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Ginkgo

Ginkgo biloba

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 50 ft.
- Shape - Columnar to spreading
- Sun
- Attractive leaves, yellow fall color; tolerates many soil types
- Problems: few pests
- Slow – moderate growth rate
26. Ginkgo (Ginkgo biloba)
Black Walnut
*Juglans nigra*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - 75 ft.
- Shape - Oval to rounded
- Sun
- Drought tolerant, taproot,
- Difficult to transplant, inhibit growth of vegetables and flowers
- Slow growth rate
Bur Oak

*Quercus macrocarpa*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 80 ft.
- Shape - Round to oval
- Sun
- Tolerates drought, variety of soils
- Problems: borers, gall, leaf spot
- Slow growth rate
36. Bur Oak (Quercus macrocarpa)
Utah Juniper

Juniperus osteosperma

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 15 ft.
- Shape - Pyramidal to rounded
- Sun
- Tolerates heat and dry, rocky, alkaline soil; likes full sun
- Problems: Spider mites, scale
- Slow growth rate
81. Utah Juniper (Juniperus osteosperma)
Rocky Mountain Juniper

*Juniperus scopulorum*

- Evergreen
- Ht. - to 40 ft.
- Shape - Pyramidal to rounded
- Sun
- Many cultivars; adapted to alkaline soil, good windbreak
- Spider mites, scale
- Slow growth rate
58. Rocky Mountain Juniper (Juniperus scopulorum)
European Mountain Ash

*Sorbus aucuparia*

- Deciduous; orange fruit
- Ht. - to 40 ft.
- Shape - Oval to rounded
- Sun
- Orange fruit
- Problems: Fireblight, scale, borers, canker; avoid compacted soils
- Moderate growth rate
Saskatoon Serviceberry
*Amelanchier alnifolia*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 15 ft.
- Shape - Irregular to spreading
- Sun, shade
- Tree/shrub, fragrant flowers, edible fruit
- Problems: rust
- Moderate growth rate
96. Saskatoon Serviceberry (Amelanchier alnifolia)
Chokecherry

Prunus virginiana

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 20 ft.  Shape - Irregular to spreading
- Sun, shade
- Grows in clusters; edible fruit
- Prefers moist soils
- Moderate growth rate
Scarlet Hawthorn

*Crataegus laevigata*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 25 ft.  Shape - Oval to rounded
- Sun
- Red fruit
- Problems: fire blight, aphids
- Medium growth rate
Goldenrain Tree
*Koelreuteria paniculata*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 35 ft.
- Shape - Round to spreading
- Sun
- Golden
- Problems: verticillium wilt
- Moderate growth rate
Crabapples

*Malus sp.*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 30 ft.  Shape - Columnar to spreading
- Sun
- Flower and leaf colors vary, many cultivars; cold hardy
- Problems: Scab, rust, mildew
- Rapid growth rate
Lavelle Hawthorn

*Crataegus lavallei*

- Deciduous
- Ht. - to 25 ft. Shape - Rounded to spreading
- Sun
- Red fruit, dark green leaves turn bronze after frost
- Problems: fireblight, aphids
- Moderate growth rate
Colorful Fall Shrubs for Utah Landscapes
Size

- Range from small dwarf plants to small trees
Use

- Define focal points and limits of the landscape
- Provide accents through flowers
- Use as foundation plantings or screens
- Use for flowering plant materials
Interest

- Bloom
- Foliage;
- Fall color of fruit
- Winter silhouettes
- Leaves
- Stems
- Texture
- Bark color
American Cranberry Bush

*Viburnum trilobum* (and varieties)

- Grows from 5 feet up to 12 feet.
- Leaves dark green, maple shaped leaves, turn red in the fall; large showy red fruit
- White flower clusters, 2 to 4 inches across, with ¾ inch sterile flowers in a lace cap effect.
Beauty Bush

Kolkwitzia amabilis

- Grows to 10 feet. Denser and lower in full sun.
- Dull green leaves, flaky bark peels from older stems.
- Clusters of pink bell shaped flowers, with yellow throat in May or June; Bristly pink fruit follows flowers, prolonging color.
**Bluebeard**

*Caryopteris clandonensis* (*Blue Mist*)
*incana* (*Common Bluebeard or Blue Spiraea*)

- Grows 2 feet (*clandonensis*) or 4 feet (*incana*)
- Cut back nearly to ground in early spring. Cut back a little after bloom for additional bloom.
- Small blue flower clusters at stem ends, August to frost. Blooms attract bees.
Common Butterfly Bush

*Buddleia davidii* (Many varieties)

- Grows to 5 to 10 feet.
- Prune to ground each year to improve appearance.
- Small fragrant flowers (lilac with orange eye) in midsummer, in dense clusters, 6 to 12 inches long, at branch ends; Other varieties bloom in pink, lilac, blue, purple, and white.
Cotoneaster

Cotoneaster (many species and hybrids varying widely in size and display)

- Ranging from
  - Ground covers
  - Upright small shrubs
  - Tall (20 foot) shrubs

- Proper pruning important to maintain appearance; thrive on dry slopes and poor soil

