Shrubs for Eastern Nebraska  
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Large Deciduous Shrubs (typically 8-12’ tall/wide at maturity)

- Hot, Sunny Areas (prefer 6 or more hours of sun per day; adaptable to soil types; drought tolerant)

Beautybush - *Kolkwitzia amabilis* - showy pink flowers with yellow throat in late May; outstanding in flower but very average the remaining months; very adaptable, tough as nails; grows 12-16’

Buckthorn, Fernleaf - *Rhamnus frangula* – fine-textured willow-like leaves turn yellow in fall; vase-shaped habit; tough, durable shrub; attractive bark on older stems; 10-12’ h, 8-12’ w.

Buffalo berry, Silver - *Shepherdia argentea* – tree-like native; fragrant flowers and edible fruit; silver foliage and sharp branch tips; best in poor soils, windbreak or acreage; ideal for wildlife. 10-15’x 10-12’

Cherry, Nanking - *Prunus tomentosa* – densely branched large shrub with pubescent foliage; early white, fragrant flowers; exfoliating bark; edible fruit; ideal for wildlife and acreage plantings. 6-10’x 6-10’

Chokecherry - *Prunus virginiana* – dependable, tough native; sometimes a small tree; multi-stem, suckering habit; pendulous white flowers in spring, black summer fruit; useful as quick screen, acreage hedge plantings or in confined space; shade tolerant. 10-15’x 6-12’

Cotoneaster, Hedge - *Cotoneaster lucidus* – semi-evergreen; very hardy and reliable; glossy leaves; black fruit; excellent hedge plant or xeriscape plant; 6-8’x 5-6’.

Dogwood, Corneliancherry - *Cornus mas* – a specimen shrub or small tree; sulfur yellow flowers in early spring, followed by edible, cherry-red fruit in summer; light green, clean foliage; attractive bark. 12-15’x 10-15’

Dogwood, Gray - *Cornus racemosa* – dependable, durable native; dense, suckering habit ideal for confined area, acreage or naturalized plantings; good dusty red fall color; ‘Snow Lace’ can be grown as a small tree; 10-15’x 6-12’.

Forsythia - *Forsythia spp.* – golden flowers often cover the plant in early spring; flowers not always reliable; many cultivars and types available including ‘Meadowlark’, ‘Northern Sun’, ‘Lynwood Gold’; 5-10’x 5-10’

Lilac, Common - *Syringa vulgaris* – very common; great fragrance in spring; many cultivars to choose from; 6-12’x 6-10’

Lilac, Miss Kim - *Syringa patula* – common mid-sized lilac; very fragrant, pale lilac flowers; blooms later than most; deep green foliage turns burgundy-red in fall; heat and drought tolerant. 6-7’x 5-6’

Lilac, Preston hybrids – *Syringa x prestoniae* – ‘Don Wyman’ is an upright densely branched lilac that blooms later than common lilac; bright red-purple flowers in large, pyramidal panicles; 8-10’ high.

Ninebark, Common - *Physocarpus opulifolius* – attractive exfoliating bark; rounded habit; tough; 5-8’x 5-8’; ‘Diabolo’ has striking purple foliage; ‘Center Glow’ a 8-10’ selection, bright red color with emerging leaves glowing yellow-green.

Oak, Dwarf Chinkapin - *Quercus prinoides* – native; prolific and early acorn producer; spreading, variable habit; clean, glossy foliage turns bronze to reddish in fall; 12-15’x 12-15.’ GreatPlants® Release.

Peashrub, Littleleaf ‘Mongolian Silver Spires’ - *Caragana microphylla* - upright, open habit; silver-gray ferny leaves; deep yellow flowers in early spring followed by reddish seed pods; somewhat spiny with greenish bark in winter; ideal for hot, windswept sites, screen barrier, acreage plantings or as a backdrop. 8-10’x 6-10.’ GreatPlants® Release.

Privet - *Ligustrum vulgare* – tough shrub often used for hedges; showy, pungent flowers in June; ‘Cheyenne’ is very hardy, heat and drought tolerant; 10-15.’
Seven-Son Flower - *Heptacodium miconoides* - attractive foliage and white flowers in late summer followed by maroon sepals into November; exfoliating gray-brown bark excellent in front of evergreens; adaptable, easy to grow; ideal specimen or trained into a small tree; 15-18’ high.

