

2005



Unbeatable
plant picks
for your garden



2005 Great Plant Picks

This year the Great Plant Picks educational program presents 85 unbeatable plants for your garden, including 10 small collections of similar plants. GPP Selection Committee and Advisory Group members continue to build a comprehensive palette of reliable and attractive plants for gardeners in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, west of the Cascade and Coast ranges. Here are the latest Picks!

● Perennials and Bulbs

- Aster divaricatus* WHITE WOOD ASTER
Blechnum penna-marina
ALPINE WATER FERN
Brunnera macrophylla 'Jack Frost'
SIBERIAN BUGLOSS
Camassia quamash
QUAMASH, INDIAN HYACINTH, CAMAS
Carex oshimensis 'Evergold'
VARIEGATED JAPANESE SEDGE
Dryopteris wallichiana
WALLICH'S WOOD FERN
Epimedium × *rubrum* BARRENWORT
Erythronium 'Pagoda'
YELLOW FAWN LILY
Gentiana asclepiadea
WILLOWLEAF GENTIAN
Gillenia trifoliata BOWMAN'S ROOT
Narcissus 'King Alfred'
TRUMPET DAFFODIL
Omphalodes verna
CREEPING FORGET-ME-NOT
Perovskia atriplicifolia
RUSSIAN SAGE
Polystichum munitum SWORD FERN
Smilacina racemosa
FALSE SOLOMON'S SEAL
Tulipa 'Spring Green' VIRIDIFLORA TULIP

Snowdrop Collection

- Galanthus elwesii*
GIANT SNOWDROP
Galanthus ikariae SNOWDROP
Galanthus nivalis COMMON SNOWDROP

Variegated Dalmatian Iris Collection

- Iris pallida* 'Argentea Variegata'
(white variegation)
Iris pallida 'Variegata' HORT.
(golden variegation)

Royal Fern Collection

- Osmunda regalis* ROYAL FERN, REGAL FERN
O.r. 'Cristata' CRESTED ROYAL FERN
O.r. 'Purpurascens' PURPLE-TINGED
ROYAL FERN
O.r. 'Undulatifolia' UNDULATE ROYAL FERN

● Shrubs and Vines

- Berberis thunbergii* f. *atropurpurea*
'Rose Glow' VARIEGATED JAPANESE
BARBERRY
Clematis [Alpina Group] 'Constance'
ALPINE CLEMATIS



Cornus alba 'Elegantissima'
 VARIEGATED REDTWIG DOGWOOD
Cotinus coggygia 'Royal Purple'
 PURPLE SMOKEBUSH
Daphne × *transatlantica* 'Jim's Pride'
 HYBRID DAPHNE
Hibiscus syriacus 'Diana'
 ROSE-OF-SHARON
Pieris japonica 'Variegata'
 VARIEGATED LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY
Sambucus nigra 'Gerda' BLACK BEAUTY
 PURPLELEAF BLACK ELDER
Sarcococca confusa
 SWEET BOX
Shibataea kumasasa
 ZIG-ZAG BAMBOO
Vaccinium ovatum
 EVERGREEN HUCKLEBERRY
Viburnum plicatum f. *tomentosum*
 'Mariesii' DOUBLEFILE VIBURNUM

A Rainbow of Rhododendrons

The Rhododendron Advisory Group (see page 15) brings their combined expertise to the task of choosing a rainbow of rhododendrons for our area. Some are tried-and-true cultivars, some are new. Each is outstanding in its own category.

Bicolor Hybrid Rhododendron Collection
 'Elsie Watson', 'Fantastica', 'Hachmann's Charmant', 'Manda Sue' and 'Naselle'

Pink Hybrid Rhododendron Collection
 'Christmas Cheer', 'Dreamland', 'Janet Blair', 'Mardi Gras', 'Mrs. Furnivall', 'Noble Mountain', 'Queen Alice', 'Rosa Mundi', 'Trail Blazer' and 'Verry Berry'

Purple Hybrid Rhododendron Collection
 'Anah Kruschke', 'Azurro', 'Blue Boy', 'Edith Bosley' and 'Peter Alan'

Red Rhododendron Collection
 'Double Winner', 'Fred Peste', 'Grace Seabrook', 'Markeeta's Prize', 'Skookum', 'Taurus', 'Vulcan' and 'Vulcan's Flame'

