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SHRUBS

Abelia x grandiflora 'Rose Creek'

Rose Creek Abelia

Semi-evergreen shrub. Zone 6-9. Mounding shrub with showy white flowers in spring and summer. Year round interest. Full sun. Reaches approximately 3' in height and width.

Aucuba japonica variegata

Variegated Aucuba

Evergreen shrub. Zone 6-10. Upright to mounding shrub with glossy deep green leaves. Bright yellow variegation resembles spattered yellow paint. Full to part shade. Reaches approximately 4-6' in height.

Berberis thunbergii 'Crimson Pigmy'

Crimson Pigmy Barberry

Deciduous shrub. Zone 4-8. Dense shrub with deep burgundy foliage. Works well as a hedge. Full sun. Reaches 2-3' in height and width.

Buxus microphylla var. japonica 'Wintergreen'

Wintergreen Boxwood

Evergreen shrub. Zone 5-8. Popular variety of boxwood. Part sun, part shade. Reaches approximately 4' in height and width.

Buxus sinica var. insularis 'Winter Gem'

Wintergem Boxwood

Evergreen shrub. Zone 5-9. Part sun, part shade. Reaches approximately 4-6' in height and width.

Camellia japonica

Camellia (Spring Blooming)

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-10. Upright growth habit reaching heights of 6-10' at maturity. Pruning after blooming finishes contains shrub to manageable size. Large single, semi-double, formal double, and peony blooms available. Part sun, part shade. Prefer to be planted in a sheltered area of the garden. Needs good drainage.

Camellia sasanqua 'Yuletide'

Camellia (Fall Blooming)

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-10. Upright growth habit reaching heights of 8-10' at maturity. Pruning after blooming finishes contains shrub to manageable size. Large red blooms with yellow anemone center in late fall through early winter. Part sun, part shade. Prefer to be planted in a sheltered area of the garden. Needs good drainage.

Camellia sasanqua 'Setsugekka'

Camellia (Fall Blooming)

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-10. Upright growth habit reaching heights of 8-10' at maturity. Pruning after blooming finishes contains shrub to manageable size. Large, white, semi-double blooms with yellow anemone center in fall through early winter. Part sun, part shade. Prefer to be planted in a sheltered area of the garden. Needs good drainage.

Clethra alnifolia 'Hummingbird'

Summersweet

Deciduous shrub. Zone 3-9. Native. Rounded, compact variety of *Clethra* reaches approximately 3' in height and 4' in width. White, fragrant, bottlebrush type flowers in summer. Shade and moisture tolerant. Attractive to butterflies.

Clethra alnifolia 'Ruby Spice'

Summersweet

Deciduous shrub. Zone 4-8. Native. Upright variety of *Clethra* reaches approximately 5' in height and 4' in width. Pink, fragrant, bottlebrush type flowers in summer. Shade and moisture tolerant. Attractive to butterflies.

Deutzia 'Nikko'

Dwarf Deutzia

Deciduous shrub. Zone 5-8. Low growing with arching branches reaching only 2' in height and up to 5' in width. Small, white flowers cover shrub in early spring. Deep reddish-purple fall foliage. Full sun.

Eleagnus pungens 'Glen St. Mary'

Dwarf Eleagnus

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-9. Dwarf variety. Compact growth habit reaches approximately 5-6' in height and width. Silvery foliage is thick and makes an ideal screen. Insignificant, but fragrant flowers appear in spring. Part sun, part shade.

Eleagnus ebbingii

Eleagnus

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-9. Native. Compact growth habit reaches heights of 10'. Silvery foliage is thick and makes an ideal screen. Insignificant, but fragrant flowers appear in spring. Part sun, part shade.

Gardenia jasminoides 'Frostproof'

Frostproof Gardenia

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-11. Dense, upright growth habit reaching up to 5' in height and 4' in width. Lustrous, deep green foliage with spiral shaped buds in spring followed by fragrant, white blooms in summer. Part sun to part shade.

Gardenia jasminoides 'Kleim's Hardy'

Kleim's Hardy Gardenia

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-11. Dense, compact growth habit reaching 2-3' in height and width. Lustrous, deep green foliage with white, fragrant, five-petal flowers in summer. Part sun to part shade.