Smoketree, Common - *Cotinus coggyria* - grow as a dieback shrub, prune to the ground in early spring; plumy, smoke-like inflorescence; ‘Royal Purple’ ‘Nordine’ are purple-leaf forms; ‘Golden Spirit’ a yellow leaf form; 8-10’

Sumac, Fragrant - *Rhus aromatica* - tough native; deep green, glossy leaves; nice orange-red fall color; not aggressive and great in mass; ideal for hot, windswept sites, wildlife plantings. 8-10.’

Sumac, Smooth - *Rhus glabra* - native; good fall color; can spread aggressively in the landscape; prune hard in spring to encourage new growth; ideal planted in confined spaces or in beds surrounded by mowed turfgrass. 10-20’ x 6-12’

Sumac, Cutleaf Staghorn - *Rhus typhina ‘Laciniata’* - similar to smooth sumac but with fuzzy branch tips; distinctive seed horn; ‘Tiger Eye’ has distinct golden cut leaves; 6-12’ x 6-12.’

Viburnum, American Cranberrybush - *Viburnum trilobum* - attractive creamy-white flowers in flat clusters; nice red fruit and fall color; very adaptable; ‘Wentworth’ is a common form grown for abundant, showy fruit; ‘Redwing’ has showy red new growth, dense habit. 8-12’ x 8-12’

Viburnum, Arrowwood - *Viburnum dentatum* - clean, shiny, upright foliage; attractive blue fruit in late summer; many proven cultivars including ‘Autumn Jazz’ for its upright habit and ‘Northern Burgundy’ for its fall color; plant several to encourage more fruit production; prefers moist site. 6-10’ x 6-10’

Viburnum, Blackhaw - *Viburnum prunifolium* – white flat-topped spring flowers & good red-purple fall color; easy to grow, adaptable; ideal specimen or small tree; ‘Summer Magic’ has attractive red new growth; clean summer foliage; ‘Forest Rouge’ noted for its uniform habit. 10-15’ x 10-15.’ GreatPlants® Shrub of the Year.

Viburnum, Burkwood - *Viburnum × burkwoodii* – shiny, deep green leaves into early winter; dark red flower buds lead to spicy, fragrant white flowers; rounded, open habit; adaptable and very drought tolerant. 6-10’ x 6-10.’ ‘Mohawk’, ‘Chenault’ offer improved branching and flower clusters;

Viburnum, European Cranberrybush - *Viburnum opulus* - tough and adaptable, best with afternoon shade; ‘Notcutt’ has heavier branching and plump fruit; maroon-red fall color; ‘Xanthocarpum’ has glossy, apple green foliage and golden yellow fruit. 8-10’

Viburnum, Nannyberry - *Viburnum lentago* - the only native Nebraska viburnum; very easy to grow in wet or dry sites; attractive white flat-topped flowers in spring and purple-red fall color; blue-black fruit a favorite of songbirds; susceptible to mildew in wet years; can be grown as a small tree; ideal in windswept sites, pond edge or acreage plantings. 10-15’ x 10-15’

Viburnum, Rusty Blackhaw - *Viburnum rufidulum* - beautiful and lustrous dark green foliage turns deep red and burgundy in fall; very adaptable, from 2/3 shade to hot, windswept sites; 12-15’ or more

Viburnum, Siebold - *Viburnum sieboldii* - lustrous, textured leaves; stiff, stout branching; easy to grow into a small tree; moderate drought tolerance; abundant, white flat-topped flowers and rose-red fruit; ‘Seneca’ has improved flower and fruit; ‘Wavecrest’ for its dark red new growth. 15-18’ x 10-12’

Viburnum, Wayfaringtree - *Viburnum lantana* - long planted; very tough and adaptable utility shrub; creamy white flowers give way to red fruits that ripen to black; good red fall color; ‘Mohican’ is an outstanding selection with abundant fruit clusters, 8-10’; ‘Aureus’ selection with ‘green’ and gold foliage; ‘Emerald Triumph’ is a tough, handsome shrub with early flowers.

Yellowhorn - *Xanthocerus sorbifolium* - featherlike compound leaves turn yellow in fall; exciting egg-shaped flowers in clusters of white with yellow blotch changing to red; prefers deep, rich soils but very adaptable and moderately drought tolerant; 12-15’ h

- **Part Shade**
  (grow best with afternoon shade; prefer rich, organic soils and protection from harsh wind)

Buckeye, Bottlebrush - *Aesculus parviflora* – stunning 12” white flower spikes in summer; rich, tropical leaves; prefers part shade and moist soils; rich yellow fall color; ideal specimen plant; grows 12-15’.

