

LANDON'S

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"Adding Color to Your Life"

SMALL WOODY FRUITS/FRUITING SHRUBS

Most woody small fruits are self-fertile and thus only one plant is needed, though there are a few exceptions. All small fruits like lots of sun (at least 6 hours) and well-drained soils. Since the fruits are edible, you will have competition from critters, so protect what you want to save---or eat!

American Cranberry

- . Wentworth (High Bush Cranberry) viburnum, large shrub to 10'
- . Big red fruits excellent for jams, jellies.... birds don't seem to bother ours much

American Hazelnut

- . Oops! Not a fruit bearer, but a nut producer!
- . Shrub to about 8', American native
- . Produces nuts in 8-15 years, so be patient
- . Adaptable to sun or partial shade
- . Fabulous orange/yellow fall color

Blackberry

- . Not hardy, Z5, but several patches in the county are doing OK. None hardy in Colorado, so here...?
- . Darrow is probably the toughest variety
- . Requires winter protection
- . Very productive, birds like 'em too, so protect your crop
- . Pick with long sleeves.....chiggers.....

Blueberries

- . Only 1 needed, but you'll get better production with 2 different plants.
- . Special planting and care is needed, please refer to our handout on our website: landongreenhouse.com. Need lots of acidity!!!
- . Plants are small, to about 2-3' tall and wide maximum
- . Blueberries also have great fall color!
- . Requires winter protection from desiccation, use Shrub Guard, or similar cover

Buffaloberry

- . Native, grey-foliage shrub to 8-10', very thorny, drought tolerant, deer resistant
- . Fruit excellent for jams, jellies
- . Harvest with care, have bandaids present!

Chokecherry

- . Native, large naturalizing shrub to 15'
- . Fragrant flowers followed by small black fruit in late summer
- . Fruit used for jams, jellies, syrup, wine
- . Birds can be the biggest problem
- . Black knot fungal disease also a minor problem

Currant

- . Red or black currants, both used for jams, jellies, snacks---great in granola!
- . Shrubs to about 3' tall
- . Minimal care, non-invasive

Elderberry

- . Native, fast grower, tolerant of lots of different conditions, gets 8-10'
- . Need 2 plants for pollination and best production
- . Fruit used for jams, pies, jellies, wine
- . Golden elder has nice yellow foliage for a different landscape look

Gooseberry

- . Small thorny shrub to about 3', produces pale greenish/opaque fruit, when it darkens up it's ripe
- . Fruit hangs down so easier to pick, but wear gloves!
- . Fruit good fresh, or for jams, jellies, pies

Grapes

- . Quite a few hardy varieties, red, white, and blue/black
- . All are seeded and most have some tartness to them
- . Fast growing, can put on 8' in a season
- . One of the very few (only?) woody plants you cut back hard
- . Will produce after about 3 years, when the root system is well-established
- . Large leaves mean plants may need more water
- . Fruit used for fresh eating, jams, jellies, wine, juice
- . Wyoming Experiment Farm east of Sheridan has many selections growing

Honeyberry

- . Large, flavorful fruit with high Anti-oxidant and vitamin C levels
- . Honeyberries are famous for fruiting early
- . Most varieties average about 4 to 8 feet tall, and very easy to grow in regular to poor, moist soil and any shady/sun spot
- . Native to eastern Siberia, this hardy deciduous species is not troubled by pests or disease

Nanking Cherry

- . Small sweet cherry, bright red, good fresh off the shrub, or for pies, jellies
- . Plant gets 6-10' tall, fairly fast growing
- . Wildlife attractant, good for conservation plantings

Raspberry

- . Many hardy varieties available, Boyne is toughest, Fall Gold tastes great
- . Fall bearing and summer bearing
- . Like full sun with well-drained soil, can take a little shade, don't plant too deep!
- . Fruit good fresh, or for canning, freezing, jams, desserts, cereals
- . See our handout on our website, some tips on cutting back
- . Raspberries sucker out, give them room
- . Can get viruses which are untreatable

Serviceberry (Juneberry)

- . Medium shrub to 6', with multi-season interest: flowers, fruit, fall color
- . Dark purple fruit is sweet and good fresh or for making jelly, often compared to blueberries
- . Drought tolerant, and can take some shade

Western Sandcherry

- . Native shrub with an upward swooping habit
- . Dark sweet cherries can be eaten fresh or made into jelly or syrup
- . Another wildlife attractant
- . Adaptable to sun or part shade, dry or moist conditions