Hydrangea macrophylla Bailmer

Endless Summer Hydrangea

Deciduous shrub. Zone 4-9. Mounded growth habit reaches approximately 3-4' in height and 4-5' in width. Large, mop-head flowers in late spring through fall. Bloom color depends on pH of soil: acidic soil produces blue blooms, alkaline soil produces pink bloom. Prefer wet soil and partial shade.

Hydrangea paniculata 'Limelight'

Limelight Hydrangea

Deciduous shrub. Zone 3-9. Mounded growth habit reaches approximately 6-8' in height and width. Large, panicle flowers in late spring through late fall change from pink to white. Prefer wet soil and partial shade.

Hydrangea querifolia

Oakleaf Hydrangea

Deciduous shrub. Zone 5-9. Spreading growth habit reaches approximately 4-5' in height and 5-6' in width. Oak leaf shaped leaves. Long, panicle flowers in late spring through fall change from white to pink. Deep red fall foliage. Prefer wet soil and partial shade.

Ilex cornuta 'Carissa'

Carissa Holly

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-9. Chinese holly, sharp pointed foliage. Dense, mounding growth habit reaches approximately 3-4' in height and width. Good drainage. Full sun.

Ilex cornuta 'Dwarf Burford'

Dwarf Burford Holly

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-9. Chinese holly, sharp pointed foliage. Red berries in winter. Dense growth habit reaches approximately 6-8' in height and width. Pruning in early to mid spring contains growth. Good drainage. Full sun.

Ilex cornuta 'Needlepoint'

Needlepoint Holly

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-9. Chinese holly, sharp pointed foliage. Dense growth habit reaches approximately 10-12' in height and width. Pruning in early to mid spring contains growth. Good drainage. Full sun.

Ilex crenata 'Compacta'

Compacta Holly

Evergreen shrub. Zone 5-8. Japanese holly, small, rounded foliage. Dense, mounded growth habit reaches approximately 5' in height and width. Pruning keeps desired shape. Good drainage. Full sun to part shade.

Ilex crenata 'Helleri'

Helleri Holly

Evergreen shrub. Zone 5-8. Japanese holly, small leaves. Dense, mounded growth habit reaches approximately 2-3' in height and 3-5' width. Good drainage. Full sun to part shade.

Ilex crenata 'Hoogendorn'

Hoogendorn Holly

Evergreen shrub. Zone 6-9. Japanese holly, small leaves. Dense, mounded growth habit reaches approximately 2' in height and 3' width. Good drainage. Full sun.

Ilex crenata 'Sky Pencil'

Sky Pencil Holly

Evergreen shrub. Zone 5-9. Japanese holly, small leaves. Dense, upright growth habit reaches approximately 6-8' in height and 2' wide. Columnar appearance makes it ideal for containers or entry ways. Good drainage. Full sun.

Ilex crenata 'Soft Touch'

Soft Touch Holly

Evergreen shrub. Zone 5-9. Japanese holly, small leaves. Dense, mounded growth habit reaches approximately 2-3' in height and width. Good drainage. Full sun.

Ilex crenata 'Steeds'

Steeds Holly

Evergreen shrub. Zone 5-9. Japanese holly, small leaves. Dense, pyramidal growth habit reaches approximately 6-8' in height and 5-6' in width. Good drainage. Full sun.

Ilex glabra 'Densa'

Densa Inkberry Holly

Evergreen shrub. Zone 5-9. Upright, rounded growth habit reaches up to 8-10' in height and width. Black berries in fall through winter. Shade and moisture tolerant.

Ilex glabra 'Shamrock'

Shamrock Inkberry Holly

Evergreen shrub. Zone 4-9. Upright, rounded growth habit reaches up to 3-4' in height and width. Black berries in fall through winter. Shade and moisture tolerant.

Ilex verticallata 'Red Sprite'

Red Sprite Winterberry Holly

Deciduous shrub. Zone 3-9. Native. Dwarf deciduous holly with upright growth habit reaches 2-3' in height and width. As the female, bright red berries cover shrub from early fall through winter. Wonderful winter interest in the garden. Needs a male in order to pollinate.

