

Best of the ZOO

Medium Shrubs

Top Picks

Medium shrubs grow to about 4-8' in height, and are useful in many common landscape situations, most frequently as foundation plants. A lot of selection and breeding in recent years has created a much larger palette of plants that now fall under the medium sized heading, and these present us with great opportunities to bring highly ornamental features into the modern garden.

As always, don't underestimate the importance of foliage and form when choosing a shrub. These are the features you'll experience the most throughout the year. Keep in mind, too, that fall color on shrubs can be terrific and is just as powerful in the landscape as a shrub's bloom. Most shrubs bloom in spring, but consider an emphasis on shrubs that bloom in summer, as this often is a time when many gardens need a little pick me up. Finally, beautiful fruits and spent seed heads can be a highlight of the fall and winter garden, and they frequently attract birds and other wildlife.

Be sure to consider diversity when choosing shrubs for your border or foundation plantings. Too great a reliance on the same few species leads to less wildlife diversity and potential problems with pests and diseases. Try to select shrubs that are different from species that you already have or are common to your neighborhood. That said, too many different shrubs planted singly can appear cluttered. Groupings of three or five shrubs together usually look more appealing.

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Oakleaf Hydrangea



Eskimo Viburnum



Gibraltar Bushclover



Limelight Hydrangea



Red Chokeberry



Conoy Viburnum



Grefsheim Spiraea



Mohawk Viburnum



Carolina Allspice

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Plant Name	Sustainability (1-5)	Fall Color	Flower Color
Abelia chinensis - Chinese Abelia	3	Red	White
*Abelia x grandiflora - Glossy Abelia	3	Red	White
Aronia arbutifolia 'Brilliantissima' - Red Chokeberry	3	Red	White
Buddleia 'Nanho Blue' - Nanho Blue Butterfly Bush	3	N/A	Purple-Blue
Buddleia 'Nanho Purple' - Nanho Purple Butterfly Bush	3	N/A	Purple
Buddleia 'Pink Delight' - Pink Delight Butterfly Bush	3	N/A	Pink
Callicarpa japonica 'Leucocarpa' - White Beautyberry	3	Yellow	White
*Calycanthus floridus - Carolina Allspice	4	Yellow	Maroon to Dark Brown
Calycanthus floridus 'Athens' - Athens Sweetshrub	4	Yellow	Yellow-Green
Calycanthus floridus 'Michael Lindsey' - Michael Lindsey Sweetshrub	4	Gold	Red-Brown
Calycanthus x 'Aphrodite' - Aphrodite Sweetshrub	3	Yellow	Red-Purple
Calycanthus x 'Hartlage Wine' - Hartlage Wine Sweetshrub	4	Yellow	Red
Cephalanthus occidentalis 'Moonlight Fantasy' - Buttonbush	4	Yellow	White
Chaenomeles speciosa - Flowering Quince (various cultivars)	4	N/A	Pink, Red, White
Clethra alnifolia 'Ruby Spice' - Ruby Spice Summersweet	3	Yellow	Pink
Cornus alba 'Bloodgood' - Bloodgood Dogwood	3	Red	White
Cornus amomum - Silky Dogwood	3	N/A	Creamy White
Cornus sanguinea 'Midwinter Fire' - Midwinter Fire Dogwood	4	Golden Yellow	White
Cornus sericea 'Cardinal' - Cardinal Dogwood	4	N/A	White
Cornus sericea 'Silver & Gold' - Silver & Gold Dogwood	3	Red-Purple	White
Fothergilla 'Mt Airy' - Mt Airy Fothergilla	3	Yellow to Red	White
Hydrangea paniculata 'Grandiflora' - Grandiflora Hydrangea	3	N/A	White
*Hydrangea paniculata 'Limelight' - Limelight Hydrangea	4	N/A	White
Hydrangea paniculata 'Pink Diamond' - Pink Diamond Hydrangea	4	Yellow	Pink, White
*Hydrangea quercifolia - Oakleaf Hydrangea	4	Red to Red-Purple	White
*Hydrangea quercifolia 'Snow Queen' - Snow Queen Hydrangea	4	Deep Bronze	White
Hydrangea quercifolia 'Snowflake' - Snowflake Hydrangea	4	Red	White
Ilex verticillata 'Winter Red' - Winter Red Holly	3	Yellow	White
Kerria japonica - Japanese Kerria	3	Yellow	Yellow
Kerria japonica 'Golden Guinea' - Golden Guinea Japanese Kerria	3	Yellow	Yellow
Kerria japonica 'Pleniflora' - Pleniflora Japanese Kerria	3	Yellow	Yellow
Lespedeza 'Gibraltar' - Gibraltar Bushclover	4	N/A	Rose-Purple
Lindera benzoin - Spicebush	3	Yellow-Gold	Yellow
Physocarpus Little Devil - Little Devil Ninebark	3	Bronze-Red	White-Pink
Physocarpus opulifolius Diabolo - Diabolo Eastern Ninebark	3	Bronze-Red	White-Pink
Physocarpus opulifolius Coppertina - Coppertina Eastern Ninebark	3	Red	White
Pyracantha coccinea Gnome - Gnome Scarlet Firethorn	3	N/A	White
Rhodotypos scandens - Black Jetbead	3	Yellow	White
Rhus aromatica 'Green Globe' - Green Globe Fragrant Sumac	3	Orange to Red-Purple	Yellow
Rosa Knockout - Knockout Shrub Roses	4	N/A	Cherry Red/Hot Pink
Sambucus canadensis - Elderberry	4	Yellow-Green	White
Spiraea nipponica 'Snowmound' - Snowmound Spirea	4	N/A	White
*Spiraea x cinerea 'Grefsheim' - Grefsheim Spirea	5	Yellow	White
Spiraea x vanhouttei - Vanhoutte Spirea	4	Red	White
Syringa laciniata - Cutleaf Lilac	3	N/A	Lilac
*Syringa meyeri 'Palibin' - Palibin Meyer Lilac	5	N/A	Pink or Pale Purple
Syringa patula 'Miss Kim' - Miss Kim Lilac	5	N/A	Lavender
*Viburnum carlesii - Koreanspice Viburnum	5	Red-Purple	White
*Viburnum 'Conoy' - Conoy Viburnum	5	N/A	White