Yellow Rhododendron Collection
 'Capistrano', 'Horizon Monarch', 'Lemon Dream', 'Nancy Evans' and 'Odee Wright'

● Trees and Conifers

Abies grandis GRAND FIR
Cephalotaxus harringtonia
 COWTAIL PINE, PLUM YEW
Cryptomeria japonica 'Cristata'
 CRESTED JAPANESE CEDAR
Lindera obtusiloba
 JAPANESE SPICEBUSH
Nyssa sylvatica BLACK GUM
Thuja occidentalis 'Smaragd'
 EMERALD CEDAR
Thujaopsis dolabrata HIBA ARBORVITAE

Dwarf Hinoki Cypress Collection

Chamaecyparis obtusa cultivars
 'Coralliformis', 'Gracilis', 'Nana', 'Nana Gracilis' and 'Pygmaea'

Tulip Tree Collecton

Liriodendron tulipifera (TULIP TREE) and cultivars 'Aureomarginatum' (VARIEGATED TULIP TREE) and 'Fastigiatum' (COLUMNAR TULIP TREE)

The following 2005 Picks have been added to GPPs from previous years.

Arbutus unedo 'Compacta' (COMPACT STRAWBERRY TREE) has been added to the fact sheet for *Arbutus unedo*. *Abies pinsapo* (SPANISH FIR) has been added to the fact sheet for *Abies pinsapo* 'Glauca'. ■

Selection Criteria

All plants should . . .

- be hardy in USDA zones 7 and 8 (0° to 10° F/ -18° to -12° C).
- be long lived.
- be vigorous and easy to grow by a gardener of average means and experience. (Plants don't require specialist knowledge.)
- be reasonably disease and pest resistant.
- have a long season or preferably multiple seasons of interest.
- be available from at least two retail sources in Canada and the U.S.
- be adaptable to a variety of soil and fertility conditions.
- not require excessive moisture (with the exception of aquatic plants).
- not be invasive or overly vigorous in colonizing the garden or larger environment.

Perennials should not require staking, continual deadheading or frequent division.

Trees and shrubs should require little pruning and minimal training to achieve their best form (excluding plants used for hedges).

Bulbs should persist in the garden, without being lifted, for at least three years.

Variiegated plants should be stable and not revert.

Great Plant Picks for Your Garden

The following lists include GPPs from 2001 to 2005.

Those for 2005 are in bold print.

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Bicolor Hybrid Rhododendron Collection

Bicolor rhododendrons have a contrasting color along the edge of each petal—either a thin “picotee” edge of color or a gradual shading. This two-tone coloration adds drama and texture to the garden. Bicolors can be used to blend one color scheme into another, but plan carefully: Pick one of the two colors on which to build your color scheme. Bicolors are best used as accents—a bed of bicolors would be pretty wild! Heights are approximate for a ten-year-old plant.

‘Elsie Watson’—magenta with a white star and a ruffled picotee edge of red-violet; blooms early to midseason; grows to 4 feet

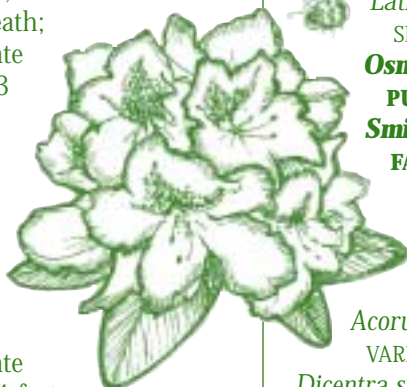
‘Fantastica’—deep rose fading to white in the throat, accented by light citron-green spots; leaves are white-wooly beneath; blooms mid- to late season; grows to 3 feet

‘Hachmann’s Charmant’—white with a cerise eye and picotee edge and a yellow throat; blooms mid- to late season; grows to 4 feet

‘Manda Sue’—dainty trusses; shell-pink with a red picotee edge and a yellow throat; blooms midseason; grows to 3 feet

‘Naselle’—custard shading to watermelon-red at the edges with burnt sugar spots within; young leaves are pale maroon; blooms early to midseason; grows to 4 feet

GPP Perennials to Harmonize with Bicolor Rhododendrons
Anemone nemorosa WOOD ANEMONE



Athyrium niponicum var. *pictum*

JAPANESE PAINTED FERN

Carex ‘Ice Dance’ VARIEGATED SEDGE

Cyclamen coum PERSIAN VIOLET

***Epimedium x rubrum* BARRENWORT**

***Galanthus elwesii* GIANT SNOWDROP**

Helleborus x hybridus LENTEN ROSE

Lathyrus vernus

SPRING VETCHLING

Osmunda regalis ‘Purpurascens’

