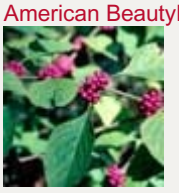
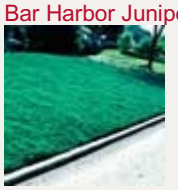
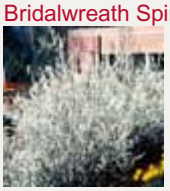
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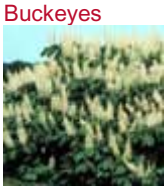
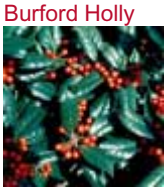
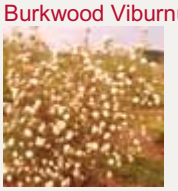
Plant Database – Landscape Shrubs

Landscape Shrubs by Common Name

Common Name	Scientific Name	Comments
Althea; Rose-of-Sharon 	*Hibiscus syriacus*	· Size: large (9' tall by 9' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: known for significant summer flowers (white, pink, purple) · Fruit: not significant, woody capsule · Fall color: none · Culture: full sun; tolerates most soils. Drought tolerant once established · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: specimen, back of mixed shrub border · Cultivars: many. Mostly for flower color or type (single/double)
American Beautyberry 	*Callicarpa americana*	· Size: medium (5' tall by 6' wide) deciduous shrub; native to Arkansas. Irregular habit · Flowers: insignificant, pinkish · Fruits: fall, spectacular, violet to magenta · Fall color: yellowish · Culture: partial sun to shade. Requires moisture to keep from wilting · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: naturalizing; does well in shade · Cultivar: white fruited from ('Lactea')
Amur Honeysuckle * 	*Lonicera maackii*	· Size: large (12' tall by 12' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: showy, white flowers in May · Fruit: red fruit spread easily by birds · Fall color: none · Culture: full to partial sun; very adaptable to soil type · Disease/insect: none · Use: Invasive; should not be planted in landscapes

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Amur Privet * 	*Ligustrum amurense*	· Size: large (10' tall by 10' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: white, terminal panicles · Fruit: black fruit (drupe) easily spread by birds · Fall color: none · Culture: full sun; adaptable to most soils · Disease/insect: none significant · Uses: weedy; not recommended for cultivated landscapes
Andorra Juniper 	*Juniperus horizontalis 'Plumosa'*	· Size: low 12" tall by 8' wide), radially symmetric, needle evergreen · Needles: Green summer color; purple winter color · Culture: full sun · Selected by Andorra Nursery in 1907 · Differs from Bar Harbor Juniper (*Juniperus horizontalis 'Bar Harbor'*) in that growth is symmetrical and it is slightly taller
Arizona Cypress 	*Cupressus arizonica*	· Size: 45’ tall by 20’ wide · Culture: sun to partial shade · Use: screen/hedge, specimen
Azalea 	*Rhododendron sp.*	· Size: small/medium; deciduous or evergreen · Culture: partial shade; best in rich soil with organic matter and provide adequate moisture during summer · Disease/insect: lace bug very common (causes gold spotting on leaves) · Use: massed, woodland gardens, foundation · Large number of species/hybrids/cultivars; vary in flower color, plant size, cold hardiness
Bar Harbor Juniper 	*Juniperus horizontalis 'Bar Harbor'*	· Size: low (8" tall by 8' wide) needle evergreen · Needles: green summer color; steel blue winter color · Culture: full sun; drought tolerant once established; avoid overhead watering · Disease/insect: twig blights common due to high humidity and overhead watering · Use: very low groundcover; slopes · These cultivars are mostly selected from sand dunes along the Eastern seaboard

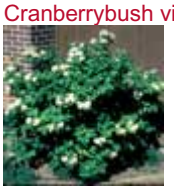
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Bigleaf Hydrangea 	*Hydrangea macrophylla*	· Size: medium (4.5' tall by 5' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: known for spectacular flowers in early/mid summer (pink or blue; mopheads or lacecaps); most flower on old wood so don't prune severely in early spring · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none · Culture: best in rich, moist soil; partial sun or shade · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: specimen, foundation, mixed shrub beds · Cultivars: hundreds for flower type and flower color · See Hydrangea database for more information
Blue Holly 	*Ilex x meserveae*	· Size: medium (7' tall by 8' wide) broadleaf evergreen; open habit · Flowers: not significant · Fruit: beautiful red berry (drupe) on female plants · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen; Recognized by dark blue-green leaves · Culture: best in partial shade; moist soil · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: massed, mixed shrub bed · Cultivars: Usually sold in pairs: male ('Blue Boy'; Blue Prince') and female ('Blue Girl'; 'Blue Princess') · Bred by Mrs. Meserve in the early 1950's for cold hardiness of evergreen hollies
Border Forsythia 	*Forsythia x intermedia*	· Size: medium/large (7' tall by 9' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: known for exceptional, yellow flowers, early spring · Fruit: not significant (woody capsule) · Fall color: depends on weather, can be deep maroon purple · Culture: full sun; tolerant of most soils · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: massed; mixed shrub bed
Bridalwreath Spirea 	*Spiraea prunifolia*	· Size: medium (6' tall by 7' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: dramatic white flowers in early spring (March) · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none · Culture: full sun; adaptable to most soils · Disease/insect: none · Use: deciduous hedge, massed, mixed shrub border · Prune after spring flower display