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Viburnum dentatum - Arrowwood Viburnum	5	Yellow to Red-Purple	Creamy White
*Viburnum dentatum Autumn Jazz - Autumn Jazz Viburnum	5	Yellow, Orange, and Red	Creamy White
*Viburnum dentatum Chicago Lustre - Chicago Lustre Viburnum	5	Red-Purple	Creamy White
*Viburnum dentatum Blue Muffin - Blue Muffin Viburnum	5	Orange to Burgundy-Purple	Creamy White
Viburnum dentatum Northern Burgundy - Northern Burgundy Viburnum	5	Burgundy	Creamy White
Viburnum dilatatum 'Erie' - Erie Viburnum	3	N/A	White
Viburnum dilatatum Cardinal Candy - Cardinal Candy Viburnum	3	N/A	White
Viburnum 'Eskimo' - Eskimo Viburnum	5	Green	White
*Viburnum x juddii - Judd Viburnum	5	Red to Burgundy	White
Viburnum nudum Brandywine - Brandywine Viburnum	3	Red	White
Viburnum nudum 'Winterthur' - Winterthur Viburnum	3	Maroon to Dark Red-Purple	White
*Viburnum x burkwoodii 'Mohawk' - Mohawk Viburnum	5	Orange-Red	White
Viburnum x pragense - Pragense Viburnum	3	N/A	Creamy White
Vitex agnus-castus 'Latifolia' - Chaste Tree	3	Green	Blue-Violet
Weigela florida Sonic Bloom Series - Sonic Bloom Series Weigela	3	N/A	Pink
Weigela florida 'Variegata' - Variegata Weigela	3	N/A	Pink
Weigela florida Wine and Roses - Wine and Roses Weigela	3	N/A	Rosey Pink

Key: Full Sun ☀️ Full Shade ☁️ Native 🌿 Cut back to ground in spring ✂️
 Part Sun/Part Shade 🌞🌿 Wet Soil Tolerant 💧 Highly Recommended *
 Fragrant 🌸



Spicebush



Pleniflora Japanese Kerria



Diabolo Eastern Ninebark



Knockout Double Red Shrub Rose



Vanhoutte Spirea



Palibin Meyer Lilac