Burning Bush (Winged Euonymus) - *Euonymus alatus* - commonly planted for fiery red fall color; tolerates part shade, heavy clay; 8-10’
Dogwood, Variegated - *Cornus alba* - similar to redstem dogwood, but leaves have creamy margins; remove 1” canes in late winter for best stem color and fresh foliage; ‘Ivory Halo’ selected for full, compact growth, 5-6’ high; ‘Bud’s Yellow’ is an attractive yellow-stemmed selection growing 6-8’.

Fringetree, American - *Chionanthus virginicus* - unusual, fragrant white flowers in fleecy panicles; beautiful large shrub; prefers protected site; slow growing and very adaptable, but prefers deep, rich soils.

Hazelnut, American - *Corylus americana* - dense, suckering native shrub with edible nuts in fall; handsome deep green foliage turns yellow, orange, red in fall; good for massing, wildlife or acreage plantings; 6-12’x 6-12’

Hydrangea, Panicle – *Hydrangea paniculata* - big, pyramidal long-lasting flower panicles in late summer; easy to grow provided afternoon shade and consistent moisture; ‘Pee Gee’ is a profuse bloomer with large white blossoms; ‘Tardiva’ is outstanding and flowers in September; 8-10’

Magnolia, Star - *Magnolia stellata* - hardest of the magnolias for Nebraska; reliable 4” white flowers; glossy, dark green foliage; 10-15’

Mockorange - *Philadelphus spp* - old fashioned shrubs grown for their sweetly fragrant white flowers in June; ‘Minnesota Snowflake’ is a well branched shrub 6-8’ high; ‘Blizzard’ upright shrub with profuse, fragrant flowers, 4-5’ high.

Serviceberry, Saskatoon - *Amelanchier alnifolia* - dependable native; attractive white flowers in spring followed by delicious dark blue fruit; spreads slowly by stolons; tolerates wet or dry soils. 5-15’x 5-10.

Serviceberry, Shadblow - *Amelanchier canadensis* - white flowers in spring; edible fruit; can be trained into a small, specimen tree; outstanding pumpkin-orange fall color; tolerates up to ¾ shade; ‘Rainbow Pillar’ has a strong, upright habit. 8-12’x 8-12’

Viburnum, Doublefile - *Viburnum plicatum var. tomentosum* - very attractive, layered habit; beautiful white, plate-like flowers; often suffers stem dieback in winter; best with afternoon shade and consistent moisture; hardy cultivars include ‘Shasta’ & ‘Maries’; ‘Rotundifolium’ & ‘Sawtooth’ have heavy textured leaves; 8-10’

Viburnum, Sargent - *Viburnum sargentii* – very attractive maple-like leaves; adaptable to soil types and grows in sun or 2/3 shade; ‘Onondoga’ is a variety with maroon tinged foliage and purple tinged pink flowers; 6-10’x 6-10’

Wahoo, Eastern - *Euonymus atropurpureus* - native shrub with beautiful red fruit capsules in fall; clean summer foliage turns red-orange in fall; easy to grow in sun or ¾ shade; can be trained into a small tree; 8-10.’ GreatPlants® Shrub of the Year.

Witchhazel, Common - *Hamamelis virginiana* - native; small, thread-like yellow flowers in late fall; very handsome foliage turns yellow/orange in fall; 15’

Witchhazel, Vernal - *Hamamelis vernalis* – tiny thread-like, fragrant spring flowers; handsome textured foliage turns butter yellow in fall; part shade and good garden soil; grows to 12’ or more.