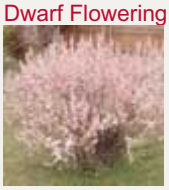
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Buckeyes 	*Aesculus*	· Size: large shrub or small tree; 15-20’ tall x 15-20’ wide · Flowers: true red or white/cream · Culture: shady · Use: component of woodland garden
Bumald Spirea 	*Spiraea x bumalda*	· Size: low (3' tall by 3' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: showy, pink/purple flowers several months during summer · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none · Culture: full sun; drought tolerant · Disease/insect: none significant · Cultivars: 'Anthony Waterer', 'Froebelii', and yellow/green foliage forms 'Goldflame' and 'Limemound'
Burford Holly 	*Ilex cornuta 'Burfordii'*	· Size: large (18' tall by 8' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: not significant · Fruit: showy, red berry; Unique in that fruit-set does not require pollination (parthenocarpic) · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: sun or shade; moist soil best. Avoid poorly drained soils · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: hedge or screen
Burkwood Viburnum 	*Viburnum x burkwoodii*	· Size: medium (7' tall by 7' wide) deciduous shrub (almost semi-evergreen in south Arkansas) · Flowers: white flowers just before or as leaves emerge in April; One of several very fragrant Viburnums · Fruit: red/black berry (drupe) often little landscape value · Fall color: sporadic, often none in Arkansas · Culture: sun to partial shade; rich, moist soil best · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: specimen, medium hedge, mixed shrub bed · Cultivars: similar to V. carlesii, V.xjuddii

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Butterfly-bush 	*Buddleia (Buddleja) davidii*	· Size: medium to large deciduous shrub (10' tall by 10' wide) · Flowers: spectacular. Significant summer flower display. Flower colors white, pink, purple, yellow. Attracts butterflies · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none · Culture: full sun. Soil adaptable. Drought tolerant. Tough · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: fast growing and large to requires space. Back of mixed shrub border. Low maintenance areas · Cultivars: many depending mostly on flower color
Carissa Holly 	*Ilex cornuta 'Carissa'*	· Size: small (3' tall by 3' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Fruit: female clone so no red fruits · Culture: best in rich, moist soil. Avoid poorly drained soils.; sun or shade · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: excellent for foundation plantings or massed
Carolina Cherrylaurel 	*Prunus caroliniana*	· Size: large (20' tall by 15' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: showy, white racemes March · Fruit: not overly showy, black fruit · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen; leaves a dark, glossy green · Culture: sun or tolerates shade; adaptable to soil type; May have some winter dieback on zone 6 · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: hedge or screen; Almost a weed in some woodland areas even though a native plant
Chastetree; Vitex 	*Vitex agnus-castus*	· Size: large (12' tall by 12' wide) deciduous shrub or small tree · Flowers: showy, summer, white, purple, pink · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none · Culture: sun; Very heat and drought tolerant · Use: large shrub or small tree

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Chinese Fringeflower 	*Loropetalum chinense*	· Size: large (15' tall by 18' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: strap-like flowers spectacular, April; L. chinense are white; most cultivars are striking pink · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen, Leaves small · Culture: full sun to partial shade; moist soil best (especially July/August); Reliably cold hardy in zones 7 and 8 · Disease/insect: none · Use: mixed shrub border; foundation if sheared/pruned; massed · Cultivars: species has green leaves and white flowers Most popular cultivars for burgundy foliage/pink flowers (Plum Delight™, 'Burgundy'); green leaves/pink flowers ('Blush')
Chinese Podocarpus 	*Podocarpus macrophyllus*	· Size: large (18' tall by 9' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: not significant · Fruit: not showy, but interesting to look at · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen; Strap-like leaves · Culture: full sun; adaptable to soil type; Reliably cold hardy in zone 8 · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: Good choice for hedge/screen in south Arkansas
Common Boxwood 	*Buxus sempervirens*	· Size: large (12' tall by 12' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers/fruit: not significant · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: best in rich, moist soil, partial sun, but more tolerant of sun and heat than Littleleaf Boxwood (*B. microphylla*). Better suited to south/central Arkansas than Littleleaf Boxwood (*B. micorphylla*) · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: screen/hedge

