**Shrubs for Your Landscape**

**Key to Abbreviations**

A Annual S Sun

Per Perennial PS Part Sun

M Moist SH Shade

WD Well drained soil N Native Plant

AC Acid soil B Attracts Butterflies

RH Root Hardy P Attracts Pollinators

EV Evergreen H Attracts Hummingbirds

D Deciduous I Inflorescence

Shrubs are listed in alphabetical order according to their scientific names, followed by their common names.

***Abelia chinensis* ‘Ruby Anniversary’ -** Ruby Anniversary’ Abelia EV, S, PS, WD, B, P, H. It blooms summer through fall with very fragrant flowers. Resistant to both deer and rabbits. New growth emerges glossy red and ages to a handsome dark green. Graceful, arching habit makes it a perfect choice for late season fragrance in your perennial garden, foundation plantings, or any place you can enjoy its flowers and fragrance often. Height 48 - 72 Inches. Spacing: 60 - 72 Inches. Spread: 48 - 60 Inches.

***Abelia x Grandiflora* ‘Kaleidoscope’ -**
Bright, golden yellow variegation on medium green leaves along with brilliant red stems creates a striking kaleidoscope of color. A low, compact selection that works well as a foundation plant, low hedge, or for use in patio containers. Height 2 feet. Width 3 feet. ***Abelia x Grandiflora* ‘Twist of Lime’ –** Leaves havea twist of lime-gold variegation; tidy, mounded habit and tubular white flowers. Height to 30 inches, 48 inches wide. ***Abelia x Grandiflora* ‘Rose Creek’** - ‘Rose Creek’ is a compact, dense, low-mounded hybrid featuring red stems clad with glossy button-like leaves which emerge with pink tinting in spring before turning an attractive dark green. This shrub typically matures to 2-3’ tall and to 3-4’ wide. It is evergreen in USDA Zones 7-9 where leaves turn interesting shades of soft purple-green in winter. Tubular, fragrant, white flowers (to 1/2” long) subtended by rosy sepals bloom in late spring to early summer, with some continued bloom occurring throughout summer into fall. ***Abelia x Grandiflora* ‘Canyon Creek’ -** Uniquely colored, evergreen to semi-evergreen Abelia with copper-tinged yellow foliage that gradually turns soft yellow, then green. Fall color is bronze with rose highlighting. Clusters of small, fragrant, pinkish-white flowers summer to frost. Height 3 to 5 feet tall and 5 to 6 feet wide.

***Abutilon hybridum –*** Flowering Maple. Shrub, PS, M, WD, Mostly EV, 4 - 10', bloom year-round, frost tender. ***Abutilon megapotamicum –*** Brazilian Bellflower. S, PS, WD, H, Mostly EV, 5' tall x 10' wide, and less when grown as a container plant. From late summer until frost, the plants are laden with cool 2" hanging, lantern-like flowers composed of red calyces above the yellow petals.

***Brugmansia suaveolens*** – Angel’s Trumpet. Shrub, small tree, 10 feet x 6 feet. S, PS, M, WD fertile soil, D, drought tolerant, frost tender. Fragrant flowers in salmon yellow, pink and white. Fast growing and easy to propagate.

***Brunfelsia pauciflora –*** Today, Yesterday & Tomorrow. Shrub, S, PS, M, WD, D, B, to 8', Three bloom colors on shrub, Fragrant.

***Callicarpa americana –*** American Beautyberry. N, Shrub, D, S - SH, M, WD, to 5' with whorls of pale pink flowers in the spring and clusters of magenta, pink or white showy berries in fall. Birds & butterflies. ***C. dichotoma –*** Purple Beautyberry. Same as above. Smaller more rounded shrub about 3 feet by 3 feet. ***C. acuminata –*** Mexican Beautyberry. Large shrub with pendulous branches. Growing conditions same as above. Size is 5 feet x 5 feet but can get larger. Large berry clusters in the fall that are a purple-black color.

***Camellia hiemalis*** **‘Shishi Gashira’** – Shrub 5 feet x 5 feet, EV, Slow growing, WD, AC, PS. Flowers deep pink with double petals Oct. – Jan. Feed in Spring as new growth begins. Mulch well. ***C. sasanqua* ‘Yuletide’ –** EV, Shrub 8 feet by 6 feet, blooms in winter with single red flowers with yellow stamens. ***C. japonica* ‘Pink Perfection’ –** EV, Shrub 8 feet x 6 feet, PS, M but WD, AC. Flowers are shell pink with formal petal arrangement. Prune any Camellia after bloom to shape or to thin branching.

