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Tree & Shrub Selections for the Southeast

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Abelia 'Kaleidoscope'

'Kaleidoscope' displays a metamorphosis of dynamic color in the garden changing from a wonderful gold margin in spring, intensifying through summer and bursting into harvest colors of red, orange, yellow, and green for late fall and winter.

Hardiness: USDA Zones 6-9 (Evergreen through Zone 7).

Bloom: Light pink buds open to small, white tubular flowers which persist into fall.

Habit: Low, mounded, compact, extremely dense. 2' to 2 ½' H by 3' to 3 ½' W.

Culture: Best in full sun but will tolerate partial shade. Requires little or no pruning.

Abelia 'Mardi Gras'

The traits that characterize 'Mardi Gras' as a distinct and unique variety are its variegated foliage of green with white margins, its fragrant pink-white flowers, red-bronze stems, compact form, and low-growing habit. Possibly the most stable white variegated Abelia on the market today. Great as a foundation plant or mass planting.

US Plant Patent #15,203

Hardiness: USDA Zones 6-9.

Bloom: Dark pink buds open to fragrant light pink flowers which fade to white.

Habit: 2' to 2.5' H spreading up to 5' W.

Culture: Full sun to part shade.

Buxus 'Golden Dream'

'Golden Dream' is a compact, naturally rounded, evergreen shrub with bright green leaves decoratively bordered with gold. This plant is wonderful in a patio or balcony container and is attractive on its own in a border or in small groups. Its compact proportions also make it very suitable for planting in perennial gardens. **US Plant Patent #16,052**

Hardiness: USDA Zones 6-9.

Habit: Compact and rounded. Maximum mature height around 2'.

Culture: Well-drained soil. In full sun, keep moist and fertilized.

Cercis 'Ace of Hearts'

This new redbud forms a compact tree with a dense, dome-shaped canopy. The original plant is only 12' tall by 15' wide in 8+ years, making 'Ace of Hearts' a perfect choice for the smaller-sized yard. The small, semi-glossy heart-shaped leaves are stacked on stems reminiscent of shingles on a roof. **US Plant Patent #17,161**

Hardiness: USDA Zones 5-9.

Bloom: Clusters of light violet sweet pea-like blooms borne in early spring.

Habit: Compact tree with a dense dome-shaped canopy (12' x 15' in 8 years).

Culture: Well-drained soils in full sun to partial shade. Drought tolerant.

Cercis 'Little Woody'

One of the first two compact eastern redbuds ever introduced, 'Little Woody' has dark, gnarled, and almost rubbery, rugose green leaves. The original plant is only 10' tall by 8' wide in 8+ years. Branching structure is reminiscent of a herringbone pattern. Seed set is practically non-existent. **US PP# 15,854**

Hardiness: USDA Zones 5-9.

Bloom: Clusters of purple sweet pea-like blooms in early spring.

Habit: Compact, vase-shaped (10' x 8' in 8 years).

Culture: Well-drained soils in full sun to partial shade. Drought tolerant.

Cercis 'Hearts of Gold'

This is the first known gold-foliaged Cercis for the U.S. market. New heart-shaped leaves emerge red then turn to gold. Where leaves are shaded by others they will turn to green. Foliage is burn-resistant even in full sun. A U.S. native, this gold redbud is as vigorous, if not more vigorous than most Cercis on the market. **US Plant Patent #17,740**

Hardiness: Zone 4-10, to be tested. Definitely 5-9.

Bloom: Clusters of sweet pea blooms, bright lavender purple, early spring.

Habit: Vase-shaped. 15' H x 18' W at maturity.

Culture: Well-drained soil. Full sun or part shade. Drought tolerant.

Cornus 'Tri-Splendor'

'Tri-Splendor' is perhaps the best combination of traits in a variegated dogwood yet! Being a selection of *C. kousa* var. *chinensis* you can expect excellent vigor, fantastic fall color and larger flower bracts than typical *C. kousa*. Foliage is green bordered butter yellow fading to cream at the tips. **US PPAF**

Hardiness: USDA Hardiness Zones 5-8.

Bloom: Light lime-green bracts edged in white.

Habit: Vigorous, upright growth.

Culture: Well-drained soil in sun to part-shade.

Cotinus 'Golden Spirit'

'Golden Spirit' is unique for its spring foliage that ranges from lime green to a brilliant gold color followed by excellent fall foliage color in shades of coral, orange, and red. 'Golden Spirit' received the Gold Medal award for "Best New Plant Introduction" at the 1999 Plantarium (Boskoop, Holland). **US Plant Patent #13,082**

Hardiness: USDA Zone 4.

Bloom: Traditional smokebush blooms.