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Common Cherrylaurel; English Laurel 	*Prunus laurocerasus*	· Size: large (15' tall by 20' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: white, racemes, typically not as showy as other Prunus · Fruit: red changing black; not dramatic · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: sun to partial shade; adaptable to soil type · Disease/insect: ‘shotholes’ in leaves caused by fungus, aesthetic issue · Use: hedge or screen (but wide unless you shear/prune) · Cultivars: rarely see species in Arkansas. Cultivars more common in the trade are narrow leaf cultivars that are smaller in size: 'Otto Luyken', 'Schipkaensis', ‘Zabeliana'
Common Lilac 	*Syringa vulgaris*	· Size: large (10' tall by 8' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: hundreds of cultivars, flower colors white, pink, purple; exceptional fragrance · Fruit: not significant (dry capsule) · Fall color: none · Culture: full sun; adaptable to most soils; Best suited to Northwest Arkansas (cooler) · Disease/insect: lilac borer; powdery mildew · Uses: deciduous hedge · Cultivars: hundreds
Common Smokebush 	*Cotinus coggygria*	· Size: large (10' tall by 8' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: actual flowers not showy, but fine colored hairs give impression of flowers Summer impact · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: generally not significant · Culture: full sun. Best in rich, moist soil but fairly tough · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: specimen · Cultivars: several, most people prefer deep purple selections ('Royal Purple', 'Velvet Cloak')

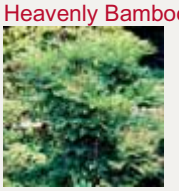
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Common Sweetshrub 	*Calycanthus floridus*	· Size: medium (6' tall by 8' wide) deciduous shrub. Irregular habit · Flowers: unique; May (sporadically into summer). deep red, 1 inch · Fruit: not showy · Fall color: yellowish · Culture: best in partial sun to shade. Best in rich, moist soil · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: naturalizing · Cultivar: yellow flowering form: 'Athens' ('Katherine')
Convexa Japanese Holly 	*Ilex crenata 'Convexa'*	· Size: small (2' tall by 4' wide) broadleaf evergreen, leaf cupped down (convex) · Culture: best in rich, moist soil, sun or shade · Use: commonly used in foundation plantings · Very similar to Dwarf Japanese Holly (*Ilex crenata 'Compacta'*)
Cranberrybush viburnum 	*Viburnum trilobum*	· Size: 9’ tall by 9’ wide · Flowers: White in late April/early May · Fruit: ¼”-diameter, lipstick red · Fall color: in northern climates is a deep maroon · Culture: fairly adaptable, moist soil best, partial sun · Use: massed, specimen, filler, low hedge
Cranberry Cotoneaster 	*Cotoneaster apiculatus*	· Size: small (18" tall by 4' wide) deciduous shrub; low arching branches · Flowers: insignificant · Fruit: dramatic, red, cranberry sized · Fall color: in northern climates is a deep maroon · Culture: best in rich, moist, well drained soil, full sun · Disease/insect: fireblight · Use: rock gardens, ground cover in full sun, slopes
Dog-hobble 	*Leucothoe axillaris*	· Size: low/medium (3' tall by 5' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: not overwhelming, April · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: broadleaf evergreen; winter foliage often changes to maroon · Culture: best in partial sun; moist soil best · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: mass; groundcover

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Doublefile Viburnum 	*Viburnum plicatum var. tomentosum*	· Size: large (10' tall by 10' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: very showy. Outer ring of sterile flowers with inner fertile flowers · Fruit: significant. Red fruit (drupe) turns black late summer · Fall color: maroon · Culture: sun to partial shade; rich, moist soil best · Use: massed, back of shrub bed · Cultivars: 'Lanarth', 'Mariesii', 'Shasta', 'Summer Snowflake'
Dwarf Alberta Spruce 	*Picea glauca 'Conica'*	· Size: tight (appears sheared), pyramidal conifer; 7’ tall x 4’ wide · Culture: full sun; demands constant moisture in summer; Best in Northwest Arkansas (cooler)
Dwarf Flowering Almond 	*Prunus glandulosa*	· Size: small (3' tall by 5' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: dramatic early spring (late March/early April) flowers, double, pink ('Sinensis' or 'Rosea Plena') · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none · Culture: full sun; provide adequate moisture in summer · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: middle of mixed shrub border; more common in older landscapes
Dwarf Fothergilla 	*Fothergilla gardenii*	· Size: small (4' tall by 4' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: showy, early spring, white, 'thimble-like' flowers; often re-blooms in fall · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: nice flame fall color · Culture: best in rich, moist soil; best in partial sun. Provide adequate moisture if located in full sun · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: massed, mixed shrub border
Dwarf Japanese Holly 	*Ilex crenata 'Compacta'*	· Size: small (2' tall by 4' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Fruit: black, not showy · Culture: best in rich, moist soil. Avoid poorly drained soil; sun or shade · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: commonly used in foundation plantings · Other similar cultivars: ‘Helleri’, ‘Hetzii’, ‘Repandens’