PURPLE-TINGED ROYAL FERN

Smilacina racemosa

FALSE SOLOMON’S SEAL

GPP Perennials to Contrast with Bicolor Rhododendrons

Acorus gramineus ‘Ogon’

VARIEGATED SWEET FLAG

Dicentra spectabilis ‘Gold Heart’

GOLDLEAF BLEEDING HEART

Erythronium ‘Pagoda’

YELLOW FAWN LILY

Hakonechloa macra ‘Aureola’

GOLDEN JAPANESE FOREST GRASS

Helleborus foetidus

STINKING HELLEBORE

Hosta ‘June’ VARIEGATED HOSTA

***Iris pallida ‘Variegata’* HORT.**

VARIEGATED DALMATIAN IRIS

Narcissus ‘King Alfred’

TRUMPET DAFFODIL

Omphalodes verna

CREEPING FORGET-ME-NOT ■

Pink Hybrid Rhododendron Collection

Whether the earliest harbinger of spring or the last to bloom, the palest pink or the deepest berry shade, there is surely a pink rhododendron for every garden. Here are eleven of the best! Heights are approximate for a ten-year-old plant.

'Christmas Cheer' and **'Rosa Mundi'**—these indistinguishable cultivars both have petite trusses of palest pink; they bloom very early and grow to 4 feet

'Dreamland'—pale pink bordered with deeper pink edges; blooms midseason; grows to 4 feet

'Janet Blair'—frilled, light pink flowers with a greenish flare on the upper petals; blooms mid- to late season; grows to 6 feet

'Mardi Gras'—pink blushed white; blooms midseason; grows to 30 inches

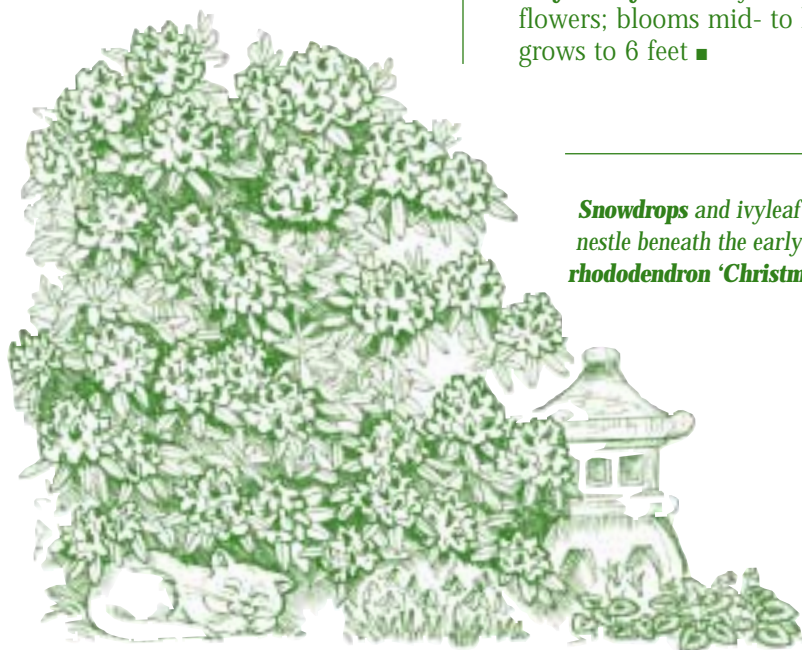
'Mrs. Furnivall'—light pink with a crimson blotch; blooms midseason; grows to 4 feet

'Noble Mountain'—purplish pink with heavy dark red spotting; blooms midseason; grows to 3 feet; protect from afternoon sun

'Queen Alice'—cherry-red buds open to rosy pink flowers with a lighter throat and yellow spots; blooms midseason; grows to 4 feet

'Trail Blazer'—pink flowers with a striking raspberry blotch; blooms mid- to late season; grows to 5 feet

'Verry Berry'—showy rose-red flowers; blooms mid- to late season; grows to 6 feet ■



Snowdrops and ivyleaf cyclamen nestle beneath the early-blooming rhododendron 'Christmas Cheer'.