- Graceful arching branches; colorful fruit
European Cranberry Bush

Viburnum

*Viburnum opulus*

- Grows 8 to 12 feet.
- ‘Aureum’ or smaller size
  ‘Compactum’ 4 to 5 feet high
Large showy red fruit; Dark green, three lobed leaves, resembling maple leaves. Red in the fall;
Available varieties feature yellow leaves
- Showy white flowers in May. Lace cap effect.
Flowering Quince

*Chaenomeles (many hybrids or varieties)*

- Tall, 6 to 10 feet; or Low, 2 to 3 feet
- Picturesque, indestructible; prune any time to shape, limit growth or for special effects; useful for hedges or barriers
- Blooms in April; white, pink, coral, or red; Gnarled coral bark attractive in winter
Golden Currant

- Ribes aureum.
- Grows 3 to 6 feet high.
- Spicy fragrance;
- Bright yellow spring flowers, April/May; Berries, Yellow to red/black in summer.
Harry Lauder's Walking Stick

*Corylus avellana Contorta*

- Grows to 8 feet high
- Roundish leaves have a slightly wilted look; Does not produce nuts
- Attractive twisted branches are showy in winter
Japanese Barberry
(Deciduous)

Berberis thunbergii  Available sizes range from 1½ to 6 feet

- Vigorous growers. Need cutting back and renewal pruning.
- Richly colored foliage on dense thorny stems. Various colors at different times of year, ranging from green to orange to yellow to red; Best color in full sun. Stems have red berries.
Nannyberry Viburnum

Viburnum lentago

- Grows as a massive shrub or as a single trunked to 30 feet.
- Glossy foliage turns purplish red in the fall; red fruit turning blue/black
- Creamy white spring flowers in flat clusters, 4 to 5 inches across
Ninebark

- Sizes available from 4 to 8 feet.
- Peeling bark and lobed green leaves; Grown for foliage and flowers. Mountain variety has red color in the fall. ‘Darts Gold’ has golden yellow leaves. ‘Diablo’ has purple foliage.
Oregon Grape

*Mahonia aquifolium and Hybrids*

- 6' + (Hybrids available from 2 feet and up)

- Attractive, spiny toothed leaves
  Edible blue/black berries (good jelly)

- Yellow flowers, 3 inch clusters, March to May
Potentilla (Cinquefoil)

*P. fruticosa* (many named forms varying in size and color of bloom.)

- Available sizes range from 1 foot. To 5 feet.
- Blooms from June to October in full sun; Renewal pruning to thin the woody growth
- Various shades of white, red, orange, and yellow.
Pyracantha

Pyracantha (Many species)

- Available sizes range from 3 to 12 feet high.
- All grow vigorously with habit from upright to spreading. Nearly all have thorns! All have glossy dark green leaves. Colorful fruit, orange to red. Varies in size and season. Needs vigorous pruning to keep under control.
Rose Of Sharon (Shrub Althaea)

*Hibiscus syriacus*

- Grows 8 to 10 feet.
- Leaves are coarsely toothed, three lobed, medium green. Prune to shape. Cut back, in winter, last year's growth to two buds.
- Blooms midsummer to fall; flowers can be white, pink, red, or lavender
Sargent Cranberry Bush
Viburnum
Viburnum sargentii

- Large vigorous shrub to 12 feet.
- Large scarlet fruit
- Creamy white flowers in flat clusters
Shrub Dogwood

*Cornus*

- Tatarian: *C. alba* (10 ft.) & Hybrids (7 ft.)
- Bloodtwig: *C. sanguinea* (12 ft.)
- Red Osier: *C. stolenifera* (15 ft.) & Hyb. (6-8 ft.)
- Nice foliage texture. Berries. Red leaves in the fall. Bright red twigs in winter. New growth is best so prune heavily in spring
Smoke Tree

*Cotinus coggygria*

- Grows to 10 to 15 feet.
- Foliage is bluish green in summer. Maroon fall colors often poorly developed. At its best under stress in poor soil. Several cultivars available.
- Dramatic puffs of pink or purplish “smoke” comes from large loose clusters of fading flowers.
Tatarian Honeysuckle

- *Lonicera tatarica* (many listed cultivars)
- Grows from 8 to 12 feet. Smaller form available. Most produce red berries in the fall; Smooth, blue green foliage. Growth habit upright and multi-stemmed. Tidy looking plant for backgrounds, screens and wind breaks.
Viburnums

- “A garden without a viburnum is akin to life without music and art”
  M. A. Dirr.
- There are about 120 species and numerous cultivars.
- Size ranges from 2 feet to 20 feet
Viburnums

- Odor from the sweetest to worst; Grown for fragrant flowers, or showy flowers, or fruit color, or distinctive foliage or combinations of these

- Flower from white to pink; Fruit from yellow, orange, red, pink, blue, black.
Viburnum dilatatum
Wayfaring Tree Viburnum

Viburnum lantana (8 to 15 feet tall)

- Blooms in May. Dull dark green foliage, sometimes turning red or purple in the fall; berries turn from orange to red to black

- Flat clusters of scentless white flowers;