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Dwarf Nandina 	*Nandina domestica 'Atropurpurea Nana'*	· Size: Small (18" tall by 18" wide) broadleaf evergreen · Group of dwarf forms; most have intense reddish foliage in winter; most lack significant flowers/fruits · Includes selections such as Gulf Stream™, 'Harbour Dwarf', 'Moon Bay'
Dwarf Yaupon Holly 	*Ilex vomitoria 'Nana'*	· Size: small (3' tall by 5' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: insignificant · Fruit: not overwhelming on this form, red · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: sun or shade; rich, moist soil best · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: common in foundation plantings · Many similar cultivars ('Schillings'/'Stokes Dwarf'; Bordeaux™; 'Straughan's Dwarf')
Eastern Arborvitae 	*Thuja occidentalis*	· Size: large (12' tall by 5' wide) needle evergreen · Culture: partial shade to shade; best suited in moist soils; Best suited for Northwest Arkansas (cooler) · Disease/insect: bagworm · Use: hedge/screen plant · Many cultivars including globe-shaped 'Globosa' and columnar 'Emerald'
European Cranberrybush Vib. 	*Viburnum opulus*	· Size: medium (8' tall by 8' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: showy, white flowers; outer ring sterile, inner fertile, May · Fruits: beautiful red clusters of fruit, fall · Fall color: can be maroon especially in cooler climates · Culture: sun to partial shade; rich, moist soil best · Disease/insect: none serious · Uses: shrub bed · Cultivars: 'Compactum' (smaller), 'Nanum' (dwarf, no flws or fruits), 'Roseum' (one of the 'snowball' viburnums)

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Fatshedera 	*X Fatshedera lizei*	· Size: medium (5' tall by 4' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: creamy panicles in winter · Fruits: not significant · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: best in rich, moist soil, partial sun; Zone 8 (protected in zone 7) · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: tropical looking · Intergeneric hybrid: *Hedera helix X Fatsia japonica*
Foster Holly 	*Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri'*	· Size: large (20' tall by 7' wide) pyramidal broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: not significant · Fruit: showy, red berry · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: sun to partial shade; moist soil best. Avoid poorly drained soils · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: commonly used at the corner of a house/building
Fraser Photinia; Redtip Photinia 	*Photinia x fraseri*	· Size: large (12' tall by 12' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: varies on significance; cream, flat topped clusters April · Fruit: ?? · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen; Brilliant red to new, emerging foliage · Culture: full sun; adaptable to soil type · Disease/insect: Very seriously affected by *Entomosporium* leaf spot (fungus) in Arkansas · Use: probably most common hedge/screen plant in Arkansas
Fringetree 	*Chionanthus virginicus*	· Size: large shrub or small tree; 15’ tall x 15’ wide · Flowers: snow white (showy), bloom mid-April · Culture: sun to shade · Use: mixed shrub bed, woodland garden

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Gardenia 	*Gardenia jasmonoides*	· Size: medium (5' tall by 5' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: fragrant flowers; pure white flowers in summer, fade yellow · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: best in rich, moist soil, acid soil; partial sun or shade; Best in zones 7 and 8 · Disease/insect: scale, whitefly · Use: specimen near entry-ways · Cultivars: few for increased cold hardiness (‘Kleim’s Hardy’)
Globe Cryptomeria 	*Cryptomeria japonica 'Globosa Nana'*	· Size: 3.5’ · Culture: full sun · Use: mixed shrub border
Glossy Abelia 	*Abelia x grandiflora*	· Size: medium shrub 5' tall by 5' wide; often wild sprays of stems · Flowers: May to fall, white/pink tubular flowers · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: broadleaf evergreen. Sometimes winter foliage is a deep maroon · Culture: full sun. Adaptable to most soils. Tough · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: foundations, masses · Cultivars: many including ‘Sherwood’, Confetti™, Sunrise™. (‘Edward Goucher’ is a hybrid)
Gold-dust Plant 	*Aucuba japonica 'Variegata'*	· Size: medium shrub: 6’ tall by 6’ wide · Flowers: not showy, small, purple, terminal panicles, spring · Fruits: dioecious (plant either male or female), lipstick red clusters mid-winter on female plants · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: partial sun to shade. Cold hardy in zones 7 & 8. Locate near protection in zone 6 · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: tropical looking broadleaf evergreen. Make sure and purchase female clone · Cultivars: species has green foliage. Several outstanding variegated (yellow/green) foliage cultivars

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Green Giant Arborvitae 	*Thuja x 'Green Giant'*	· Size: 45’ tall x 12’ wide · Culture: full sun · Use: hedge/screen
Heavenly Bamboo 	*Nandina domestica*	· Size: medium (5' tall by 4' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: showy, white terminal panicles May · Fruit: spectacular clusters of red fruit · Fall/winter color: broadleaf evergreen, however, can take-on reddish/purple coloration in winter · Culture: sun to shade; very drought tolerant once established · Disease/insect: none · Use: tropical look; short hedge, foundation; Almost a weed in some wooded areas in Arkansas · Cultivars: many (most for smaller size: ‘Firepower’, Gulf Stream™ , ‘Moon Bay’, ‘Harbour Dwarf’ · 'Bamboo-like' stems
Hinoki Falsecypress 	*Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Nana Gracilis'*	· Size: small (4' tall by 2' wide) pyramidal conifer · Culture: best in rich, moist soil, partial sun; avoid open windy situations in Arkansas · Disease/insect: none significant if properly located · Use: specimen · Cultivars: many other cultivars in addition to ‘Nana Gracilis’. Variation in size, foliage color, plant shape
Hybrid Tea Rose 	*Rosa sp.*	· Hundreds of choices for flower color · Full sun · Disease/insect: black spot fungus · Usually require lots of care
Indian Hawthorn 	*Rhaphiolepis umbellata*	· Size: small (4' tall by 6' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: white/soft pink flowers in April · Fruit: dark purple/black fruit · Fall/winter color: some have darker winter foliage; new, emerging foliage can be attractive · Culture: sun; best in moist soil; cold hardy in zones 7 and 8 · Disease/insect: fungal leaf spot more an aesthetic issue · Use: massed · Cultivars: Olivia™ , Eleanor Taber™ , Bay Breeze™