Purple Hybrid Rhododendron Collection

Create a calming vision of spring by complementing your purple rhododendrons with shades of blue-green, soft pink, white or lavender. For an eye-catching display, try using plants with bright pink or lime-yellow flowers and bold foliage. Purple rhododendrons are a favorite food of pesty weevils, but the following cultivars are less bothered by weevils than many others. Rhododendrons in open spaces with supplemental summer water are less prone to weevil damage. Heights are approximate for a ten-year-old plant.

'Anah Kruschke'—pale lavender-blue to reddish purple; blooms mid- to late season; grows to 6 feet

'Azurro'—rich purple with a red blotch; blooms late; grows to 4 feet

'Blue Boy'—vivid violet with a darker blotch; blooms mid- to late season; grows to 5 feet

'Edith Bosley'—dark purple flowers with a darker flare; blooms midseason; grows to 4 feet

'Peter Alan'—purplish blue with a darker eye; blooms midseason; grows to 4m feet; least hardy of this collection

GPPs to Harmonize with Pink and Purple Rhododendrons

Perennials

Actaea simple SNAKEROOT

Anemone nemorosa WOOD ANEMONE

Athyrium niponicum var. *pictum*

JAPANESE PAINTED FERN

Carex 'Ice Dance' VARIEGATED SEDGE

Cyclamen coum PERSIAN VIOLET

Cyclamen hederifolium

IVYLEAF CYCLAMEN

***Galanthus elwesii*, *G. ikariae*
and *G. nivalis* SNOWDROPS**

Geranium × *riversleaianum*

'Mavis Simpson' CRANESBILL

Helleborus × *hybridus* LENTEN ROSE

Lathyrus vernus SPRING VETCHLING

Primula 'Guinevere' PRIMROSE

Sanguinaria canadensis f. *multiplex*

DOUBLE-FLOWERED BLOODROOT

Saxifraga umbrosa var. *primuloides*

MINIATURE LONDON PRIDE

Smilacina racemosa

FALSE SOLOMON'S SEAL

Shrubs

Camellia × *williamsii* 'Donation'

HYBRID CAMELLIA

***Cotinus coggyria* 'Royal Purple'**

and *C.* 'Grace' SMOKEBUSH

Erica × *darleyensis* 'Kramer's Rote'

DARLEY HEATH

Fothergilla 'Mount Airy' WITCH ALDER

***Sambucus nigra* 'Gerda'** BLACK BEAUTY

PURPLELEAF BLACK ELDER

***Sarcococca confusa* SWEET BOX**

Viburnum × *bodnantense* 'Dawn'

BODNANT VIBURNUM

GPPs to Contrast with Pink and Purple Rhododendrons

Perennials

***Brunnera macrophylla* 'Jack Frost'**

SIBERIAN BUGLOSS

Carex elata 'Aurea'

BOWLES' GOLDEN SEDGE

Dicentra spectabilis 'Gold Heart'

BLEEDING HEART

Geranium 'Ann Folkard' CRANESBILL

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Red Hybrid Rhododendron Collection

Red rhododendrons are high-impact shrubs: Combine them with white flowers and plenty of green or variegated foliage (see page 12) for a gentle effect, or kick it up a notch by using companion plants with maroon or burgundy foliage. Heights are approximate for a ten-year-old plant.

'Double Winner'—bright red flowers in tight clusters; early-midseason bloom time; grows to 5 feet

'Fred Peste'—cardinal-red flowers with a deep maroon throat; blooms mid- to late season; grows to 3 feet

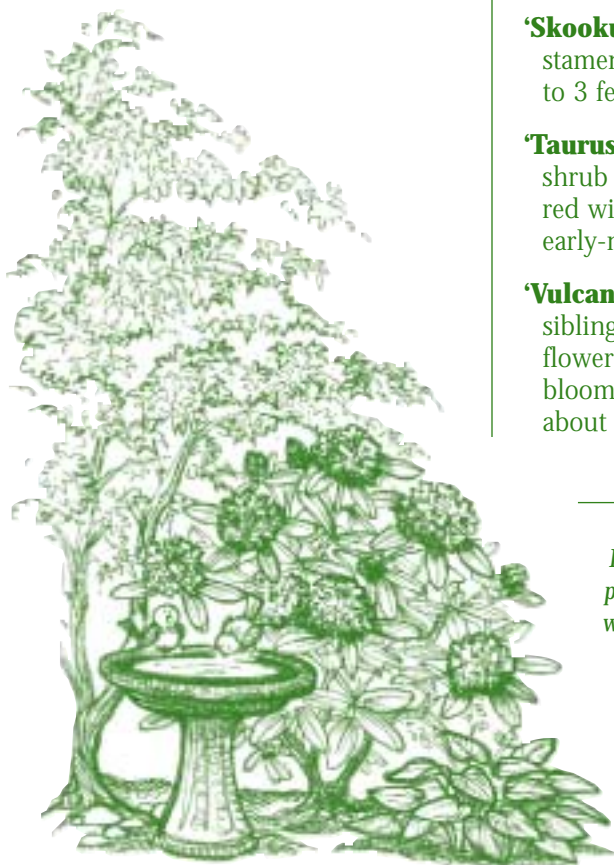
'Grace Seabrook'—blood red flowers; light indumentum beneath the leaf; because it blooms early to early-midseason, it doesn't effect later color schemes as much as other red rhododendrons; grows to 4 feet

