

GREAT PLANTS FOR YOUR WINTER GARDEN

Color

When the world fades to grey, these plants show their true colors.

- Shrubby Dogwood *Cornus alba, stolonifera or sanguinea*
- Oregon Grape *Mahonia sp.* - Bright yellow flower clusters attracts hummingbirds
- Heavenly Bamboo *Nandina sp.* - Reddish foliage
- Witchhazel *Hamamelis sp.* Unusual fringed flowers; often fragrant
- Hellebores *Helleborus sp.* - Tough but exotic looking
- Bergenia cordifolia - Broad wide leaves take on a reddish cast
- Strawberry Tree *Arbutus unedo* - This one has it all: Small white flowers, red fruit and mahogany colored bark
- Heath *Erica sp.* - Great texture too.
- Camellias *Camellia sasanqua & japonica* - Large blooms and glossy foliage
- Winter Pansy *Viola wittrockiana* - Every color imaginable
- Snowdrops *Galanthus nivalis* - One of the earliest blooming bulbs, pure white

Fragrance

Plant these near entryways and paths for maximum enjoyment.

- Winter Daphne *Daphne odora* - The ultimate fragrant winter plant
- Sweet Box *Sarcococca sp.* - Tiny white flowers and outstanding foliage
- Witchhazel *Hamamelis sp.* - See above

Berries

With luck, birds will let you enjoy these berries until late winter.

- Winterberry *Ilex verticillata*
- Firethorn *Pyracantha coccinea*
- Beautyberry *Callicarpa bodinieri*
- Cotoneaster sp.
- Wintergreen *Gaultheria procumbens* - Plus, crushed foliage is scent-sational

Texture

Shiny bark reflects winter light and grasses rustle in the wind.

- River birch (*Betula nigra*)
- Paperbark maple (*Acer griseum*)
- Heavenly Bamboo (*Nandina sp.*) Delicate bamboo-like foliage & reddish winter color
- Grasses (*Miscanthus sp., Panicum sp.*) - Leave dried seed heads for the birds

Shapes

Sculptural forms delight the eye and create a foil for frost and snow.

- Boxwood globe (*Buxus*)
- Irish yew (*Taxus baccata 'Fastigiata'*)
- Harry Lauder's Walking Stick (*Corylus avellana/contorta*)
- Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia, C. florida* and *C. kousa*)