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Inkberry Holly 	*Ilex glabra*	· Size: medium (5' tall by 4' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: not significant · Fruit: black berry (drupe) on female plants; not showy · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: sun or partial shade; rich, moist soil best · Use: Masses or foundation plantings · Cultivars: several. Most for tighter habit and glossy dark green leaves
Japanese Camellia 	*Camellia japonica*	· Size: medium (8' tall by 8' wide) · Flowers: very showy. Flowers variable (single/double; white, pink, red); flowers typically January thru March. More likely to see flower bud damage on this than Sasanqua Camellia (C. sasanqua) · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none/ broadleaf evergreen; Coarser leaves thanSasanqua Camellia (C. sasanqua) · Culture: best in rich, moist soil; partial sun; Best in cold hardiness zones 7 & 8 · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: screen, back of mixed shrub border · Cultivars: many for variation in flowers (color, single/double)
Japanese Falsecypress; Golden 	*Chamaecyparis pisifera 'Filifera Aurea'*	· Size: medium (7' tall by 7' wide) yellow foliaged conifer · Culture: best in rich, moist soil, sun; avoid open windy situations in Arkansas · Cultivar: this cultivar has distinctive threadlike yellow foliage. There are many other wonderful cultivars of *C. pisifera* that make great specimens
Japanese Floweringquince 	*Chaenomeles japonica*	· Size: medium (5' tall by 7' wide) deciduous shrub; Thorns on stem · Flowers: very showy. Very early spring flowering; pink/white/coral/orange · Fruit: rare. Looks like a ‘Yellow Delicious’ apple · Fall color: none · Culture: full sun. Best in rich, moist soil. But generally tough · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: beds, low ground cover, foundations · Cultivars: many, mostly based on flower color or plant size

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Japanese Kerria 	*Kerria japonica*	· Size: medium (4' tall by 7' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: beautiful deep yellow flowers mid-spring and then sporadically throughout the year · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none · Culture: partial sun to shade ('forsythia for the shade'); drought tolerant once established · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: flowering shrub for shade, masses · Stems green & zig-zag · Cultivar: 'Pleni flora' (double), 'Picta' (leaves edged white)
Japanese Privet 	*Ligustrum japonicum*	· Size: large (10' tall by 10' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: showy, white/cream terminal panicles in late May, some may find odor offensive · Fruit: 1/4" blue-black berry (drupe) · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: full sun; adaptable to most soils · Disease/insect: none serious · Uses: screen, corner of foundation, best adapted to zones 7 and 8 · Very similar to *L. lucidum* (less cold hardy)
Japanese Snowball Viburnum 	*Viburnum plicatum*	· Sized: large (10' tall by 10' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: snow white 'snowballs' of sterile flowers; mid-April · Fruits: none (sterile) · Fall color: maroon · Culture: sun to partial shade; fairly adaptable once established · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: large shrub beds · This is an anomaly since a botanical species should be able to reproduce by seed and this does not. It is the Doublefile Virburnum (*var. tomentosum*) that produces seed!!! Kind of backwards

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Japanese Ternstroemia 	*Ternstroemia gymnanthera (f. Cleyera gymna.)*	· Size: large (9' tall by 9' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: interesting but typically not dramatic · Fruit: not showy · Fall/winter color: broadleaf evergreen, foliage turns deep purple in winter · Culture: full sun to partial shade; adaptable to soils; best suited to cold hardiness zones 7 & 8 · Disease/insect: none serious · Uses: wide hedge/screen plant · Incorrectly sold in most garden centers as *Cleyera gymnanthera*
Japgarden Juniper 	*Juniperus procumbens*	· Size: low (1' tall by 7' wide) needle evergreen · Needles: all juvenile (awl-shaped) · Culture: full sun · Use: Ideal for cascading over walls; Japanese gardens. Another good choice for Arkansas
Lantanaphyllum Viburnum 	*Viburnum x rhytodophylloides*	· Size: large (10' tall by 10' wide) semi-evergreen to broadleaf evergreen. Very coarse texture · Flowers: creamy white flowers, mid-April · Fruits: significant, red turns black · Fall color: none · Culture: sun to partial shade; adaptable to most soils · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: back of mixed shrub border · *V. rhytodphyllum* (evergreen) *x V. lantana* (deciduous)
Leatherleaf Mahonia 	*Mahonia bealei*	· Size: medium (6' tall by 7' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: lemon yellow, terminal cluster late winter/early spring · Fruit: dramatic clusters of blue/purple fruits April - June · Fall/winter color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: partial shade/shade in Arkansas, leaves yellow if too much sun; moist soil best · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: Evergreen leaves give plant a tropical look, Oriental gardens; More common than Oregon Hollygrape (*M. aquifolium*) in Arkansas