Ilex verticallata 'Jim Dandy'

Jim Dandy Winterberry Holly

Deciduous shrub. Zone 3-9. Native. Deciduous holly with upright growth habit reaches up to 6-10' in height and width unless pruned to maintain size. As the male, it does not berry in the fall and winter. However, one male plant is needed for approximately every five female plants within a garden bed.

Ilex vomitoria 'Bordeaux'

Bordeaux Yaupon Holly

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-9. Compact, mounded growth habit reaches approximately 3' in height and width. New growth produces reddish foliage. Good foliage. Full sun.

Itea virginica 'Henry's Garnet'

Henry's Garnet Sweetspire

Deciduous shrub. Zone 5-9. Native. Upright, spreading growth habit reaches approximately 5-6' in height and width. White, fragrant caterpillar-like flowers in early summer. Deep reddish-purple fall foliage. Shade and moisture tolerant.

Juniperus conferta 'Blue Pacific'

Blue Pacific Juniper

Evergreen shrub. Zone 5-9. Dense blue-green foliage stays low to the ground reaching only about 1' in height, but spreading up to 6' in width. Makes excellent ground cover, especially on a hillside. Full sun.

Ligustrum recurvifolium

Privet Curled Leaf

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-11. Dense, upright growth habit reaches 8' in height and 6' in width. Lustrous, wavy foliage makes great privacy screen. Full sun.

Loropetalum chinense var. *rubrum* 'Daruma'

Daruma Chinese Fringe Flower

Semi-evergreen shrub. Zone 7-9. Dense, spreading growth habit reaches approximately 3' in height and 4' in width. Beautiful purple foliage with pink fringe-like flowers in spring and winter. Full sun.

Loropetalum chinense var. *rubrum* 'Ruby'

Ruby Chinese Fringe Flower

Semi-evergreen shrub. Zone 7-9. Dense, spreading growth habit reaches approximately 3-5' in height and width. Beautiful purple foliage with pink fringe-like flowers in spring and winter. Full sun.

Mahonia media x 'Winter Sun'

Winter Sun Mahonia

Evergreen shrub. Zone 5-8. Upright growth habit with large, pointed leaves reaches approximately 8' in height, but can be shaped and contained with regular pruning. Long tendrils of yellow flowers stand erect above foliage in late fall through the winter. Part sun to part shade.

Myrica cerifera

Southern Waxmyrtle or Bayberry

Semi-evergreen shrub. Zone 7-11. Irregular, upright growth habit reaches approximately 10-15' in height and width. Blue-gray berry clusters in fall and winter emit a wonderful smell. Makes a great privacy screen. Part sun, part shade. Moisture tolerant.

Nandina domestica 'Firepower'

Firepower Dwarf Nandina

Semi-evergreen shrub. Zone 6-9. Rounded growth habit reaches approximately 2' in height and width. Bright green and yellow foliage turns a deep red in fall and winter. Dwarf variety. Full sun.

Nandina domestica 'Gulf Stream'

Gulf Stream Nandina

Semi-evergreen shrub. Shrub 6-11. Rounded growth habit reaches approximately 3' in height and width. Foliage turns red in fall. Dwarf variety. Full sun.

Pieris japonica 'Prelude White'

Dwarf Lilly of the Valley Shrub

Evergreen shrub. Zone 5-9. Mounded growth habit reaches approximately 2' in height and 3' in width. Small, bell shaped flowers cover entire shrub in early spring and lasts through April. Dwarf variety. Shade.

Prunus laurocerasus 'Otto Luyken'

Otto Luyken Cherry Laurel

Evergreen shrub. Zone 6-9. Dense, compact growth habit reaching up to 3' in height and 6' in width. Great low hedge plant. Fragrant, white flowers in spring. Prone to root rot and shot hole borers. Needs good drainage. Full to part sun.

Prunus laurocerasus 'Schipkaensis'

Skip Laurel

Evergreen shrub. Zone 6-9. Dense upright growth habit reaching up to 6' in height and 8' in width. Great hedge plant. White flowers in early spring. Prone to shot hole borers. Needs good drainage. Full to part sun.

