



Midwest

Our outstanding fall color makes autumn a favorite season between summer heat and winter cold. The following shrubs offer attractive berries, foliage, branching, and bark. They also create lovely views year round and require minimal maintenance.

—Judy Nauseef is a landscape designer in Iowa City, Iowa.

SNOW LACE® GRAY DOGWOOD should be seen in winter, too

NAME: *Cornus racemosa* 'Emerald'

USDA HARDINESS ZONES: 3 to 8

SIZE: 6 to 9 feet tall and wide

CONDITIONS: Full sun to partial shade; prefers moist soil but tolerates drought

This native shrub dogwood is more compact than the species with semiglossy, emerald green foliage and showy, white fruit. Purple fall leaf color and rosy pink pedicels make Snow Lace® gray dogwood a fine choice for the woodland edge. Its silvery gray bark in winter adds interest into another season. White flowers in the spring add to the list of what it offers. Plant this dogwood in the landscape where the shrub will be seen in the fall and winter, such as from a cozy living-room window or as one drives by the house. This dogwood rarely suckers.



'PINK BEAUTY' DOUBLEFILE VIBURNUM has an attractive habit

NAME: *Viburnum plicatum* f. *tomentosum* 'Pink Beauty'

ZONES: 4 to 8

SIZE: 8 to 12 feet tall and wide

CONDITIONS: Full to partial sun; moist, well-drained soil

This shrub's signature characteristics are its tiered branches and handsome, grayish brown branches. It lights up in fall with reddish purple leaves and bright red fruits that change to black. In spring, flat flower clusters borne above stems open white and turn deep pink. Summer leaves are dark green with furrowed veins. 'Pink Beauty' has no serious pests or diseases. To maintain the elegant horizontal form, remove vertical watersprouts as they appear.



'REGENT' SERVICEBERRY provides tasty fruit

NAME: *Amelanchier alnifolia* 'Regent'

ZONES: 2 to 7

SIZE: 4 to 6 feet tall and 4 to 8 feet wide

CONDITIONS: Full sun to partial shade; moist, well-drained soil

A compact shrub form of serviceberry, 'Regent' produces finely toothed, rounded leaves that are bluish on top and gray-green on the bottom. In fall, they change to vibrant yellow and red. Spring finds the shrub sporting white flowers in upright clusters that give way to fruit in June. Birds as well as humans appreciate the tasty berries, which make great jellies and jams and are more abundant in full sun. It is native to the Great Plains and tolerates harsh, dry, or alkaline conditions when mature.