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## Deciduous Shrubs

### *Amelanchier utahensis*

### Utah Serviceberry

Height: 6'- 12'

Width: 6'-8'

Bloom Color: White

Hardiness: Zone 5

A rounded shrub native to the Western Slope of Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Texas. Blanketed with fragrant white flowers in early spring followed by woolly gray-green leaves. Yellow fruit ripens and dries to bluish-black in midsummer. Tolerant of heat and drought. Full sun.

### *Artemisia filifolia*

### Sand Sage

Height: 2'- 5'

Width: 2'-4'

Bloom Color: Yellow

Hardiness: Zone 4

A pleasantly aromatic native shrub with narrow thread-like silvery green leaves. Yellow blooms from August to mid-September are followed by showy white seed heads. Medium to fine texture in summer gives way to a coarse texture in winter. Native in elevations of 4000' - 6000' from Texas to Southeastern Wyoming. Drought tolerant. Full sun.

### *Atriplex canescens* (Female)

### Four Wing Saltbush

Height: 3'- 6'

Width: 2'-4'

Bloom Color: Sulfur Yellow

Hardiness: Zone 4

A native shrub with dark gray-green foliage and upright spreading habit. A four-winged fruit appears in late summer on female plants and may take on a rose tint for fall. The plants that we grow are only female. This plant is very tolerant of poor soils and is useful for soil stabilization. Full sun.

### *Berberis x 'Tara'* (Emerald Carousel®)

### Emerald Carousel® Barberry

Height: 4'- 5'

Width: 4'-5'

Bloom Color: Yellow

Hardiness: Zone 4

A cross between Japanese Green Barberry and Korean Barberry introduced by Bailey Nurseries. A compact plant with glossy, dark green foliage. Outstanding orange to red fall color appears early and remains late until leaves drop. A better barberry choice for alkaline sites. This is a super plant that has been slow to be discovered by landscape designers. Full sun.

### *Buddleia alternifolia* 'Argentea'

Height: 8'- 10'

Bloom Color: Purple

### Silver Fountain Butterfly Bush

Width: 6'-8'

Hardiness: Zone 4

Here is a shrub that does well in a variety of soils and is a '70 mph shrub' striking even when viewed at that speed. Long thin twigs give the plant a wide-spreading and pendulous look. The foliage is blue-gray to silver and finely textured. Fragrant, early June flowers are a bright lilac and spiral along the previous year's branches in a candy-cane fashion. (So, do not cut back in the spring!) Very attractive to butterflies. Full sun. Plant Select® 1998.

### *Chamaebatiaria millefolium* Fernbush

Height: 4'- 6'

Bloom Color: White

Width: 4'-6'

Hardiness: Zone 5

Small gray-green, pinnately compound foliage gives a fine texture to this delicately aromatic, drought tolerant plant. Small white flower clusters in upright panicles appear throughout the summer. Blooms late into fall. During severe winters, may die to snow line, but will quickly grow back. Full sun. Plant Select® 2006.

### *Chrysothamnus nauseosus* Baby Blue Rabbitbrush var. *nauseosus*

Height: 1'- 2'

Bloom Color: Golden yellow

Width: 2'-4'

Hardiness: Zone 3

Smaller, more compact form of rabbitbrush with a blue-gray leaf color and yellow flower clusters late summer into fall. Xeric. Full sun. Plant Select® 2011.

### *Cotoneaster racemiflorus* var. *soongoricus*

Height: 6'- 9'

Bloom Color: White

### Sungari Rockspray Cotoneaster

Width: 6'-9'

Hardiness: Zone 3

From the Cheyenne Station comes a hedge plant as hardy as Peking cotoneaster. Hanging racemes of white flowers in spring are very showy as are the bright red fruits that contrast with the blue foliage later in the summer. Originally found near the Sungari River in China by Ernest Wilson. Gene Howard, last curator of the Cheyenne Research Station, requested our propagator, Scott Skogerboe, to grow this plant. In his honor, we are growing this extremely hardy and exceptionally stunning red-fruited cotoneaster. Plant Select® 2017. Full sun.

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***Diervilla lonicera* Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle**

Height: 3'- 4'

Width: 3'-4'

Bloom Color: Yellow

Hardiness: Zone 3

Dwarf mounding shrub with handsome foliage. Throughout the season this is a multi-colored plant with the leaves emerging a reddish-purple, then turning green as they mature and eventually a more intense reddish-purple fall color. No known insect or disease problems. Small yellow flowers add additional interest during early summer. Excellent for mass plantings and slopes. Full sun.