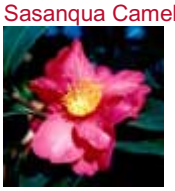
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Leyland Cypress 	*X Cupressocyparis leylandii*	· Size: very fast growing, pyramidal (25' tall by 10' wide) conifer · Culture: tolerant of soil; full sun · Disease/insect: increasing problem with *Seridium* and*Botryosphaeria* canker; bagworm · Use: hedge/screen plant; Christmas tree · Intergeneric (*Cupressus x Chamaecyparis*) hybrid
Littleleaf Boxwood 	*Buxus microphylla*	· Size: small (3' tall by 3' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers/fruits: not significant · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen; will go off color in late winter (dull orange) · Culture: partial shade to shade; must provide adequate water in summer. Best suited to Northwest Arkansas. Intolerant of wet/heavy soils · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: Tolerates shearing; excellent choice for formal garden · Cultivars: many. Most hybrids or cultivars of variety koreana. Reasons: tighter habit, better leaf color, cold hardiness
Manhattan Euonymus 	*Euonymus kiautschovicus 'Manhattan'*	· Size: large (10' tall by 10' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Culture: sun; adaptable to many soils · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: evergreen screen or wide hedge
Mockorange 	*Philadelphus coronarius*	· Size: large (10' tall by 8' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: very fragrant white flowers in May (after leaves) · Fruit: not significant (dry capsule) · Fall color: none · Culture: full sun; very tolerant of soils once established · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: shrub border
Mugo Pine 	*Pinus mugo*	· Size: can be confusing; species is fairly large (12' tall by 15' wide); most in trade are dwarf forms (2' tall by 4' wide) · Needles: 2 needle pine · Culture: full sun; drought tolerant once established · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: groundcover · Cultivars: many dwarf ‘Mops’, ‘Gnom’

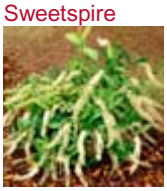
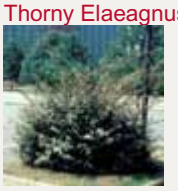
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Nellie R. Stevens Holly 	*Ilex x 'Nellie R. Stevens'*	· Size: very large (18' tall by 15' wide) pyramidal broadleaf evergreen · Common hedge/screen plant in South · Heavy fruit producer (female plant)
Oakleaf Hydrangea 	*Hydrangea quercifolia*	· Size: medium (5' tall by 7' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: known for significant white panicles in early summer · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: dramatic, maroon; 'oak-like' leaves · Culture: best in rich, moist soil; shade or sun · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: foundation, specimen · Cultivars: ‘Alice’, ‘Sikes Dwarf’, ‘Harmony’, ‘Snow Queen’ and more · See Hydrangea database for more information
Oleander 	*Nerium oleander*	· Size: large (12' tall by 12' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: dramatic summer flowering shrub; flower colors pink, white, red · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: full sun; drought tolerant; reliably hardy in zone 8 · Disease/insect: none · Use: hedge/screen · Common in California/Arizona/Florida landscapes
Oregon Hollygrape 	*Mahonia aquifolium*	· Size: medium (5' tall by 7' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: sulfur yellow flowers in mid-March · Fruit: dramatic blue clusters of fruit ('grapes') · Fall color: broadleaf evergreen, however, in cooler climates develops nice burgundy winter color · Culture: partial shade; moist soil best · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: massed, foundation

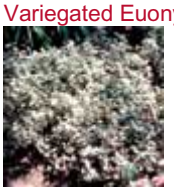
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Oriental Arborvitae 	*Platycladus orientalis (f. Thuja orientalis)*	· Still sold in trade under *Thuja orientalis* · Many options for size, shape and foliage color · Better suited for south (zones 7 thru 9) than Eastern Arborvitae(*Thuja occidentalis*) · Culture: tolerates full sun to shade (thins-out); adaptable to soil type · Disease/insect: none serious · Uses: hedge/screen; specimen · Cultivars: hundreds of selections
Panicle Hydrangea 	*Hydrangea paniculata*	· Size: large (9' tall by 9' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: known for dramatic, white, terminal panicles in summer, fade to pink · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none · Culture: moist soil; tolerates full sun · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: specimen, back of mixed shrub bed. Has lost favor with introduction of white crapemyrtles · Cultivars like 'Grandiflora', 'Floribunda', 'Unique', and 'Tardiva' have showier flowers with more sterile flowers · See Hydrangea database for more information
Paperbush 	*Edgeworthia chrysantha*	· Size: medium shrub; 6’ tall x 6’ wide · Culture: partial shade to shade · Use: component of woodland garden, mixed shrub border
Pfitzer Juniper 	*Juniperus x media 'Pfizteriana'*	· Size: large (7' tall by 12' wide) needle evergreen · Culture: full sun; drought tolerant once established · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: Industry standard for medium/large juniper