- **Moist Soils** (grow well in soggy soils that may become dry; adaptable)

Bayberry, Northern- *Myrica pensylvanica* - semi-evergreen, deep lustrous green leaves; female plants have clusters of gray, waxy fruits; very adaptable and easy to grow; slowly spreads by suckers; easy to rejuvenate; 8-10’

Buttonbush - *Cephalanthus occidentalis* - native to moist sites, but very drought tolerant; interesting honey-scented, round white flowers in summer; glossy foliage, loose rounded habit; ideal along pond edge. 6-10’x 5-8’

Dogwood, Redstem - *Cornus sericea* - beautiful red stems are vibrant against a snowy backdrop; spreading, suckering habit; best in moist sites; ‘Cardinal’ has bright red stems; ‘Flaviramea’ has bright yellow branches; remove 1” canes in late winter for best stem color; 8-10’x 8-10’

Dogwood, Silky – *Cornus amomum* – large shrub good for wet areas; attractive white to porcelain blue fruit in fall; a songbird favorite; tolerates part-shade; 6-10’x 5-8’

Elderberry - *Sambucus canadensis* – reliable native; dense, suckering habit; showy summer flat-topped white flowers followed by edible black fruit; best in moist soils, but surprisingly drought tolerant; prune hard in spring to encourage fresh new growth. 8-10’x 8-10’

Holly, Winterberry - *Ilex verticillata* - upright, bushy shrubs that lose their leaves in fall to expose rounded, bright red fruit clusters; needs ‘Jim Dandy’ to pollinate female ‘Red Sprite’ or ‘Afterglow’ for striking fruit set; tolerates full sun, wet soils or part shade and drier sites; prefers organic, garden soil; 3-6’

Indigobush - *Amorpha fruticosa* - native; good for poor soils and along pond edges; attractive purple flower spikes; prune hard in early spring to keep it looking tidy; 6-12’x 4-10’
**Small/Medium Deciduous Shrubs**  
3-6’ tall/wide at maturity

- **Hot, Sunny Areas** (prefer 6 or more hours of sun per day; adaptable to soil types; drought tolerant)

Apache Plume - *Fallugia paradoxa* (☼; attractive western native; white rose-like spring flowers; 3-5’x 3-5’)

Barberry, Japanese - *Berberis thunbergii* -common plant; thorny stems; rounded form; good barrier plant; 3-5’x 3-5’; ‘Kobold’ has dark green leaves @ 2.5’x 2.5’; purple leaf cultivars include var. *atropurpurea* @ 3-4’x 3-4’, ‘Crimson Pygmy’ @ 2’x2’, and ‘Rose Glow’ @ 3’x 3’; yellow leaf forms include ‘Aurea’ @ 3-4’x 3-4’)

Barberry, Korean - *Berberis koreana* -very hardy; thorny stems; deep green in summer; reddish purple in fall; 4-5’x 4-5’)

Barberry, Mentor - *Berberis × mentorensis* -good as hedge; bright green; golden yellow flower; thorny; 5’x 5’

Beautyberry, Purple - *Callicarpa dichotoma* –a bushy, rounded shrub with striking metallic purple berries in fall; can look ratty so prune 6” from the ground in spring; prefers part-shade; 3-5’x 3-5’

Bluebeard -Blue Mist Spirea - *Caryopteris × clandonensis* -similar to spirea but with blue flowers in late summer; often not long lived; treat as herbaceous perennial and cut back to the ground in spring; ‘Blue Mist’ and ‘Dark Knight’ are common cultivars; 3’x 3’

Butterfly Bush - *Buddleia davidii* –dieback shrub in Nebraska; multi-stem habit; lilac like flowers in summer attract butterflies; 4-6’x 3-5’; many cultivars available including ‘Black Knight’, ‘Nanho Blue’, and ‘Pink Delight’

Cherry, Sand - *Prunus besseyi* -native to w. Neb.; needs sandy and well-drained soils for longevity; attractive foliage and abundant small white flowers; black fruit in summer; ‘Pawnee Butte’s outstanding 18” selection.

Cotoneaster, Cranberry - *Cotoneaster apiculatus* -arching stems in unique herring bone pattern; bright red fruit in fall into winter; tough and adaptable; 2-3’x 3-5’

Currant, Clove - *Ribes odoratum* – tough, adaptable native; edible fruit for wildlife or people; clove-scented yellow flowers; orange-red fall color; excellent hedge plant. 5-6’x 5-6’. Golden currant, *Ribes aureum*, is a very similar and even more hardy. GreatPlants® recommendation.

Dogwood, Gray, Muskingum™ - *Cornus racemosa* –dense, suckering habit to 4’high; small lot sizes or groundcover; white flowers in spring; clean summer foliage; red-purple fall color; branch tips red and mature bark smooth gray.