'Markeeta's Prize'—bright red, iridescent if back lit; blooms midseason; grows to 5 feet

'Skookum'—red with noticeable white stamens; blooms midseason; grows to 3 feet

'Taurus'—deep red buds decorate the shrub in winter, then open to glowing red with black speckles; blooms early-midseason; grows to 6 feet

'Vulcan' and **'Vulcan's Flame'**—these siblings both have fire-engine-red flowers, are heat and sun tolerant, bloom late-midseason and grow to about 5 feet in ten years.



For a traffic-stopping combination, plant 'Shindeshōjō' Japanese maple, which has red-emergent new foliage, to shelter your red rhododendron. Add hosta 'June', with its new chartreuse leaves, beneath.

GPPs to Harmonize with Red Rhododendrons

Perennials

Actaea pachypoda WHITE BANEBERRY

Asarum europaeum

EUROPEAN WILD GINGER

Blechnum spicant DEER FERN

Helleborus foetidus

STINKING HELLEBORE

Polystichum polyblepharum

JAPANESE TASSEL FERN

***Polystichum munitum* SWORD FERN**

Shrubs

***Arbutus unedo* 'Compacta'**

COMPACT STRAWBERRY TREE

***Cornus alba* 'Elegantissima'**

REDBUD HAZEL

Disanthus cercidifolius

REDBUD HAZEL

Nandina domestica 'Gulf Stream'

HEAVENLY BAMBOO

Pieris japonica 'Valley Valentine'

LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY SHRUB

Trees

Acer griseum PAPERBARK MAPLE

Acer palmatum 'Emperor I'

RED JAPANESE MAPLE

Stewartia monadelph

ORANGEBARK STEWARTIA



GPPs to Contrast with Red Rhododendrons

Perennials

Actaea simplex [Atropurpurea Group]

'Brunette' PURPLELEAF SNAKEROOT

Carex 'Ice Dance'

VARIEGATED SEDGE

Cyclamen hederifolium

IVYLEAF CYCLAMEN

Helleborus x *hybridus*

LENTEN ROSE

Iris foetidissima 'Variegata'

VARIEGATED GLADWYN IRIS

Polygonatum odoratum var. *pluriflorum*

'Variegatum'

VARIEGATED SOLOMON'S SEAL

Pulmonaria longifolia ssp. *cevennensis*

LONGLEAF LUNGWORT

Shrubs

***Cotinus coggyria* 'Royal Purple'**

and *C.* 'Grace' **SMOKEBUSH**

Fothergilla gardenii

DWARF WITCH ALDER

Mahonia nervosa

CASCADE OREGON GRAPE

Osmanthus heterophyllus 'Goshiki'

VARIEGATED FALSE HOLLY

Ribes sanguineum 'White Icicle'

WHITE-FLOWERING CURRANT

Trees

Abies pinsapo 'Glauca'

BLUE SPANISH FIR

Cornus alternifolia 'Argentea'

VARIEGATED PAGODA

DOGWOOD

Magnolia denudata

YULAN MAGNOLIA ■

Yellow Hybrid Rhododendron Collection

Yellow rhododendrons add warmth to the garden. When choosing companion plants, add more yellow and orange, whether in flowers or foliage, for a burst of spring sun. Heighten the apricot or orange flushes of many yellows by adding coppery colors. Heights are approximate for a ten-year-old plant.