***Carissa grandiflora –*** Natal Plum – EV shrub 6 feet x 8 feet, WD, S to PS, drought tolerant, white fragrant flowers spring to summer, edible fruit. Dwarf varieties available good for low ground covers or containers. All have thorns.

***Cephalanthus occidentalis –*** Buttonbush. N, D, Shrub S, PS, M - Wet, to 8 feet, pincushion-like white flowers. B & P

***Cestrum aurantiacum*** – Gold Cestrum. Shrub, S, WD, Mostly EV, 4 feet x 8 feet, yellow tubular flowers year-round. B & H

***Clerodenrum wallichii –*** Bridal Veil. Shrub, mostly EV, PS-SH, WD, to 8 feet, RH, showy long white drooping blooms fall. Shiny leaves. Interesting fruit.

***Dichroa febrifuga*** – Blue Evergreen Hydrangea. Shrub, PS, mod. M, EV, 4 feet x 6 feet, blue flower clusters in acid soil, metallic blue berries.

***Acca sellowiana –*** Pineapple Guava. Shrub EV, 12 feet x 10 feet, S, M, WD sandy loam, leaves gray underside, edible flowers & fruit.

***Galphimia glauca –*** Thryallis, Golden Showers. Shrub, EV, S, PS, WD, 4 feet x 6 feet, yellow fragrant blooms all summer. Showy.

***Hydrangea macrophylla –*** French Hydrangea. Shrub, D, 3 feet x 6 feet, PS, M, fertile loam, blue to pink flowers, prune after bloom. To turn flowers blue, add aluminum sulfate to the soil in the fall. If you want pink flowers, add lime. **Lacecap** varieties have flat flower clusters of small fertile florets with scattered showy sterile florets to form a ring. They are treated the same as mopheads. **‘Pistachio’** is a short mophead to 3 feet. **Endless Summer** varieties are typically shorter shrubs that rebloom during the growing season.

***Hydrangea quercifolia*** – Oakleaf Hydrangea. Shrub, morning S, PS, M but WD, D, conical large white blooms, good fall color, 5– 8 feet in height.

***Ilex sp.*** – Hollies. Shrubs to small trees. Only females have berries. ***Ilex* x ‘Cherry Bomb’.** 3 feet tall in 3 years; 5 feet tall in 6 years in Houston, TX. Habit: Compact, rounded habit, slightly taller than wide; can readily be kept at a manageable size with selective thinning or shaping. Foliage: Glossy, dark, spineless, evergreen foliage. Fruit: Large, bright red berries produced in abundance in the fall and persist until spring. ***Ilex vomitoria -*** Yaupon Hollyhas many forms from dwarf (‘Shiller’s Dwarf’) to upright (‘Will Fleming’) and weeping ( ***I.v. pendula)***. ***Ilex decidua,*** N, Shrub, sm. Tree, D to 20', M, WD, S, PS, beautiful berries in winter. M, Birds, & P.

***Lespedeza –*** Bush Clover. Lespedeza forms a symbiotic relationship with nitrogen fixing bacteria that enriches the soil around the plant. Lespedeza should be pruned back in the spring. It blooms on new growth. Lespedeza prefers good drainage and tolerates drought once established. Bees and butterflies like sipping on the sweet Lespedeza nectar. Also is deer resisitant. ***L. thunbergia* ‘Gibraltar’ –** Subshrub to 6 feet, D, S, PS, flowers rosy purple in late summer to fall, arching branches with dark green trifoliate leaves. ***L. thunbergia sbsp. thunbergii* ‘Little Volcano’ –** 3 -6 feet x 6 – 10 feet, flowers purple/lavender on arching branches, does not set seed, S, PS WD soil.

***Ligustrum sinense* ‘Sunshine’ –** Chinese Privet. EV shrub, S, PS, with moderate growth to 3 – 6 fett x 3 – 4 feet. Dense small foliage is bright golden-yellow green, retaining it's color in full sun. Non-invasive flower-less variety. Good hedging or screening shrub. Moderate water needs once established.

***Michelia figo*** – Banana Shrub. EV rounded shrub to small tree, slow growing 6 - 10 feet, S, PS, AC, WD sandy soils, water regularly, flowers creamy/yellow magnolia-like, great banana-like fragrance in spring.

***Mahonia eurybracteata* ‘Soft Caress’ –** Oregon Grape. EV, 3 x 4 feet, PS – SH, M but WD soils, Racemes of yellow flowers in fall followed by blue berries. It has a ground hugging growth habit with fine textured foliage. Attracts birds and butterflies.