Falsespirea, Ural - *Sorbaria sorbifolia* -very aggressive, spreading plant; fluffy white flowers similar to astilbe; fern-like dark green foliage; prune to ground in spring; ideal in confined space or very poor soils; 3-5’

Honeysuckle, Southern Bush – *Diervilla sessifolia* - medium; dependable tolerates wide range of soil; drought tolerant; glossy green leaves; tubular yellow flowers in early summer; for erosion control or tough sites. 3-4’

Leadplant - *Amorpha canescens* -native prairie plant; very tough for hot, windswept areas; silver leaves; blue-purple flower spikes; cut back to 4” in spring; requires 3 years to reach maturity. 3-4’x 3-4’

Lilac, Dwarf Korean - *Syringa meyeri* -dwarf lilac; round uniform habit; small leaves; strongly scented, smaller flower clusters bloom late; 5-6’x 6-7’

Ninebark, Common - *Physocarpus opulifolious* -attractive exfoliating bark; rounded habit; tough; ‘Nugget’ a 6’ lime-green, dense, bushy plant to 6’; ‘Summer Wine’ has compact branching, crimson-red leaves, grows to 6’ high.

Potentilla - *Potentilla fruticosa* -very tough, small shrub; wide color range)

Quince, Flowering - *Chaenomeles speciosa* -showy orange red flowers in May; somewhat thorny; 3-5’x 3-5’

Rose - *Rosa* spp.-many species, types and cultivars; look to the Dr. Griffith Buck Roses or Easy Elegance Roses.

- ‘Barn Dance’ – Buck rose selection; light pink flowers; good disease resistance; rounded, bushy habit; 3 x 4’
- ‘Carefree Beauty’ – Buck rose selection; very winter hardy, dependable rose; upright habit; fragrant, rich rose-pink; 5 x 4’.
- ‘My Fairy’ - flushes of little shell-pink clustered blooms; good disease resistance; foolproof shrub; a very thorny rose; 4’x 4’.
- ‘My Girl’ – Easy Elegance rose selection; deep pink flowers; compact, upright habit; good recurrent bloomer; very disease resistant; 3 x 4’.
- ‘Paint the Town’ – Easy Elegance rose selection; compact and true red; good disease resistance; glossy, dark green foliage; 3 x 3’.
- ‘Princess Verona’ – Buck rose selection; medium pink flowers; dark green leathery foliage; excellent disease resistance; 3 x 4.5’
- ‘Rugosa Rose (*Rosa rugosa*) - hardy shrub roses; many disease resistant cultivars; attractive fruits in fall; 3-8’x 3-8’.
- Redleaf Rose (*Rosa rubrifolia*) – very attractive plum colored foliage all summer; bright purple hips in fall; 3-6’x 4-6’.
- ‘Sea Foam’ - distinctive large clusters of fragrant white flowers; sprawling selection is best used as groundcover; 3-4’x 3-4’.
Spirea, Bumald - *Spiraea × bumalda* - a very popular shrub – often over planted; ‘Froebel’ has pink flowers and bright green leaves; ‘Anthony Waterer’ had pink-red mottled flowers; ‘Goldflame’ & ‘Goldmound’ are chlorotic looking with yellow foliage; 3’ x 3’

Spirea, Fritschiana - *Spiraea fritschiana* - large, attractive, flat-topped white flowers; clean, large leaves; 3’ x 3’ GreatPlants® Shrub of the Year.

Spirea, Grefsheim - *Spiraea x cinerea* - lovely compact, white flowers cover the plant in April; dense, arching habit; 4’ x 4’

Spirea, Japanese - *Spiraea japonica* - compact form; pink flowers emerge late spring through summer; cultivars vary greatly in size including several dwarf forms less than 1’ tall; ‘Daphne’, ‘Little Princess’, ‘Magic Carpet’, ‘Neon Flash’, ‘Shibori’; 2-3’ x 2-3’

Spirea, Bridal wreath - *Spiraea arguta* - arching, graceful habit; white flowers bloom very early; fine-textured foliage turns yellow in fall; 3 x 3’

Spirea, Snowmound - *Spiraea nipponica* ‘Snowmound’ - pure white flowers cover the shrub in May; compact habit; 3’ x 3’

St. Johnswort, Kalm - *Hypericum kalmianum* - bright yellow flowers in summer; attractive brown seed heads in fall; blue green foliage; compact, rounded; ‘Ames’ and ‘Gemo’ are excellent, hardy selections; grows 3’ x 4.’ GreatPlants® Shrub of the Year