‘Capistrano’—pale, greenish yellow flowers with no markings; blooms late-midseason; grows to 4 feet; grows best with afternoon shade

‘Horizon Monarch’—scarlet buds open to huge, pale greenish yellow flowers with a small, vivid red flare; blooms midseason; grows to 6 feet

‘Lemon Dream’—soft lemon-yellow flowers are sometimes double; blooms midseason; brownish indumentum beneath the leaves; grows to 3 feet

‘Nancy Evans’—orange red buds open to amber-yellow flowers, fading to rich yellow in the throat; the calyx is large, which gives a hose-in-hose effect; blooms midseason; grows to 3 feet

‘Odee Wright’—deep, clear yellow; blooms midseason; grows to 4 feet

Companion GPPs with Yellow, Bronze or Purple Foliage

(See page 12 for GPPs with variegated foliage, which also work well with yellow rhododendrons.)

Perennials

Actaea simplex [Atropurpurea Group]
‘Brunette’ SNAKEROOT

Campanula garganica ‘Dickson’s Gold’
GOLDLEAF ADRIATIC BELLFLOWER

Carex elata ‘Aurea’
BOWLES’ GOLDEN SEDGE

Dicentra spectabilis ‘Gold Heart’
GOLDLEAF BLEEDING HEART

Dryopteris erythrosora

AUTUMN FERN

Eucomis comosa ‘Sparkling Burgundy’
PINEAPPLE LILY

Hakonechloa macra ‘Aureola’
GOLDEN JAPANESE FOREST GRASS

Shrubs

Berberis thunbergii f. *atropurpurea*
‘Rose Glow’

VARIEGATED JAPANESE BARBERRY

Cotinus coggyria ‘Royal Purple’
and *C.* ‘Grace’ SMOKEBUSH

Osmanthus heterophyllus ‘Goshiki’
VARIEGATED FALSE HOLLY

Physocarpus opulifolius ‘Diabolo’
PURPLELEAF NINEBARK

Sambucus nigra ‘Gerda’
BLACK BEAUTY
PURPLELEAF BLACK ELDER

GPPs with Yellow Flowers

Perennials

Erythronium ‘Pagoda’
YELLOW FAWN LILY

Narcissus ‘King Alfred’
TRUMPET DAFFODIL

Shrubs

Berberis darwinii DARWIN’S BARBERRY

Corylopsis pauciflora
BUTTERCUP WINTER HAZEL

Hamamelis × *intermedia* ‘Pallida’
HYBRID WITCH HAZEL

Stachyurus praecox ■

Variegated Great Plant Picks

● Perennials and Bulbs

Acorus gramineus 'Ogon'

VARIEGATED SWEET FLAG

Athyrium niponicum var. *pictum*

JAPANESE PAINTED FERN

***Brunnera macrophylla* 'Jack Frost'**

SIBERIAN BUGLOSS

Carex 'Ice Dance'

VARIEGATED SEDGE

***Carex oshimensis* 'Evergold'**

VARIEGATED JAPANESE SEDGE

Cyclamen coum PERSIAN VIOLET

Cyclamen hederifolium

IVYLEAF VIOLET

Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'

GOLDEN JAPANESE FOREST GRASS

Hosta 'June' VARIEGATED HOSTA

Iris foetidissima 'Variegata'

VARIEGATED GLADWYN IRIS

***Iris pallida* 'Argentea Variegata'**

VARIEGATED DALMATIAN IRIS

***Iris pallida* 'Variegata'** HORT.

GOLDEN-VARIEGATED

DALMATIAN IRIS

Molinia caerulea subsp.

arundinacea 'Variegata'

VARIEGATED PURPLE MOOR GRASS

Polygonatum odoratum var. *pluriflorum*

'Variegatum' VARIEGATED

SOLOMON'S SEAL

Pulmonaria 'Benediction' LUNGWORT

Pulmonaria longifolia ssp. *cevenensis*

LONGLEAF LUNGWORT

Scrophularia auriculata 'Variegata'

VARIEGATED WATER FIGWORT

● Shrubs

Berberis thunbergii* f. *atropur-

***purea* 'Rose Glow'**

VARIEGATED JAPANESE BARBERRY

***Cornus alba* 'Elegantissima'**

VARIEGATED REDTWIG DOGWOOD

Daphne x burkwoodii 'Carol Mackie'

VARIEGATED HYBRID DAPHNE

Daphne odora 'Aureomarginata'

VARIEGATED WINTER DAPHNE

Elaeagnus pungens 'Maculata'