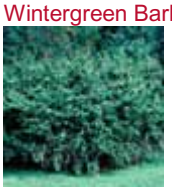
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Possumhaw 	*Ilex decidua*	· Size: large (15' tall by 15' wide) deciduous shrub; open habit · Flowers: small, white, not showy · Fruit: exceptional red/orange fruits in winter · Fall color: none · Culture: sun or shade; adaptable to soils · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: woodlands, back of mixed shrub bed · Native to Arkansas
Purpleleaf Sand Cherry 	*Prunus x cistena*	· Size: medium (8' tall by 9' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: delicate pink flowers in April before or as leaves emerge · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none; Dramatic purple leaves all growing season · Culture: full sun; provide constant moisture during summer months; Best suited to cooler Northwest corner of Arkansas · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: specimen
Pyracantha; Firethorn 	*Pyracantha coccinea*	· Size: large (12' tall by 12' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: dramatic white flowers in May · Fruits: November thru January brilliant orange-red fruits · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: full sun; drought tolerant once established · Disease/insect: susceptible to fireblight (bacteria) · Use: shrub, hedge, arbor · Cultivars: many · Misc: thorny
Redleaf Japanese Barberry 	*Berberis thunbergii var. atropurpurea*	· Size: small deciduous shrub (3' tall by 3' wide) · Flowers: small, yellow, insignificant · Fruits: red, can be attractive in winter · Fall color: variable. Can be red-orange · Culture: full sun; drought tolerant · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: median strips, massed in beds, tolerates shearing · Cultivars: many. Most popular are red-purple foliage cultivars (e.g. 'Crimson Pygmy', ‘Concorde’, ‘Rose Glow’ purple foliage with pink speckling)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Comments
Red Osier Dogwood;Redtwig Dogwood 	*Cornus sericea (f. stolonifera)*	· Size: medium (5' tall by 8' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: generally not dramatic; white, terminal cymes in early summer · Fruit: not dramatic and brief, white · Fall color: deep purple · Twigs: exceptional in winter, bright red. Best color on new wood so routinely renewal prune · Culture: best in rich, moist soil, sun or shade; adaptable to very wet areas. Must provide lots of water if located in full sun · Disease/insect: foliar leaf spot common · Use: edge of stream/pond, massed · Cultivar: 'Isanti' and 'Kelseyi' are more compact. 'Flaviramea' has bright yellow twigs · Often incorrectly sold as *C. stolonifera*
Rhododendron 	*Rhododendron sp.*	· Size: medium/large (9' tall by 9' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: dramatic flowers (vary in color from white, purple, pink, red) · Culture: partial shade; demands soil with organic matter and adequate moisture during summer; True rhododendrons are better suited to Northwest Arkansas or shaded landscapes in central Arkansas with soils rich in organic matter and moisture · Cultivars: many different species and cultivars
Rugosa Rose 	*Rosa rugosa*	· Size: medium (5' tall by 5' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: pink/purple flowers · Fruit: orange, rose hip · Fall color: orange/red in cooler climates, generally not great in south · Culture: full sun; drought tolerant once established · Disease/insect: none serious; Less affected by diseases than hybrids · Use: massed · Cultivars: species rose

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Sasanqua Camellia 	*Camellia sasanqua*	· Size: medium (8' tall by 8' wide) broadleaf evergreen · Flowers: very showy. Flowers late fall (Oct. thru Dec.). Typically flowers before Japanese Camellia (*C. japonica*) · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen. Leaves more refined than Japanese Camellia (*C. japonica*) · Culture: same as above. Best in rich, moist soil, partial sun · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: screen, back of mixed shrub border · Cultivars: many. Similar flower choices as Japanese Camellia(*C. japonica*)
Shore Juniper 	*Juniperus conferta*	· Size: low (18" tall by 6' wide) needle evergreen · Needles: Soft blue-green color · Culture: full sun; drought tolerant once established · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: groundcover. Probably best groundcover juniper for Arkansas · Cultivars: 'Blue Mist'; 'Blue Pacific'
Slender Deutzia 	*Deutzia gracilis*	· Size: small (3' tall by 4' wide) deciduous shrub; mounded habit · Fruit: noted for early spring, white flowers, not fragrant · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none · Culture: full sun; adaptable to soils · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: massed, middle of mixed shrub bed
Summersweet Clethra 	*Clethra alnifolia*	· Size; medium (5' tall by 7' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: showy. Terminal white spikes early summer · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: generally not significant. Can be golden yellow like hickories · Culture: best in rich, moist soil, partial sun · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: naturalizing, massed · Cultivars: several. ‘Hummingbird’ is tighter habit and white flowers; pink selections include ('Ruby Spice', 'Pink Spires')