St. Johnswort, Shubby - *Hypericum prolificum* - bright yellow flowers in June & July; attractive brown seed heads in fall; blue green foliage; 3’ x 4’

Sumac, Gro-Low - *Rhus aromatica* ‘Gro-Low’ - a low growing form of a tough native; nice red-orange fall color; can become ratty but easy to rejuvenate; ideal for mass plantings, slopes or as a groundcover; 2-3’ x 3-5’

Woadwaxen - *Genista tinctoria* - small; tough, compact shrub with dark green, linear leaves and green stems; covered in yellow pea-like flowers in summer; excellent in hot, dry sites; prune in early spring to tidy up.

- **Part Shade**
  (grow best with afternoon shade; prefer rich, organic soils and protection from harsh wind)

Allspice, Carolina - *Calycanthus floridus* - interesting ripe fruit scented red flowers; spicy scented attractive foliage turns yellow in fall; best in part shade, organic soils and winter wind protection; grows to 6’

Azalea - *Rhododendron spp.* - deciduous leathery leaves; prefer acid soils, part shade, protected sites; very attractive flowers; 4-5’ x 4-5’; Minnesota selected “Lights” series including ‘Golden Lights’, ‘Northern Lights’ and ‘Rosy Lights’ are the hardiest)

 Burning Bush (Winged Euonymous) - *Euonymus alatus* - commonly planted for fiery red fall color; tolerates part shade, heavy clay; ‘Compactus’ bushy and compact; ‘Rudy Haag’ compact, distinct pink-red fall color. 5-10’

Chokeberry, Black - *Aronia melanocarpa* - upright habit; glossy leaves; white flowers in May, black fruit and red fall color; full sun to part shade; tolerant of most soil types; 5-8’ x 4-6’; variety ‘elata’ and ‘Viking’ selected for glossy foliage, large fruit; ‘Autumn Magic’ is more upright with showy fruit clusters and intense red, purple fall color. GreatPlants® Shrub of the Year.

Chokeberry, Red - *Aronia arbutifolia* ‘Brilliantissima’ – white flowers in May; brilliant red berries in fall persist into winter; scarlet leaves in fall; best growth occur in rich, well-drained soil. 5-7’ x 4-6’

Coralberrry - *Symphoricarpos orbiculatus* - native suckering shrub; often grows in a twining low thicket; attractive purple-red fruit in fall and winter; 3-4’ x 3-4’; ‘Chenault’ is a refined form with striking fruit; GreatPlants® Shrub of the Year; ‘Hancock’ is a low, groundcover 2’ h.

Deutzia - small; broad mound shrub with masses of snowy white flowers in spring; rather ordinary the remaining season; fertile, moist soils best in sun, part-shade; *D. x lemoinei* is one of the hardier selections. ‘Nikko’ grows to 3 x 3’

Fothergilla, Dwarf - *Fothergilla gardenia* - attractive leaves almost blue-green; white fragrant flowers look like small bottlebrushes; part-shade, rich, organic soils with consistent moisture for best results; yellow, orange scarlet in fall.

Forsythia, White - *Abeliophyllum distichum* - straggly small shrub with abundant white flowers in early spring, very fragrant; best if set off by a dark background; true harbinger of spring. 3’ x 3’

Hydrangea, Oakleaf - *Hydrangea quercifolia* – large, oak-like leaves can turn deep red in fall; upright, cream-white flower panicles; exfoliating bark; ‘Alice’ will grow over 6’. ‘Sikes Dwarf’ & ‘Pee Wee’ are compact forms. GreatPlants® Shrub of the Year.
Hydrangea, Smooth - *Hydrangea arborescens* - big, snowball flowers on long stems; ‘Annabelle’ is a common type; prefers rich, organic soils and consistent moisture.

Kerria, Japanese, *Kerria japonica* - tough plant with abundant yellow flowers in spring; bright green leaves; green stems in winter; prune back hard after bloom to maintain tidy habit.