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***Ephedra minima* Dwarf Joint Fir**

Height: 2'- 4"

Width: 2'-3'

Bloom Color: Inconspicuous

Hardiness: Zone 5

A very dense evergreen shrub forming a dense carpet of thin, leafless, blue-green stems 2" - 4" tall. New growth is upright, while previous year's growth lays flat. Bright red fleshy berries ripen in late June and are very showy. A rare primitive evergreen native to Tibet. Full sun.

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***Hydrangea arborescens* Bee Friendly™ Hydrangea (Bee Friendly™)**

Height: 3'- 4"

Width: 4'-6'

Bloom Color: White

Hardiness: Zone 4

We made this selection originally from seeds collected by the Morten Arboretum in Jersey County, IL. Unlike the popular cultivar 'Annabelle' which produces sterile flowers, the white flowers on 'Bee Friendly' are mostly fertile and are extremely attractive to a bevy of pollinators, particularly Honey Bees. In mid summer it is an abundant producer of round clusters of white (4" wide) flowers that are alive with insect activity. Best in part shade, the east side of a house is perfect.

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***Prunus besseyi* 'Blonde Bessie' Blonde Bessie Sand Cherry**

Height: 3'- 4'

Width: 3'-4'

Bloom Color: White

Hardiness: Zone 4

A yellow fruited Western Sand Cherry found in the foothills just west of Fort Collins, CO. Abundant blooms of fragrant flowers in May followed by golden fruits in early August. Although edible and usefull in jam and jelly making, these fruits are somewhat astringent eaten fresh and are best left for wildlife. The leaves are shiny dark green. Loves if hot and dry. A perfect xerix native for the interior west. Zone 4

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***Rhus trilobata* 'Autumn Amber' Autumn Amber Creeping Sumac**

Height: 6"- 18"

Width: 6'-8'

Bloom Color: Insignificant

Hardiness: Zone 4

A prostrate form of *R. triloba* which forms a dense groundcover and will cascade over walls. Much more prostrate than the more common Gro-Low Sumac. Inconspicuous flowers, but no apparent fruits. Yellow to russet fall color. This form was discovered growing on limestone outcroppings near Littlefield, Texas. Full sun. Plant Select® 2014.

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***Viburnum burejaeticum* Mini Man™ Viburnum (Mini Man™)**

Height: 3'- 6'

Width: 3'-6'

Bloom Color: White

Hardiness: Zone 3

A chance seedling found by our propagator, Scott Skogerboe, that is a dwarf form of the Manchurian Viburnum. A neat, compact viburnum with thick, velvety foliage that holds on late into the fall. Creamy white clusters of flowers in mid-spring are followed by red fruits maturing to black. Tolerates dry conditions. Full sun.

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***Viburnum x 'Sarcoxie'* Sarcoxie Viburnum**

Height: 6'- 8'

Width: 6'-8'

Bloom Color: White

Hardiness: Zone 4

Extremely fragrant, semi-evergreen viburnum that blooms with semi-snowball clusters of white flowers in early spring before other viburnums. A cross between *V. carlesi* and *V. x burkwoodii* introduced by Sarcoxie Nurseries of Sarcoxie, MO in 1972. Thought to be hardier than either of its parents. Full sun to part shade.

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**Deciduous Trees**

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***Acer grandidentatum* Bigtooth Maple**

Height: 30'- 40'

Width: 20'-25'

Bloom Color: NA

Hardiness: Zone 3

An outstanding, slow-growing Rocky Mountain native. Small tree or large shrub with five-lobed, dark green leaves turning shades of yellow, orange or red in the fall. One of the few maples tolerant of both dry and alkaline soils. Great accent for a dryland garden. Full sun to part shade.

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***Acer tataricum* 'GarAnn' HOTWINGS® Tatarian Maple (Clump)**

Height: 20'- 25'

Width: 18'-20'

Bloom Color:

Hardiness: Zone 3

A chance seedling selected from Fort Collins Nursery growing fields. A superior selection of *A. tataricum*. Consistent, breath-taking scarlet red samaras appear in the summer giving the tree the appearance of being in bloom. Fall leaf color migrates from orange-red on the outside of the plant to yellow in the middle. Strong branch unions make it less prone to storm breakage than the species. Tolerates a wide range of soils. Full sun. 2007 Plant Select® Introduction.

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***Aesculus glabra* Ohio Buckeye**

Height: 30'- 40'

Width: 30'-40'

Bloom Color: Greenish yellow

Hardiness: Zone 3

A durable, globe-shaped tree that can be variable in height. Dense foliage is dark green in summer. Fall color is often yellow, but at times turns brilliant orange-red to reddish-brown. Large greenish yellow flowers appear in spring followed by prickly seed pods. Seeds are poisonous to people, but are attractive to squirrels. Durable and extremely hardy medium sized tree with a unique appearance. Full sun.

