala*)
- Compact Amur Maple (*Acer ginnala 'Compacta'*)
- Green Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)
- Red Barberry (*Berberis t. atropurpurea*)
- Crimson Pygmy Barberry (*Berberis t. 'Crimson Pygmy'*)
- Globe Russian Peashrub (*Caragana frutex 'Globosa'*)
- Peking Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster lucidus*)
- Clavey's Dwarf Honeysuckle (*Lonicera x xylosteoides 'Clavey's Dwarf'*)
- Miniglobe Honeysuckle (*Lonicera x xylosteoides 'Miniglobe'*)



- Dwarf Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius 'Nanus'*)
- Alpine Currant (*Ribes alpinum*)
- Dwarf Blue Leaf Willow (*Salix purpurea 'Nana'*)
- Goldmound Spirea (*Spirea 'Goldmound'*)
- Compact American Cranberrybush (*Viburnum trilobum 'Compacta'*)

Shrubs That Make Good Ground or Bank Covers

- Bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)
- Korean Barberry (*Berberis koreana*)
- Bush Honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*)
- Katherine Dykes Potentilla (*Potentilla f. 'Katherine Dykes'*)
- Longacre Potentilla (*Potentilla f. 'Longacre'*)
- Gro-Low Sumac (*Rhus aromatica 'Gro-Low'*)
- Ash Leaf Spirea (*Sorbaria sorbifolia*)
- Daphne Spirea (*Spirea japonica 'Alpina'*)
- Little Princess Spirea (*Spirea j. 'Little Princess'*)
- Stephanandra (*Stephanandra incisa 'Crispa'*)
- Coralberry or Red Indiancurrant (*Symphoricarpus orbiculatus*)



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