Common Name	Scientific Name	Comments
Sweetspire; Virginia Sweetspire 	*Itea virginica*	· Size: medium (4' tall by 9' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: significant, white, terminal racemes, May/June · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: reliable, spectacular maroon fall color · Culture: sun to partial sun; moist soil · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: mass, spreads by rhizomes · Cultivars; 'Henry's Garnet'; 'Saturnalia'; 'Merlot'
Thorny Elaeagnus 	*Elaeagnus pungens (E.x ebbingei)*	· Size: fast growing, large 12' tall by 12' wide) broadleaf evergreen; very wild habit unless pruned · Flowers: extremely fragrant flowers in the fall, but not showy · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none/broadleaf evergreen · Culture: sun; very adaptable to soil type · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: must be sheared; good for screen/hedge · Similar to *E. x ebbingei*
Vanhoutte Spirea 	*Spiraea x vanhouttei*	· Size: medium (6' tall by 7' wide) deciduous shrub, classic arching stems · Flowers: dramatic white flowers in mid-spring (April) · Fruit: not significant (dry capsule) · Fall color: depending on fall can be nice purple/orange · Culture: full sun; adaptable to most soils · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: massed, mixed shrub border · Prune after flowering
Variegated Chinese Privet * 	*Ligustrum sinensis 'Variegata'*	· Size: large (10' tall by 12' wide) · Flowers: white terminal panicles, not significant due to variegated foliage · Fruit: not significant, blue-black berry (drupe); helps plant spread rapidly · Fall color: none; white-green variegated leaf all growing season · Culture: full sun; very tough. Adaptable to most soils · Disease/insect: none · Use: very common deciduous filler shrub; the non-variegated species and this cultivar can almost be considered weedy

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Variegated Euonymus 	*Euonymus japonicus 'Aureus'*	· Size: this cultivar is low (2' tall x 4'). Broadleaf evergreen · Culture: sun; adaptable to soil type · Disease/insect: Euonymus scale a problem · Use: low, evergreen groundcover · Cultivars: many cultivars and forms available besides this one
Weeping Yaupon Holly 	*Ilex vomitoria 'Pendula'*	· Size: medium (15' tall by 5' wide) weeping broadleaf evergreen · Fruit: heavy red fruit display · Use: specimen plant
Weigela 	*Weigela florida*	· Size: medium (6' tall by 8' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: showy, funnel flowers in May; pink, white, yellow, red · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none · Culture: sun; very adaptable once established · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: mass, shrub bed · Cultivars: many; 'Eva Rathki', 'Minuet', 'Red Prince', 'Variegata'
Winged Euonymus (Burningbush) 	*Euonymus alatus*	· Size: medium (7' tall by 7' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: yellow/green, not showy · Fruit: brilliant orange, can be significant after foliage drops and if in sufficient numbers · Fall color: exceptional, pink · Twigs: distinctive 'wings' · Culture: best in rich, moist soil; best in partial sun to shade. Very shade tolerant · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: individual plant, naturalizing, deciduous hedge · Cultivars: 'Compactus' (red fall color; similar size) more common in trade
Winter Honeysuckle 	*Lonicera fragrantissima*	· Size: medium (8' tall by 8' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: extremely fragrant flowers; February/March; flower display not overwhelming since leaves not present · Fruit: red, early summer, rarely see · Fall color: none · Culture: full to partial sun; very adaptable to soil type · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: deciduous hedge, mixed shrub border

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Winter Jasmine 	*Jasminum nudiflorum*	· Size: medium (4' tall by 7' wide) deciduous shrub · Flowers: late winter (February/March) for weeks; golden yellow on green stems · Fruit: not significant · Fall color: none · Culture: full sun; adaptable to most soils · Misc: pinnately compound leaf, 3 leaflets
Wintergreen Barberry 	*Berberis julianae*	· Size: medium 5' tall by 5' wide · Flower: yellow flowers (not significant) March · Fruit: black fruit (drupe) not showy · Fall color: none/ broadleaf evergreen; Very spiny leaf margin · Culture: full sun. Soil tolerant. Tough · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: low hedge; block traffic
Witchhazel 	*Hamamelis virginiana*	· Size: large (10' tall by 10' wide) deciduous shrub; very irregular habit, open · Flowers: noted for yellow, strap-like flowers in late fall/early winter · Fruit: not significant (woody capsule) · Fall color: yellowish or golden yellow · Culture: best in rich, moist soil, sun or shade. Flowers well in shade · Disease/insect: none significant · Use: naturalizing · Cultivars: hybrid selections such as ‘Arnold’s Promise’, ‘Jelena’, ‘Sunburst’ even more dramatic flowering in early spring; native H. vernalis flowers mid-winter/early spring
Yew 	*Taxus sp.*	· Needle evergreen · Culture: partial shade to shade; rich, moist soil best: Best suited to Northwest Arkansas (cooler) · Cultivars: many for plant habit · Trademark of landscapes in north · Tolerates shearing

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Yucca 	*Yucca filamentosa*	· Size: small (foliage 18" tall) shrub · Flowers: dramatic, white flower panicle May through June · Culture: full sun; great for hot, dry locations · Disease/insect: none serious · Use: Southwestern appearance, rock gardens

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