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***Crataegus ambigua* Russian Hawthorn**

Height: 15'- 25'

Width: 20'-25'

Bloom Color: White

Hardiness: Zone 3

Russian Hawthorn is a small, attractive, broad-headed tree with a moderate growth rate. Its gnarled habit gives the tree an interesting silhouette. Leaves are deeply lobed and medium green in summer. Numerous corymbs of white flowers appear in late May. In mid to late summer, the whole tree begins to glow with very abundant 1/2" cherry-like, dark red fruits that are great for attracting birds. Occurs as a single or multi-stemmed form. Full sun. Plant Select® 2011.

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**Maackia amurensis****Amur Maackia**

Height: 20'- 30'

Width: 30'-40'

Bloom Color: Creamy white

Hardiness: Zone 4

This small, slow-growing ornamental tree becomes wider than tall. The pinnately-compound leaves emerge silvery-white giving the illusion that the tree is flowering. The summer leaf color is medium gray-green with insignificant fall color. The bark color is glossy gold-brown. White flowers on 4"- 6" racemes appear in late June to early July with a pleasant, unusual fragrance described by some as smelling like newly mown grass. The flowers are followed by 3-4" long flat pods. This legume is a nitrogen fixing plant that seems to tolerate alkaline soils and drier conditions once established. Full sun.

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**Prunus x virginiana  
(SUCKER PUNCH®)****SUCKER PUNCH®  
Chokecherry**

Height: 20'- 25'

Width: 20'-25'

Bloom Color: White

Hardiness: Zone 3

An exciting and beautiful red leafed Chokecherry which doesn't sucker. We found it over 15 years ago and every plant we ever made from it remained sucker free...Thus it was named 'Sucker Punch'. The tree is vigorous, and has a rounded growth habit. It's foliage is at first green which changes to a deep purple as the season progresses. It has clusters of bright white fragrant flowers in late spring followed by dark purple chokecherries in mid August which are relished by birds. This tree has the potential to replace the Canada Red Chokecherry in the nursery trade, especially for those who don't want the maintenance issues of removing numerous suckers each and every year. Full sun.

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**Ptelea trifoliata****Wafer Ash**

Height: 15'- 20'

Width: 12'-15'

Bloom Color: Inconspicuous

Hardiness: Zone 3

Interesting multi-stemmed small tree with a rounded crown. Clusters of fragrant, 1/2" greenish-white flowers bloom in June. Persistent elm-like wafers up to 1" in diameter ripen in late summer. The foliage is trifoliate with 3" long, light green waxy leaflets that have bright yellow fall color. When crushed the leaves have a pungent fragrance. Drought tolerant. Very few insect or disease problems. Full sun to part shade.

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**Quercus shumardii****Shumard Oak**

Height: 70'- 75'

Width: 50'-60'

Bloom Color: NA

Hardiness: Zone 5

A large, durable shade tree with a pyramidal habit becoming spreading with age. Dark green summer foliage generally develops a good scarlet fall color. The smooth gray-brown bark will develop shallow furrows with age. Medium to fast growth rate. Tolerant of alkaline soils although variable hardiness from seed. Fairly drought tolerant. Full sun.

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**Quercus turbinella****Shrub Live Oak**

Height: 6'- 10'

Width: 6'-10'

Bloom Color: NA

Hardiness: Zone 5

A shrubby evergreen oak native to the Southwest. Leaves vary by plant from dark green to blue, are leathery, and holly like. Tolerates a wide range of soils types, as well as dry conditions. Produces a small slender acorn. Full sun.

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**Quercus undulata****Wavyleaf Oak**

Height: 10'- 20'

Width: 8'-16'

Bloom Color: NA

Hardiness: Zone 4

Small tree or large shrub native to the southern Rocky Mountains that is a naturally occurring hybrid between Q. gambelli and Q. turbinella. Thick leathery leaves are blue to green in color and generally have wavy margins. In a protected site it may be semi-evergreen. Full sun.

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**Ulmus davidiana 'Choice  
City™™****Choice City™ Elm**

Height: 35'- 45'

Width: 35'-45'

Bloom Color: Inconspicuous

Hardiness: Zone 5

A small Asiatic elm that is resistant to both Dutch Elm Disease, European Elm Scale and Elm Yellows. Tolerant of urban conditions and disturbed sites. Selected by Fort Collins City Forester, Tim Buchanan, from seedlings acquired from Dr. George Ware in 1996. He later planted them around the city and selected this tree for its strong structure. Full sun.

