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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-Calycanthus floridus

Common Sweetsh Spires alba-Meadowsweet hee virginics and cvs-Sweetspire Comptonia peregrina-Sweetlem



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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

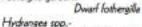
Calycanthus Rovidus-

Common sweetshrub

Clethra alnifolia and cvs-

Summersweet clethra

Fotherailla gardenii-



Also used as dried flowers Hypericum frandosum and cvs-Golden St. Johnswort

Itea virginica and cvs-

Virginia sweetspin Rosa spo-



Syringa spp.









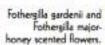




Honey of a Shrub



Cephalanthus occidentalis-Buttonbush also known as Honeybells





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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 deliciency
- 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 Hower 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.