Rhododendron - *Rhododendron spp.* - broadleaf evergreens for shade and part shade; prefer acid soils & protected sites; very attractive in flower; ‘P.J.M.’ is one of the hardiest (4-5’ x 4-5’); other cultivars available including ‘Northern Starburst’

Serviceberry, Saskatoon - *Amelanchier alnifolia* – dependable native; attractive white flowers in spring followed by delicious dark blue fruit; spreads slowly by stolons; tolerates wet or dry soils; ‘Regent’ and ‘Smokey’ have abundant fruit & spreading habit; 4-5’x 4-5’ GreatPlants® Shrub of the Year.

Snowberry - *Symphoricarpos alba* – native, suckering spreader similar to coralberry but with white fruit in fall; blue green leaves; prune hard in late winter to tidy up coarse texture; best in wildlife plantings.

Viburnum, American Cranberrybush - *Viburnum trilobum* - attractive creamy-white flowers in flat clusters; very adaptable; ‘Alfredo’ has excellent red fall color; ‘Hahs’ selected for large red fruit; 5-6’x 5-6’

Viburnum, Arrowwood - *Viburnum dentatum* - clean, shiny foliage; attractive dark blue fruit clusters; ‘Deamii’ a dense, outstanding selection; ‘Moonglo’, ‘Papoos’ and ‘Raspberry Tart’ are compact selections worthy of any garden.

Viburnum, Doublefile ‘Newport’ - *Viburnum plicatum var. tomentosum* - very compact, rounded habit; attractive, snowball-like white flowers; deep green quilted foliage; best with afternoon shade and consistent moisture; 4-5’ h

Viburnum, Koreanspice ‘Aurora’ - *Viburnum carlesii* – dark green, leathery foliage turns deep red in fall; spicy, fragrant flowers; slightly more compact; intense red flower buds; 4-6’x 4-6’ GreatPlants® Shrub of the Year.

Viburnum, Sargent ‘Chiquita’ - *Viburnum sargentii* – very attractive glossy, maple-like leaves; adaptable to soil types and grows in sun or 2/3 shade; white pinwheel blooms and bright red fruit only 3-4’

Weigela - *Weigela florida* – very popular landscape plant features dwarf, compact size; best with some afternoon shade and consistent moisture; ‘Wine & Roses’ & ‘Midnight Wine’ offer dark purple-burgundy leaves ‘Java Red’ & ‘Red Prince’ noted for their deep pink and rich red. 3-5’ h.

**Evergreen Shrubs**

Arborvitae, Russian - *Microbiota decussata* - uncommon, low-growing spreader; graceful, feathery foliage; 12”x 4’

Boxwood, Littleleaf (Korean) - *Buxus microphylla* - hardest of the boxwoods; upright; prefers part shade; ‘Green Mountain’ & ‘Green Velvet’ provide the best winter color; protect from winter winds/sun; 2-4’x 2-3’

*Mahonia repens* (Creeping Mahonia) a groundcover that creeps slowly; deep green holly-like foliage can turn deep red in fall; tolerates sun or shade; leaves can burn if exposed to winter winds; fragrant yellow flowers in early spring; very drought tolerant; 12-15”x 2-4’

Holly, Meserve Hybrids - *Ilex × meserveae* - hybrid hollies proven to grow in Nebraska with protection; attractive red fruit in fall and winter; should be in every landscape; provide afternoon shade; Blue Prince/Blue Princess, China Boy/China Girl are common types; need male and female for fruit

Juniper, Common - *Juniperus communis* - underused native with soft, layered foliage; can tolerate some shade; 2-3’x 3-5’; ‘Blueberry Delight’ is a North Dakota selection with silvery blue foliage on a 1’-2’x 4-8’ plant

Juniper, Chinese - *Juniperus chinensis* - common landscape shrub; dozens of selections available including: ‘Armstrong’ - a common form with gray-green foliage; layered habit; lacy texture; 4-5’x 8-12’)

‘Holbert’ - a lower growing form with silvery blue foliage that is retained through winter; 2-4’x 6-12’

‘Old Gold’ - new growth golden, similar bit to ‘Armstrong’, 4-5’x 8-12’)

‘Pfitzeriana’ - the old Pfitzer juniper that can grow quite large, 6-12’x 10-20’)

‘Pfitzeriana Compacta’ - a slower growing, more compact form of Pfitzer; 3-5’x 6-12’

Sargent (J. chinensis var. sargentii) - gray-green, feathered foliage; attractive plant; 1-2’x 5-8’

‘Sea Green’ - luscious dark green foliage; fountain-like arching habit; 5-8’x 8-10’

