

A Winter Gardens' Beauty *Resource Sheet*

1. **Paperbark Maple** (*Acer griseum*)

Zone 4-8

Part shade to full sun

20-30 Tall x 15-25' Wide

Small deciduous tree native to China with exfoliating copper colored bark.

2. **River Birch** (*Betula nigra*)

Zone 4-9

Part shade to full sun

40-70 feet tall x 40-60' wide

Vigorous fast growing medium sized tree native to the US with reddish brown exfoliating bark. They are heat tolerant preferring moist, fertile soils. 'Heritage' is a popular cultivar.

3. **Spring Glow** (*Cornus mas*)

Zone 4-8

Part shade to full sun

15- 25' tall x 15-20' wide

Small tree or shrub with yellow flowers blooming in March on naked branches. Enjoy cherry red colored fruits forming in mid-summer. Native to Asia and Europe and are resistant to dogwood anthracnose. Many cultivars exist that give you brighter or bigger blooms

4. **Wintersweet** (*Chimonanthus praecox*)

Zone 7-9

Part shade to full sun

10-12'tall x 8-12' wide

Small tree or multi-stemmed scrub native to China which blooms in December-January with fragrant yellow flowers with brown centers. Tolerate range of soil conditions, as long as moist and well drained.

5. **Dee Runk** (*Buxus sempervirens*)

Zone 6-8

Part shade to full sun

8'tall x 2' wide



A low maintenance, evergreen shrub with an upright habit. Perfect as an accent plant, hedging, or containers. Prune in late Winter Feb-March. Boxwoods are susceptible to Boxwood Blight-clean all tools before pruning.

6. **Variegata** (*Aucuba japonica*)

Zone 7-9, China
Part shade to full shade
6-9'tall x 5-9'wide

An evergreen with yellow and green leaves, can be used in containers as well. Organically rich, well drained soils are needed and tolerates city air pollutants.

7. **Winter Red** (*Ilex verticillate*)

Zone 3-9
Full sun to part shade
6-8' tall x 6-8' wide

A native to the US that blooms June to July. Separate male and female plants-need a male to pollinate plant to get berries, 1 male will pollinate 9-10 females. Medium to wet soils is required. Valued for heavy fruit set. Use 'Southern Gentleman or Appollo' as pollinator.

8. **Sweet Box** (*Sarcococca hookeriana var. humilis*)

Zone 6-8
Part shade to full shade
1-2'high x 2-4' wide

Evergreen groundcover that is native to China blooms March to April with highly scented flowers.

9. **Beautyberry** (*Callicarpa dichotoma*)

Zones 5-8
Full sun to part shade
2-4' tall x 3-5wide

A low maintenance shrub native to China. Prune in early Spring as needed. Blooms in Summer followed by bright purple berries that persist through Winter. No disease problems.

10. **Beautyberry Profusion** (*Callicarpa bodiniera var. giraldii*)

Zones 5-8
Full sun to part shade
6-10'tall



An upright arching cultivar native to China. Prune in early Spring as needed. A heavily dark-berried variety for winter enjoyment. No disease problems.

11. **Panicle Hydrangea** (*Hydrangea paniculata*)

Zone 4-8

Full Sun

8-15' tall x 6-12' wide

Summer blooming with persistent dried flowers through Winter. Prune Flower heads in February-March. Many cultivars available with various bloom colors and sizes.

12. **Smooth Hydrangea** (*Hydrangea arborescens*)

Zone 3-9

Part shade

3-5' tall x 3-5' wide

Summer blooming with persistent dried flowers through Winter. Native to US. A few cultivars available that give you white and now pink flower colors.

13. **Paperbush** (*Edgeworthia chrysatha*)

Zones 7-10

Full sun to part shade

4-6' tall

A native to China, that has highly scented yellow clusters of flowers. Enjoy blooms from February through April.