Habit: Broadly, upright foliage, dense foliage, moderate growth rate, reaches a height up to 6' H x 8' W at maturity.

Culture: Grows best in well-drained soils in full or part sun. The best coloration is observed in full sun.

Cotinus 'Old Fashioned'

This beautiful new variety is distinguished from other *Cotinus* by its startling foliage. The large rounded leaves are blue-grey at maturity providing a nice contrast with the young grey-purple foliage. Striking merlot fall color has been observed. 'Old Fashioned' performs well in the landscape as a specimen plant. **US PPAF**

Hardiness: USDA Zone 5.

Bloom: Yellow-green blossoms last only a few days in spring.

Habit: Broad and upright. 6' H x 5' W at maturity.

Culture: Full sun in dry or well-drained soil.

Leucothoe 'Curly Red'

This densely branched broadleaf evergreen shrub features thick, leathery, curly leaves that change colors with the seasons. Young orange-red shoots mature to dark bronze green then turn a deep red in autumn. 'Curly Red' is ideal for containers, is a good cover for shady banks, and looks great in mass plantings. It is well suited as an undergrowth plant, and mixes well with green foliage shrubs. 'Curly Red' lends itself to topiary culture. **US Plant Patent #17,666**

Hardiness: USDA Zone 7 but possibly Zone 6.

Bloom: White - typical of species.

Habit: Approximately 16" H x 18" W.

Culture: Prefers moist, acid, well-drained soil in partial shade, but can grow in full sun if kept moist.





Liriodendron 'Little Volunteer'

Selected from a crop of tulip tree understock, 'Little Volunteer' may well become the 'Little Gem' magnolia of the Liriodendron world. Grower friendly in its ease of maintaining a central leader, 'Little Volunteer' can achieve 3" caliper in 3 years from transplanted 3-5' liners. Excellent as a street tree or for the residential landscape. Finally a tulip poplar sized for the landscape. **US PPAF**

Hardiness: USDA Zones 4-9.

Bloom: None observed to date.

Foliage: Diminutive, leaves 1/3 size of species.

Habit: Rounded, pyramidal shape (12' x 6' in 4 years, 3" caliper).

Culture: Moist, well drained soils in full sun.



Magnolia 'Genie'

'Genie' is the result of 15 years breeding. This project has resulted in a compact small tree which will reach possibly 3 meters in 10 years. It first flowered 2 years from seed with 6 flowers; the following spring it produced over 100 flowers! The high proportion of 'Nigra' genes means the red color is very stable compared to other red magnolias on the market. 'Genie' produces frequent summer flowers providing prolonged delight in the garden. **US PPAF**

Hardiness: USDA Zone 5 expected.

Bloom: Early spring to early summer; to mid/late summer where conditions are not too dry.

Habit: Pyramidal habit with layers of blooming branches produced with age.

Culture: Moist-free draining, fertile soils. Full sun at least half day.



Spiraea 'Golden Elf'

'Golden Elf' is a compact, ground cover-type Spiraea that grows in a shrubby, spreading mound to only 6-8" tall and to 24" wide. The rich golden foliage keeps its color and doesn't burn in the summer heat. 'Golden Elf' has many applications in the garden including as a ground cover, at the front of the border, in containers and hanging baskets. Great choice for a rock garden due to its intense color and small compact habit. **US Plant Patent #12,025**

Hardiness: USDA Zone 4.

Habit: Prostrate and spreading.

Culture: Plant in full sun for maximum foliage color.



Spiraea 'Magic Carpet'

This award-winning selection is known for its dwarf habit, and vibrant foliage colors, this distinctive shrub delivers a stunning display of rich red new growth in the spring changing to a vibrantly-hued range of chartreuse, yellow-gold, and orange in the summer to bronze, burgundy, and russet in the fall. Ideal as a ground cover, in containers, or rock gardens. Recipient of The Royal Horticultural Society's prestigious Award of Garden Merit. **US Plant Patent #9,363**

Hardiness: USDA Zone 3.

Bloom: Summer bloom period of deep pink flowers.

Culture: Well-drained soil in a sunny location.



Styraax 'Fragrant Fountain'

'Fragrant Fountain' offers significant improvements over existing weeping snowbells! As compared to 'Carillion', 'Fragrant Fountain' maintains a central leader and is a vigorous grower. Also this selection has tolerated temperature extremes ranging from 115 degrees to no damage from the early frost in Oregon in 2002. **US PPAF**

Hardiness: USDA Hardiness Zones 5-8.

Bloom: White strongly fragrant flowers in spring.

Habit: Vigorous grower, weeping habit.

Culture: Well-drained soil in sun to part-shade.