

Our living landscape

Choosing the right plant

Our living landscape is dedicated to providing **Tips, Talk and Tech** on issues that help us to better understand our relationship with nature at our homes and places of work.

Plants in a landscape are much like an art medium that fits an intended objective and relies on one another to “paint” a picture. The right plant in the right place will make the difference in a landscape, and the plants collectively will make the landscape a success. Individually, a wrong plant can be a problem that will create more work and become more costly than you are willing to endure.

We have created some plant lists that contain successful species within appropriate categories. Our following lists are woody plants, not herbaceous perennials or annuals, and once established in the landscape will continually meet your purpose.

The following plants are listed by the true specie unless listed as a hybrid or cultivar. All plants can be identified by botanical name and common name, however, for familiarity with these plants we are naming them by common name. All plants can be truly identified by the botanical name, which in a sense traces its cultivar or hybrid back to its parent plant. Over the years there has been so much hybridizing plants, it may be a challenge to find parent plants of cultivars. Growers or nurseries are selling plants that are becoming more marketable and more popular because of their insect / disease resistance, flower color, form etc. Some of the older varieties of plants are hard to find today and may also be slower and more difficult to grow.

These plants that we have chosen are hardy, require low maintenance and the best for their specific purpose. For mid-southern NH we suggest using plants that are within the **Plant Hardiness Zone 4**. If the plant you want has proven hardy in another hardiness zone, it will need to be in a spot protected from the elements.

Hemerocallis ‘Stella D’Oro’
Daylily– Flowering perennial 12”-18” Ht.



Flowers all summer, loves full sun, drought and heat tolerant. Great plant in masses.

Native Shrubs

Plants from the natural landscape

- Which Hazel
- Arrowwood Viburnum
- Grey Dogwood
- Mt. Laurel
- Winterberry Holly
- Swamp Azalea
- Sea Rose
- Rosebay Rhody.

Shade Trees

Mostly disease resistant

- Marshall’s seedless Ash
- October Glory, Red - Maple
- Horsechestnut
- Pin Oak
- Greenspire Linden
- Shademaster - Honeylocust

Evergreen Shrubs

Backdrop or anchor plant

- Hick’s Yew
- Densiflora Yew
- Mt. Andromeda
- Catawbiense Rhody
- Robusta Green-Juniper
- Blue Rug Juniper
- Inkberry Holly

Ornamental Flowering Trees

Having flower, fruit or foliage value

- Jap. Tree Lilac
- Snowdrift Crabapple
- Winter King - Hawthorn
- Serviceberry
- Corneliancherry – Dogwood
- Jap. Maple

Ground Cover

Will establish in up 3 yrs.

- Cranesbill Geranium
- Periwinkle
- Baltic Ivy (vine)
- Pachysandra
- Lowbush blueberry
- Gold flame – Honeysuckle (vine)
- Dead Nettle – Lamium
- Bar Harbor Juniper

Deciduous Shrubs

Flower, foliage or branching benefit

- Korean Azalea
- Miss Kim Lilac
- Summersweet
- Early Cotoneaster
- Enkianthus
- Spiraea(s)
- Mayflower Viburnum
- Katherine Dykes - Potentilla

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