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**Xanthoceras sorbifolia****Yellowhorn**

Height: 15'- 25'

Width: 15'-20'

Bloom Color: White

Hardiness: Zone 5

Also known as Popcorn Shrub, this unusual, small, shrubby ornamental tree has an upright spreading habit with coarse, stiff branches. The showy flower clusters bloom early to mid-May as new leaves are beginning to unfurl. The white flowers with bright red and yellow throats resemble popcorn, giving rise to its other common name. Tolerant of alkaline soils and moderate drought conditions. Very uncommon in the trade. Full sun.

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**Evergreen Shrubs****Thuja occidentalis var.  
umbraculifera****Irish Globe Arborvitae**

Height: 2'- 3'

Width: 4'-5'

Bloom Color:

Hardiness: Zone 3

Unique low-rounded arborvitae that is very tolerant of our growing conditions on the Front Range. Very dwarf with a dense, rounded habit and beautiful dark green foliage. Part sun.

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**Evergreen Trees****Cupressus arizonica glabra Arizona Cypress**

Height: 30'- 40'

Width: 20'-25'

Bloom Color: NA

Hardiness: Zone 4

The trees we offer are a hardy form, grown from seed collected near the summit of Mt. Cooke in New Mexico. A columnar conifer in youth becoming broad-spreading with age with glaucous-green to silvery-blue foliage. Female cones can be up to 1" in diameter. The bark exfoliates in thin papery plates adding great interest to the plant as it matures, although not nearly as pronounced as in the species. A great addition to the cultivated conifers for our area. Full sun to part shade. (Protect from winter sun during establishment.)

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**Juniperus scopulorum  
'Woodward'****Woodward Columnar  
Juniper**

Height: 12'- 20'

Width: 2'-4'

Bloom Color:

Hardiness: Zone 3

A selection made at the Cheyenne Experimental Station that has never been widely available in the trade. Very columnar, but unlike many forms does not exhibit the typical multi-leader type growth indicative of columnar forms of juniper and therefore is less prone to snow breakage. Plant Select® 2015. Full sun.

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***Thuja occidentalis***  
**(Haystack™)**

Height: 6'- 8'

Bloom Color: N/A

**Haystack™ Arborvitae**

Width: 4'-6'

Hardiness: Zone 3

This extremely hardy and wind tolerant arborvitae is originally from the Cheyenne Research station. As its name suggests, its silhouette resembles a Haystack. The upright, oval form makes this hardy evergreen shrub a good choice for smaller spaces or for an evergreen screen or hedge. Full sun to part shade.

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**Grasses**

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***Sorghastrum nutans***

Height: 3- 6"

Bloom Color: Golden yellow

**Indian Grass**

Width: 18"-24"

Hardiness: Zone 3

Indian grass is a tall, bunching sod-former, 3-6 ft. in height, with broad blue-green blades and a large, plume-like, soft, golden-brown seed head. Seed heads boast a somewhat metallic golden sheen. Fall color is deep orange to purple. Native warm-season grass. Full sun Zone 3.

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***Sporobolus heterolepis***

Height: 18"- 24"

Bloom Color: Pink Blend

**Prairie Dropseed Grass**

Width: 15"-20"

Hardiness: Zone 3

Prairie Dropseed is a beautiful native prairie grass with thin foliage that adds softness to the garden. The seed heads form a fragrant haze over the leaf blades beginning in late summer and the foliage turns a beautiful golden-orange in fall. Warm season grass. Full sun to part shade.

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**Vines**

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***Clematis terniflora***

Height: 10'- 20'

Bloom Color: White

**Sweet Autumn Clematis**

Width: 5'-15'

Hardiness: Zone 4

A vigorous and fast-growing deciduous vine native to Japan. Climbs with twisting petioles and twining stems, needing support as it can become quite large. Great for trellises, buildings, and training up into trees. Fragrant, 1 1/4", four-petaled, creamy-white flowers bloom profusely in August through September followed by feathery seed heads. The fragrance is most noticeable mornings and evenings. Flowers on new wood and can be heavily pruned after bloom. Can spread by reseeding. Full sun to part shade.

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***Lonicera reticulata***  
**(KINTZLEY'S GHOST®)**

Height: 10'- 20'

Bloom Color: Yellow

**KINTZLEY'S GHOST®**  
**Honeysuckle**

Width: 4'-6'

Hardiness: Zone 4

Our propagator, Scott Skogerboe, found this unusual honeysuckle vine growing in Fort Collins. Round, blue-green leaves support pale yellow flowers that bloom in early summer. The most distinctive features are the large, almost round, flower bracts that develop a heavy glaucous coating making them look like, as Scott describes: "...a galaxy of full moons" covering the plant. Full sun to part shade. Plant Select® 2006.