14. **Northern Exposure** (*Camellia sasanqua*)

Zone 6-8

Part sun

4-10' tall

A small evergreen tree/shrub with dark glossy green foliage that blooms October-December. Beautiful white flowers with yellow centers, blooms when nothing else is flowering.

15. **Rosebay Rhododendron** (*Rhododendron maximum*)

Zone 3-7

Shade/Part shade

5-15' tall

An evergreen shrub native to the US. It flowers from June through July. Many cultivars available with different flower colors. Great for woodland gardens.



15. **Upside Down Fern** (*Arachniodes standishii*)

Zone 4-8

Shade

18-24" tall, Slow spreading

Highly textured semi evergreen fern. Deer resistant. Tolerant of dry conditions and low maintenance.

16. **Japanese Sedge Evergold** (*Carex oshimensis*)

Zone 5-9

Part shade

1' tall x 1/2' wide, clump forming

Evergreen variegated foliage that spreads slowly. Can be used in a containers for winter interest. Deer resistant.

17. **Feather Reed Grass 'Karl Foerster'** (*Calamagrostis x acutiflora*)

Zone 5-9

Full sun

3-5' tall x 1.5'-2.5' wide

Beautiful tall narrow upright grass, great for adding structure and height to a garden. Not invasive, sterile.

18. **Broomsedge** (*Andropogon virginicus*)

Zone 4-8

Full sun

2-3' tall x 1-2' wide

A US native with golden copper Fall color. Can tolerate tough, infertile sites. Native insects utilize for shelter and nesting habitat for birds. Reseeds.

19. **HGC Joseph Lempre** (*Helleborus niger*)

Zone 5-8

Part shade to Full Shade

12" tall

White flowers, blooms December through February. Very early blooming Hellebore. Disease and pest free.

20. **Purple Coneflower** (*Echinacea purpurea*)

Zone 3-8

Full sun

2-3' tall



Native to US, butterfly magnet in the Summer with purple blooms. Requires well drained soil. Great seed source for birds in Winter, dried seed heads add winter interest to the garden., tolerates drought, naturalizes.

21. **Winter Aconite** (*Eranthis hyemalis*)

Zones 4-7

Full sun to part shade

3-6" tall

Native to Asia and Europe, low growing with yellow flowers. Naturalizes under trees or in grass. Blooms early March, often times amongst the snow.

22. **Snowdrop** (*Galanthus elwesii*)

Zone 4-7

Full sun to part shade

6" tall, clump forming

A native to Europe with white flowers blooming February through March. Deer resistant, grows well under deciduous trees, naturalizing, foliage disappears by late Spring. Blooms among the Snow.

23. **Woodland Crocus** (*Crocus tommasinianus*)

Zone 3-8

Part shade to full sun

6" tall, clump forming

Pale purple, scented flowers, earliest blooming variety. Blooms in March and flowers close at night and open on sunny days. Bulb performs poorly in heavy clay soil, plants naturalize.



Additional Resources

1. *Winterland* by Cathy Reese
2. *Winter Flowering Shrubs* by Michale Buffin
3. *Season of Promise: Wild Plants in Winter* by June Carver Roberts
4. *The Garden in Winter* by Rosemary Verey
5. *The Winter Garden* by Jane Sterndale-Bennett
6. *The Layered Garden* by David L. Culp
7. *Winter Garden Glory: How to Get the Best from Your Garden from Autumn Through to Spring* by Adrian Bloom
8. Gardenista.com
9. GardensIllustrated.com

Plant Venders

1. [Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery](#) (*local*)
2. [Conestoga Nursery](#) (*local*)
3. [Pleasant Run Nursery](#) (*local*)
4. [Paxson Hill Farm](#) (*local*)
5. [Far Reaches Farm](#)
6. [Plants Delights Nursery, Inc.](#)
7. [Direct Natives Plants](#)
8. [Broken Arrow Nursery](#)
9. [Brent and Becky's Bulbs](#)

