



Summer Flowering Shrubs

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Most flowering shrubs are relatively easy to grow, and will add color to your landscape for many weeks, with some blooming until a heavy frost. Flowering shrubs are not only attractive as to you, but they can provide habitat for beneficial insects and birds.

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Sweet Summer Flowering Shrubs

Clethra alnifolia and cvs-
Summersweet

Calycanthus floridus-
Common Sweetshrub

Spiraea alba-
Meadowsweet

Itea virginica and cvs-
Sweetspire

Comptonia peregrina-
Sweetfern



Ruby Spice Summersweet
Clethra

Common Sweetshrub

Meadowsweet

Little Henry Sweetspire

Honey of a Shrub



Cephalanthus occidentalis-
Buttonbush also known as
Honeybells

Fothergilla gardenii and
Fothergilla major-
honey scented flowers.



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For the client that calls to complain that their flowering shrubs are not as pretty as next door, some of the possible reasons for flowering problems are:

- ☼ The plant is stressed- from accumulated drought stress, soil compaction or nutrient deficiency
- ☼ The plant needs more light- As the landscape fills in sunlight is lost in the understory. Use more shade-tolerant plants, or prune the trees.
- ☼ The plant is not yet established- It may take 3 seasons or more to recover from transplant shock and establish roots before it can flower properly.
- ☼ The plant is thirsty- Summer blooming plants form flower buds in the late spring and summer, so water at this point is critical for maximum flowering potential.
- ☼ The plant is lacking flower buds- Summer-flowering shrubs bloom on new wood that grows in the spring, so any pruning should be done in early spring to for maximum flowering.

Summer Flowering Shrubs as Cut-Flowers

Flowering shrubs typically have few pest problems, are adaptable to many site conditions, and once established, require less care compared to herbaceous cut-flowers.

Aronia arbutifolia and cvs-
Red chokeberry

Calycanthus floridus-
Common sweetshrub

Clethra alnifolia and cvs-
Summersweet clethra

Fothergilla gardenii-
Dwarf fothergilla

Hydrangea spp.-
Also used as dried flowers
Hypericum frondosum and cvs-
Golden St. Johnswort

Itea virginica and cvs-
Virginia sweetspire

Rosa spp.-
Rose- flowers or
hips in fall.

Spiraea spp.-
Spirea

Syringa spp.-
Lilac

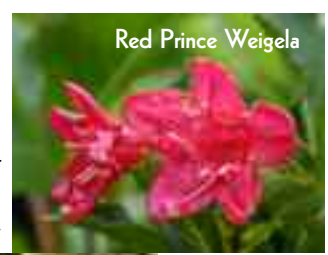
Weigela florida and cvs



Prairie Rose



Alpine Spirea



Red Prince Weigela



Unique Hydrangea



Miss Kim Dwarf Lilac



Summersweet Clethra



Brilliantissima Red Chokeberry



Sunburst St. Johnswort

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