Juniper, Creeping - *Juniperus horizontalis* (☼; native, ground-hugging evergreen; typically grows 6”-12” x 5’-10’ wide; common cultivars include ‘Bar Harbor’, ‘Blue Chip’, Wilton Carpet’, ‘Andorra’ and ‘Prince of Wales’

Juniper, Savin – *Juniperus sabina* - bright green foliage; mounding habit; typically 18-24”x 6-10’; common cultivars include ‘Arcadia’, ‘Broadmoor’, ‘Buffalo’ and variety *tamariscifolia* Tams Juniper
Yew - *Taxus × media* - short needled evergreen shrubs; many forms and size ranges available including ‘Densiformis’ (3’x5’), ‘Chadwick’ (2’x4’), ‘Dark Green’ (3’x5’), ‘Sebian’ (4’x8’), ‘Taunton’ (3’x5’), and ‘Wardi’ (4’x10’)

**Shrubs with Fragrance**
- Allspice, Carolina - *Calycanthus floridus*
- Bayberry, Northern - *Myrica pennsylvania*
- Buttonbush - *Cephalanthus occidentalis*
- Clethra, Summersweet
- Currant, Clove - *Ribes odoratum*
- Forsythia, White - *Abeliophyllum distichum*
- Fothergilla, Dwarf - *Fothergilla gardenia*
- Fringetree, American - *Chionanthus virginicus*
- Lilac - *Syringa spp.*
- Magnolia, Star - *Magnolia stellata*
- Mahonia, Creeping - *Mahonia repens*
- Mockorange - *Philadelphus spp.*
- Privet - *Ligustrum spp.*
- Seven-Son Flower - *Heptacodium miconoides*
- Sweetspire, Virginia - *Itea virginica*
- Viburnum, Burkwood - *Viburnum × burkwoodii*
- Viburnum, Judd - *Viburnum x juddii*
- Viburnum, Koreanspice - *Viburnum carlesii*
- Viburnum, Sarcoxy - *Viburnum x sarcoxy*
- Witchhazel, Vernal - *Hamamelis vernalis*

**Fruiting Shrubs**
- Cherry, Nanking - *Prunus tomentosa*
- Chokeberry, Black - *Aronia melanocarpa*
- Chokeberry, Red - *Aronia arbutifolia*
- Chokecherry - *Prunus virginiana*
- Coralberry - *Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*
- Currant, Clove - *Ribes odoratum*
- Dogwood, Corneliancherry - *Cornus mas*
- Dogwood, Gray - *Cornus racemosa*
- Dogwood, Redstem - *Cornus sericea*
- Elderberry - *Sambucus canadensis*
- Firethorn - *Pyracantha coccinea*
- Hazelnut, American - *Corylus americana*
- Holly, Meserve Hybrids - *Ilex x meserveae*
- Holly, Winterberry - *Ilex verticillata*
- Privet - *Ligustrum spp.*
- Serviceberry - *Amelanchier spp.*
- Snowberry - *Symphoricarpos alba*
- Viburnum, American Cranberrybush - *Viburnum trilobum*
- Viburnum, Arrowwood - *Viburnum dentatum*
- Viburnum, Blackhaw - *Viburnum prunifolium*
- Viburnum, Linden - *Viburnum dilitatum*
- Viburnum, Manchurian - *Viburnum burejaeticum*
- Viburnum, Siebold - *Viburnum sieboldii*
- Wahoo, Eastern - *Euonymus atropurpureus*

**Shrubs for wet soils**
- Indigo, False - *Amorpha fruticosa*
- Buttonbush - *Cephalanthus occidentalis*
- Chokeberry, Black - *Aronia melanocarpa*
- Chokeberry, Red - *Aronia arbutifolia*
- Chokecherry - *Prunus virginiana*
- Dogwood, Redstem - *Cornus sericea*
- Dogwood, Silky - *Cornus amomum*
- Elderberry - *Sambucus canadensis*
- Holly, Winterberry - *Ilex verticillata*
- Serviceberry, Saskatoon - *Amelanchier alnifolia*
- Spicebush - *Lindera benzoin*
- Viburnum, American Cranberrybush - *Viburnum trilobum*
- Viburnum, Arrowwood - *Viburnum dentatum*
- Viburnum, Blackhaw - *Viburnum prunifolium*
- Viburnum, Linden - *Viburnum dilitatum*