

Best of the ZOO

Large Shrubs

Top Picks

Culturally, look for shrubs that are adapted to your climate and soil, keeping in mind regional pest and disease issues. Ornamentally, large shrubs often offer excellent form, foliage, flowers, fragrance, and fruit. Some of the very best plants for fall color are large shrubs—bottlebrush buckeyes, for instance. Quite a few large shrubs have great potential to draw birds and other wildlife.

Do not underestimate the effort involved in having to annually prune shrubs to keep them “in bounds.” Not only is it likely you will lose important ornamental features with pruning, it is hard work, time consuming, and can stress or introduce problems to your plants. If a site is too small to support a large shrub, find a medium or small shrub that will fit without the need of yearly maintenance. Keep in mind, however, that the greatest environmental services are achieved by planting the largest plant that can fit in a given location.

Diversity is important for the health of the ecosystem of your garden and neighborhood. If possible, try to select large shrubs that are not already commonly being used. This can greatly expand the range of insects, butterflies, birds, and wildlife that visit your garden. A little extra effort when selecting your large shrubs can result in many years of carefree enjoyment.

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Fragrant Snowball Viburnum



Fringe Tree



Fringe Tree (Fall Color)



Jelena Witchhazel



Hopi Crapemyrtle



Burkwood Viburnum



Corneliancherry Dogwood



Shasta Doublefile Viburnum



Roger's Bottlebrush Buckeye

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Experience the Botanical Side of the Zoo.



Bottlebrush Buckeye Flower

Plant Name	Height	Fall Color	Flower Color
*Aesculus parviflora - Bottlebrush Buckeye	8-12'	Yellow	White
Aesculus parviflora 'Rogers' - Rogers Bottlebrush Buckeye	8-10'	Yellow	White
Amorpha fruticosa - False Indigo	8-10'	Yellow	Purple
Aralia spinosa - Devil's Walking Stick	10-20'	Yellow-Green	White
Cephalanthus occidentalis - Common Buttonbush	8-12'	Yellow	White
Chionanthus virginicus - Fringe Tree	12-15'	Yellow, Green and Brown	White
Chionanthus retusus - Chinese Fringe Tree	10-15'	Yellow-Green	White
Cornus drummondii - Roughleaf Dogwood	10-12'	Purplish-Red	White
Cornus mas - Corneliancherry Dogwood	12-15'	Greenish-Yellow	Yellow
Cornus mas 'Golden Glory' - Golden Glory Dogwood	12-15'	Burgundy	Yellow
Cornus officinalis - Japanese Cornel Dogwood	12-15'	Purple	Yellow
Cornus racemosa - Gray Dogwood	10-15'	Red-Purple	Creamy White
Corylus Americana - American Hazelnut	8-12'	Copper-Red	Yellow-Brown
Corylus avellana 'Contorta' - Harry Lauder's Walking Stick	8-10'	Yellow	Yellow-Brown
Cotinus coggygria 'Young Lady' - Young Lady Smokebush	10-15'	Yellow	Pink or Cream
Cotinus coggygria 'Royal Purple' - Royal Purple Smokebush	10-15'	Purple, Red	Purple, Red
Cotinus coggygria 'Velvet Cloak' - Velvet Cloak Smokebush	10-15'	Purple-Red	Purple-Red
Euonymus atropurpureus - Eastern Wahoo	10-15'	Red	Purple
Exochorda racemosa - Common Pearlbush	8-10'	N/A	White
*Forsythia x intermedia 'Lynwood Gold' - Lynwood Gold Forsythia	8-10'	Purple Tinged	Bright Yellow
*Forsythia x intermedia 'Meadowlark' - Meadowlark Forsythia	8-10'	Purple	Bright Yellow
*Forsythia x intermedia 'Northern Sun' - Northern Sun Forsythia	8-10'	Purple	Bright Yellow
*Hamamelis vernalis - Vernal Witchhazel	8-12'	Golden Yellow	Copper
Hamamelis virginiana - Common Witchhazel	8-15'	Clear Yellow	Yellow
Hamamelis x intermedia 'Arnold Promise' - Arnold Promise Witchhazel	8-12'	Yellow-Orange	Yellow
Hamamelis x intermedia 'Jelena' - Jelena Witchhazel	8-12'	Orange-Red	Copper
Hamamelis x intermedia 'Primavera' - Primavera Witchhazel	8-12'	Red-Orange	Yellow
Hamamelis x intermedia 'Diane' - Diane Witchhazel	8-10'	Red-Orange	Red
Hibiscus syriacus 'Diana' - Diana Shrub Althea, Rose-of-Sharon	8-10'	N/A	White
Hibiscus 'Lohengrin' - Lohengrin Hibiscus	8-10'	N/A	White with Red
Ilex decidua 'Warren's Red' - Warren's Red Holly	8-10'	Yellow	White
*Kolkwitzia amabilis 'Pink Cloud' - Pink Cloud Beautybush	8-10'	Yellow	Pink
Lagerstroemia 'Acoma' - Acoma Crape Myrtle	10-15'	Red-Purple	Pure-White
Lagerstroemia 'Catawba' - Catawba Crape Myrtle	10-15'	Orange-Red	Deep Purple
Lagerstroemia 'Hopi' - Hopi Crape Myrtle	10-15'	Orange-Red	Medium Pink
Lagerstroemia 'Natchez' - Natchez Crape Myrtle	10-20'	Yellow	Pure White
Lindera angustifolia - Oriental Spicebush	8-10'	Vivid Pink to Buff	N/A
Lonicera fragrantissima - Winter Honeysuckle	6-10'	N/A	Creamy White
Magnolia hybrids 'Ann,' 'Jane,' 'Susan'	8-10'	Weak Yellow	Purple-Red-Pink
*Myrica pensylvanica - Northern Bayberry	6-10'	Bronze or Tan	Yellow-Green
Parrotia persica - Persian Parrotia	15-25'	Yellow/Orange/Red	Red
Ptelea trifoliata - Hoptree, Wafer-ash	12-15'	Yellow-Green	Green-White
Rhamnus caroliniana - Carolina Buckthorn	12-15'	Orange, Red	Yellow
Rhus glabra - Smooth Sumac	8-12'	Orange-Red	Red
Rhus typhina - Staghorn Sumac	8-12'	Peach/Green-Orange	Pink to Red
Staphylea colchica - Colchis Bladdernut	15-18'	Yellow	White
Staphylea trifolia - American Bladdernut	10-15'	Pale Yellow	Green-White
*Syringa x 'Asessippi' - Asessippi Lilac	8-10'	Green-Burgundy	Lavender
*Syringa x 'Betsy Ross' - Betsy Ross Lilac	8-10'	Green-Burgundy	White