VARIEGATED THORNY ELAEAGNUS

Ilex aquifolium 'Ferox Argentea'

HEDGEHOG HOLLY

Osmanthus heterophyllus 'Goshiki'

VARIEGATED FALSE HOLLY

***Pieris japonica* 'Variegata'** VARIEGAT-

ED LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY SHRUB

● Vines

Actinidia kolomikta (male form)

VARIEGATED KIWI

● Broadleaf Trees

Acer palmatum 'Ukigumo'

FLOATING CLOUDS MAPLE

Cornus alternifolia 'Argentea'

VARIEGATED PAGODA DOGWOOD

Liriodendron tulipifera

'Aureomarginatum'

VARIEGATED TULIP TREE ■



General Information

The **2004** booklet of “unbeatable plant picks for your garden” includes lists of Great Plant Picks in the following categories.

Small Trees
Waterwise Plants
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Picks for Shade
Great Fall Color
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Evergreens for the Garden

To get a copy of the 2004 booklet, email gpp@millergarden.org, phone the Miller Garden at (206) 362-8612 or write to GPP at P.O. Box 77377, Seattle, WA, 98177.



Great Plant Picks staff have collaborated with the Saving Water Partnership at Seattle Public Utilities to produce an indispensable resource for Pacific Northwest gardeners. **The Plant List** identifies almost 250 useful garden plants organized into four categories:

- plants that thrive in winter wet, summer dry locations
- moisture-loving plants
- favorite Pacific Northwest native plants
- drought-tolerant plants

The Plant List builds on the “right plant, right place” theme and is a companion publication to **Choosing the Right Plants Natural Lawn & Garden Guide**. To get free copies of both, phone the Natural Lawn & Garden Hotline at (206) 633-0224. Copies of both are also posted at www.savingwater.org.

Evaluations have been done on the following genera.
To see the standouts, view the evaluation results at
www.greatplantpicks.org.

Perennials:

Astrantia (masterwort), *Brunnera* (bugloss), *Crocasmia*, *Epimedium* (barrenwort), *Euphorbia* (spurge), *Helleborus*, *Hosta*, *Penstemon*, *Persicaria* (knotweed), *Phygelius* (Cape fuchsia), *Pulmonaria* (lungwort), *Thalictrum* (meadowrue) and *Trillium*.

Shrubs and Vines:

Camellia, *Ceanothus*, *Clematis*, *Erica* (heath), *Hamamelis* (witch hazel), *Hebe*, *Mahonia* and *Pieris* (lily-of-the-valley shrub).

Trees:

Acer (maples), *Ilex* (holly) and *Malus* (ornamental crabapple)

General Information

How are plants chosen to be Great Plant Picks?

Plants come to the attention of the selection committee either by being nominated by a selection committee member or by referral from one of the advisory groups. Selection committee members then discuss the merits of each plant vis à vis the GPP criteria (see page 4). Large groups of plants are evaluated (see page 12 or www.greatplantpicks.org) and that information is also brought to the discussions.



Why are plants rejected?

Basically, plants are rejected because they do not meet the criteria. For example, a shrub might be attractive for a short period when in bloom, but it does not offer an attractive branching structure, good fall leaf color or interesting berries. When compared to other plants with similar bloom period, it just doesn't measure up!

Great plants may not be widely available, so they are put on hold for future recommendation. You can get a jump on the winners by noting the best plants in the evaluations and looking out for them while shopping.

GPPs to Contrast with Pink and Purple Rhododendrons

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Perennials (continued)

- Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola'
GOLDEN JAPANESE FOREST GRASS
- Helleborus argutifolius*
CORSIKAN HELLEBORE
- Helleborus foetidus* STINKING HELLEBORE
- Hosta* 'June' VARIEGATED HOSTA
- Pulmonaria* 'Benediction' LUNGWORT
- Narcissus* 'King Alfred'
TRUMPET DAFFODIL
- Tulipa* 'Spring Green'
VIRIDIFLORA TULIP

Shrubs

- Corylopsis pauciflora*
BUTTERCUP WINTER HAZEL
- Enkianthus campanulatus*
'Red Bells'
- Pieris japonica* 'Valley Valentine'
LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY SHRUB
- Viburnum plicatum* f. *tomentosum*
'Mariesii'
DOUBLEFILE VIBURNUM ■

Great Plant Picks Selection Committee

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British Columbia

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