Raphiolepis indica 'Snow White'

Snow White Indian Hawthorne

Evergreen shrub. Zone 8-10. Dense, mounding growth habit reaching 2-3' in height and 3-4' in width. Clusters of white flowers in late spring. Not always hardy to Richmond area climate; plant in protected areas. Full sun.

Raphiolepis indica 'Eleanor Tabor'

Eleanor Tabor Indian Hawthorne

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-10. Dense, mounding growth habit reaching up to 4' in height and width. Clusters of pink flowers in mid-winter through spring and again in fall. Full to part sun.

Rhododendron 'Bloom-a-thon'

Bloom-a-Thon Azalea

Semi-evergreen shrub. Zone 6-9. Mounding growth habit reaching between 3-5' in height and width. Various sizes, colors, and bloom types available. Bloom in spring, summer, and fall. Part sun, part shade.

Rhododendron satsuki 'Gumpo'

Gumpo Azalea

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-9. Small, mounding growth habit reaching approximately 2' in height and 3' in width. Blooms in early spring. Pink and white blooming available. Dwarf variety. Part to full shade.

Rhododendron x 'Encore'

Encore Azalea

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-10. Rounded growth habit reaching between 2.5-4.5' in height and 3-5' in width. Dwarf and intermediate sizes available. Bloom in spring, summer, and fall with red, orange, pink, white, and purple varieties available. Full sun to part shade.

Rosa x Radtcopink

Double Pink Knockout Rose

Semi-evergreen shrub. Zone 5-11. Upright, rounded growth habit reaching up to 4' in height and width. Double, pink blooms from March through November. Prune to maintain shape. One of the most disease resistant roses available. Full sun.

Rosa x Radtko

Double Red Knockout Rose

Semi-evergreen shrub. Zone 5-11. Upright, rounded growth habit reaching up to 4' in height and width. Double, deep-pink to red blooms from March through November. Prune to maintain shape. One of the most disease resistant roses available. Full sun.

Spirea japonica 'Gold Mound'

Gold Mound Spirea

Deciduous shrub. Zone 4-8. Dense, mounded growth habit reaching up to 3' in height and 4' in width. Bright yellow foliage changes to red in the fall. Clusters of pink blooms from spring through summer. Full sun.

Spirea japonica 'Little Princess'

Little Princess Spirea

Deciduous shrub. Zone 4-9. Dense, mounded growth habit reaching up to 3' in height and 6' in width. Bright green foliage. Clusters of pink blooms from spring through summer. Full sun.

Spirea x vanhouttei

Vanhoutte Spirea

Deciduous shrub. Zone 3-9. Upright, arching branch habit reaching up to 8' in height and width. Small white flowers cover shrub in early spring. Red fall foliage. Part sun to part shade.

Syringa patula 'Miss Kim'

Miss Kim Lilac

Deciduous shrub. Zone 4-8. Upright, compact growth habit reaching 6-8' in height and width. Light lavender bloom clusters in spring. Disease and heat resistant variety. Red fall foliage. Full to part sun.

Viburnum awabuki 'Chindo'

Chindo Viburnum

Evergreen shrub. Zone 7-11. Dense, upright growth habit reaching approximately 12' in height and 8' in width. Makes a great privacy screen. Clusters of fragrant, white flowers in late spring followed by red berries. Full to part sun.

Viburnum dentatum

Arrowwood Viburnum

Deciduous shrub. Zone 3-8. Upright growth habit reaching 6-12' in height and width. Dwarf varieties available. Clusters of white flowers in spring followed by blue berries. Reddish-purple fall foliage. Full to part sun.

Vitex 'Shoal Creek'

Chaste Tree

Deciduous shrub or small tree. Zone 6-9. Dense, upright growth habit with grey-green foliage and deep purple clusters of flowers in summer, reaching up to 12' in height and width. Fast growing. Full sun.

