

HOME GROUNDS FACT SHEET



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Shrubs for Moist to Wet Soils

KEY TO SHRUB HEIGHTS	KEY
1 ground cover 6-12"	* Outstanding floral effect
2 low shrub 1 1/2-3'	# Showy fruit characteristics
3 small shrub 4-5'	o Brilliant fall/winter coloration
4 medium shrub 6-8'	E Evergreen
5 large shrub or small tree 10-25'	

Latin Name	Common Name	Latin Name	Common Name
<i>Alnus incana</i> 5	White Alder	<i>Myrica</i> sp. 3 #	Bayberry, Waxberry
<i>Alnus rugosa</i> sp. 5	Speckled Alder	<i>Rhododendron arborescens</i> 4 *	Sweet Azalea
<i>Amelanchier</i> sp. 3,5 * o (edible berries)	Serviceberry, Shadblow	<i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i> 4 *	Flame Azalea
<i>Andromeda polifolia</i> 2 E	Bog Rosemary	<i>Rhododendron periclymenoides</i> 4 *	Pinxterbloom
<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> 4 # o	Red Chokeberry	<i>Rhododendron vaseyi</i> 4 * o	Pinkshell Azalea
<i>Calycanthus floridus</i> 4	Carolina Allspice	<i>Rhododendron viscosum</i> 4 *	Swamp Azalea
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> 5 *	Buttonbush	<i>Rosa palustris</i> 3 * #	Swamp Rose
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> 5 * o	Fringetree	<i>Rubus odoratus</i> 4	Flowering Raspberry
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> 4 *	Summersweet	<i>Salix caprea</i> 5 *	Goat or Pussy Willow
<i>Cornus alba</i> 4 # o	Siberian Dogwood	<i>Salix discolor</i> 5 *	Large Pussy Willow
<i>Cornus amomum</i> 4	Silky Dogwood	<i>Salix purpurea</i> 4	Purple Osier
<i>Cornus racemosa</i> 3 #	Gray Dogwood	<i>Salix repens</i> 2	Creeping Willow
<i>Cornus sericea</i> 4 o	Red Osier Dogwood	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i> var. 5 * #	American Elder
<i>Forsythia</i> sp. 4 *	Forsythia	<i>Sambucus pubens</i> 5 * #	Scarlet Elder (American Red)
<i>Gaylussacia brachycera</i> 2 E	Box Huckleberry	<i>Sorbaria sorbifolia</i> 4 *	False Spirea
<i>Ilex glabra</i> 4 E	Inkberry	<i>Stephanandra incisa</i> 3	Cutleaf Stephanandra
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> 4 # o	Winterberry	<i>Symphoricarpus albus</i> 3 #	Common Snowberry
<i>Itea virginica</i> 3 * o	Virginia Sweetspire	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> var. 3,4,5, E	American Arborvitae
<i>Kalmia angustifolia</i> 2 E	Sheep-laurel	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> 4 o	Highbush Blueberry
<i>Kalmiopsis leachiana</i> 1 E	Kalmiopsis	<i>Viburnum cassinoides</i> 4 # o	Withe-rod
<i>Kerria japonica</i> 3 * o	Japanese Kerria	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i> 5 o	Arrowwood
<i>Ledum groenlandicum</i> 2 E	Labrador Tea	<i>Viburnum lentago</i> 5 * # o	Nannyberry
<i>Leiophyllum buxifolium</i> 2 E	Box Sand Myrtle	<i>Viburnum opulus</i> 5 * #	European Cranberry Bush Viburnum
<i>Libocedrus decurrens</i> 5 E	Incense Cedar	<i>Viburnum trilobum</i> 5 * #	American Cranberry Bush Viburnum
<i>Lindera benzoin</i> 5 o	Spicebush		
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i> 5 *	Sweetbay		

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