***Malpighea glabra*** – Barbados Cherry. N, Shrub, mostly EV, S, to 6', dwarf var. Nana, pink flowers & red edible fruit.

***Malvaviscus arboreus var. drummondii –*** Turk’s Cap. N, Shrub, D, S to SH, M, WD, drought tolerant, flowers white, pink & red var. B, H, & P. ***M. a. var. mexicanus –*** Mexican Turk’s Cap. Shrub 10 x 6 feet, mostly EV. Blooms are hanging bell-shaped red or pink, summer through mild winter. H, P.

***Philadelphus coronarius –*** Mock Orange. Shrub, S, PS, M, WD, D, 8-10', white flowers on arching branches.

***Prunus jacquemontii –*** Afgan Cherry. Shrub 5 x 4 feet, D, S, M but WD, profuse fragrant shell pink flowers in spring before leaves emerge, maroon red edible fruits, self-fertile, host plant for Tiger Swallowtail butterfly, P. Yellow fall color.

***Rhododendron sp.*** – Azalea.Average moisture, well drained, moderately fertile, acidic humus rich soil, and organic mulch. ***Rhododendron x satsuki* ‘Gumpo’.** Shrub, PS, M, WD, EV, 2', white and pink var., blooms in May. ***Rhododendron x* ‘Koromo Shibiku’ –** Spider Azalea. EV, 4-6 x 4-6 feet, unique spidery lavender flowers absolutely cover this semi-dwarf evergreen shrub in mid-spring. Has a compact growth habit. ***Rhododendron x* ‘Hardy Gardenia’ –** Linwood Hardy Gardenia Azalea. Showy, double white, gardenia-like blooms in the spring with some fall reblooming. Dense, dark green foliage mounds 3 - 4 x 2 - 3 feet .

***Rhododendron* x ‘Brandi’ –** A Southgate Brandi Rhododendron. EV, heat resistant, 4 x 4 feet, clusters of deep pink ruffled blooms in spring. B

***Roldana petasitis –*** Velvet Groundsel. Fast growing shrub up to 8 x 8 feet, EV, showy clusters of yellow daisy-like flowers, very fragrant in late winter, early spring. Leaves fuzzy, shaped somewhat like large geranium leaves, S, PS, drought tolerant once established. P.

***Senna corymbosa –*** Argentine Senna. Shrub/small Tree, D, to 8', M, WD, S, Showy yellow fall bloom followed by bean-shaped seed pods. Easy to grow. Major B & P attractant.

***Serissa japonica* ‘Knowloon’ –** Japanese Snow Bush. Shrub, PS, M but WD, EV, 2 – 4 x 3 – 5 feet, variegated leaves, white star shaped flowers in spring. ***S. japonica* ‘Pink’ –** Pink Snow Rose. As above, but with white/green leaf variegation and white/pink flowers.

***Thunbergia erecta* ‘King’s Mantle’ –** Bush Clock Vine. Shrub to 5 feet. Mostly EV in a protected spot. S, PS, M. WD soil. Gorgeous deep blue with yellow throat, morning glory – like blooms summer through fall. Tropical.

***Morella cerifera –*** Southern Wax Myrtle. Shrub to small tree 6 – 12 feet. EV yellow green leaves, gray berries on female plants, M, S, PS. B & P ***Viburnum obovatum –*** Walter’s Viburnum. Shrub, S, M, WD, EV, 12', can be sheared to dense hedge, fragrant white flowers. P ***Prunus caroliniana ‘*Compacta’ –** Dwarf Cherry Laurel. N, EV, Shrub to 12 feet, white fragrant flowers in spring, blue/black berries in fall. Attracts B & P. All parts of plant poisonous. Deer proof! Easily sheared to shape.

**Pruning guide for a dense-looking shrub.**

A good guide for pruning various trees and shrubs can be found at: <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/landscape/proper-pruning-techniques/>

A guide to shrubs can be found at:

<https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/solutions/best-plants-trees-grow-texas-landscapes/>

A source for planting appropriate plants for the Houston area is:

A Garden Book for Houston, *Fifth Edition,* River Oaks Garden Club, edited & written By Lynn M. Herbert

A source for native shrubs and woody vines for the Southeast is:

Native Shrubs and Woody Vines of the Southeast *Landscaping Uses and Identification*  By Leonard E. Foote & Samuel B. Jones, Jr.