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Syringa x chinensis 'Lilac Sunday' - Chinese Lilac	8-12'	N/A	Purple
Viburnum plicatum tomentosum 'Shasta' - Shasta Doublefile Viburnum	10-12'	Burgundy	White
Viburnum prunifolium - Blackhaw Viburnum	12-15'	Purple, Red	White
Viburnum rufidulum - Southern Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum	10-15'	Purple, Red	White
*Viburnum x burkwoodii - Burkwood Viburnum	8-10'	Bronze	White
Viburnum x carlecephalum - Fragrant Snowball Viburnum	10-12'	Green-Yellow	White
Viburnum x rhytidophylloides 'Alleghany' - Alleghany Viburnum	8-12'	Dark Green	Yellow-White
Viburnum x rhytidophylloides 'Willowood' - Willowood Viburnum	8-12'	Dark Green	Yellow-White

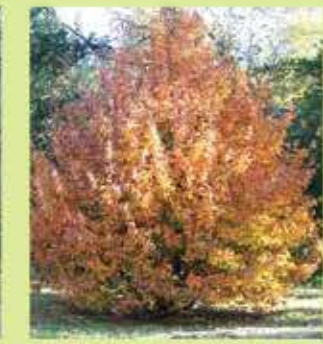
Key: Full Sun ☀ Full Shade ☷ Native 🌿 Part Sun/Part Shade ☂ Wet Soil Tolerant 💧 Highly Recommended * Dies back to ground at 10°F ❄



Young Lady Smokebush



Lynwood Gold Forsythia



Persian Parrotia



Ann Magnolia



Common Buttonbush



Lohengrin Hibiscus



Pink Cloud Beautybush



Asessippi Lilac



Bottlebrush Buckeye



Bottlebrush Buckeye (Fall Color)



False Indigo