GRASSES

Liriope muscari 'Variegata'

Variegated Liriope

Evergreen grass. Zone 6-11. Clumping growth habit reaching about 15" in height and width. Variegated leaf blades accompanied by purple spikes of flowers in summer. Moisture and shade tolerant.

Liriope muscari 'Green'

Green Liriope Varietals

Evergreen grass. Zone 6-11. Clumping growth habit reaching between 12-24" in height and width depending on exact variety. Deep green leaf blades accompanied by purple to blue spikes of flowers in summer. Moisture and shade tolerant.

Miscanthus sinensis 'Adagio'

Adagio Maidengrass

Ornamental grass. Zone 5-9. Upright, clumping growth habit reaching 3-5' in height and width. Feathery pinkish-red plumes appear in late summer and open to white in fall. Needs good drainage. Cut back to about 18" in late winter or early spring. Full sun.

Muhlenbergia capillaris

Muhly Grass

Ornamental grass. Zone 5-9. Upright, clumping growth habit reaching 2-3' in height and width. Wispy pink plumes appear in late summer and last until late fall. Needs good drainage. Cut back to about 12" in late winter or early spring. Full sun.

Pennisetum 'Hameln'

Hameln Fountain Grass

Ornamental grass. Zone 4-11. Upright, clumping growth habit reaching around 3' in height and 2-3' in width. Clumpy, tan plumes in late summer through fall. Green foliage turns russet colored in fall. Cut back to about 12" in late winter or early spring. Needs good drainage. Full sun.

Pennisetum orientale 'Karley Rose'

Karley Rose Fountain Grass

Ornamental grass. Zone 5-8. Upright, clumping growth habit reaching approximately 2-3' in height and width. Summer plumes have reddish tint. Cut back to about 12" in late winter or early spring. Needs good drainage. Full sun.

PERENNIALS

Ajuga reptans 'Caitlin's Giant'

Caitlin's Giant Ajuga

Deciduous ground cover. Zone 4-8. Low growing, creeping growth habit spreading up to 2' and reaching only 6-8" in height. Deep green foliage turns to bronze in fall, periwinkle spikes of flowers in spring. Tolerates heavy shade well and grows well where grass will not.

Astilbe 'Visions'

Visions False Spirea

Perennial. Zone 4-8. Clumps of deep green, bronze, or blue-green foliage topped by fluffy spikes of white, pink, red, or purple flowers. Reaches up to 2' in height and width. The *Visions* series are heat tolerant mid-late season bloomers. Great for shade gardens; tolerates moisture and light shade well. Cut off old blooms or foliage to encourage new growth. Plant patented.

Coreopsis 'Jethro Tull'

Jethro Tull Tickweed

Perennial. Zone 5-10. Yellow-orange fluted petal flowers rise 12-18" above a bed of dense green foliage in early summer to early fall. Needs well drained soil. Full sun. One of the most heat-tolerant varieties of *Coreopsis*.

Dianthus 'Bath's Pink'

Bath's Pink Dianthus

Perennial. Zone 4-9. Evergreen, silver-blue foliage spreads to about 12” and reaches approximately 6” in height. Clumps of foliage topped with single, fringed, light pink flowers in spring. Needs good drainage. Full sun.

Dianthus ‘Firestar’

Firestar Dianthus

Perennial. Zone 5-8. Evergreen, silver-green foliage spreads to about 12” and reaches approximately 6” in height. Clumps of foliage topped with single, red flowers in spring. Needs good drainage. Full sun.

Echinacea Magnus

Purple Cone Flower

Perennial. Zone 4-9. Large, pink flowers with rust colored center (similar to daisy in appearance) reach up to 3’ in height. Blooms last from mid-spring to early fall and make wonderful cut flowers. Native. Deer resistant. Full sun.

Dryopteris erythrosora ‘Brilliance’

Autumn Brilliance Fern

Perennial. Zone 5-9. Mounding growth habit reaches approximately 18-24” in height and width. Green foliage changes to a bronze in fall. Native. Full to part shade.

Gaura lindheimeri ‘Siskiyou Pink’

Perennial. Zone 5-9. Thin, airy stalks of leaves interspersed with bright pink blooms in spring and early summer reaching up to 3’ in height and width. Excellent cut flower. Full sun.

Helleborus hybridus ‘Pine Knot Strain’

Lenton Rose

Perennial. Zone 4-9. Evergreen, lustrous foliage spreads to approximately 12-18” in height and width. Blooms in late winter to early spring. Blooms hang similarly to bluebells and are pistachio, cream, and purple shades. Full to part shade.

Hemerocallis ‘Stella de Oro’

Yellow Daylily

Perennial. Zone 4-11. Dwarf. Foliage reaches heights of 12-15” and blooms can reach up to 18” in height. Blooms are deep yellow in spring and rebloom in fall. Full sun. Most popular variety of daylily.

Heuchera micrantha ‘Palace Purple’

Coral Bells

Perennial. Zone 4-9. Mounded growth habit reaching approximately 12-18” in height and width. Deep purple foliage is topped by tiny white flowers in spring. Part sun to part shade.

Lavandula x intermedia ‘Phenomenal’

Phenomenal Lavender

Herbaceous perennial. Zone 4-9. Evergreen silver-blue foliage reaches 2-3' in height and width. Spikes of fragrant, lavender-purple flowers in summer. Makes great cut flower. Needs good drainage. Plant Patented.

Leucanthemum superdolum 'Becky'

Becky Daisy

Perennial. Zone 5-9. 2003 Perennial Plant of the Year. Mounded, deep green foliage with classic daisies in summer through fall. Blooms reach up to 2-3' in height. Make wonderful cut flowers. Heat tolerant. Full sun.

Liatris spicata

Dense Blazing Star Flower

Perennial. Zone 3-9. Upright stalks produce slender grass-like leaves perpendicular to the stem which ends in a spike of pinkish-purple flowers. Reaches up to 2.5' in height and spreads about 18" in width. Excellent cut flowers. Full sun.

Lobelia cardinalis

Cardinal Flower

Herbaceous perennial. Zone 3-9. Upright stalks of deep green leaves topped with spikes of red flowers in summer and fall reaching up to 2-3' in height. Excellent cut flower. Native. Tolerates shade and moisture well.

Lobelia siphilitica

Blue Cardinal Flower

Herbaceous perennial. Zone 4-8. Upright stalks of deep green leaves topped with spikes of blue flowers in summer and fall reaching up to 2-3' in height. Excellent cut flower. Native. Tolerates shade and moisture well.

Phlox subulata

Creeping Phlox

Perennial. Zone 3-9. Dense, evergreen foliage spreads up to 3' in width, but stays approximately 6" in height. Blooms in early spring with a variety of colors available such as white, pink, purple, and blue. Native. Full sun to part shade.

Platycodon 'Sentimental Blue'

Balloon Flower

Perennial. Zone 4-8. Upright growth habit with leafy stalks that produce large blueish-purple flowers in spring and summer. Buds balloon before opening. Reaches up to 18" in height and width. Part shade.

Rudbeckia goldstrum

Black-Eyed Susan

Perennial. Zone 3-9. Tall yellow flowers with black centers top a bed of green foliage reaching 2-3' in height and 1-2' in width in summer through fall. Makes great cut flower. Native. Full sun.

Salvia 'May Knight'

Meadow Sage

Perennial. Zone 4-9. Compact green foliage with spikes of blue-purple flowers rising to heights of 18-24" in early summer. Full sun.

Scabiosa 'Harlequin Blue'

Pincushion Flower

Perennial. Zone 4-9. Gray-green bed of fern-like foliage with blueish-lavender pincushion shaped blooms in summer through fall. Reaches approximately 12-15" in height and width. Full sun.

Veronica 'Georgia Blue'

Veronica

Perennial evergreen groundcover. Zone 4-9. Lush, green foliage spreads up to 3' in width and stays low growing at only about 6" in height. Small, deep blue flowers adorn the plant in summer. Full to part sun.

If you have additional questions about any of the trees listed above or trees you do not see listed here, we recommend you visit the following websites or give us a call! (804) 379-8733.

Missouri Botanical Garden

www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

Encore Azalea Website

www.encoreazalea.com

Monrovia Website

www.monrovia.com