

OKLAHOMA PROVEN SELECTIONS FOR 2004



Shantung Maple *Acer truncatum*

Shantung Maple is a drought tolerant small to medium-sized tree great for under power lines or in residential landscapes where there isn't room for a large tree. It grows quickly but typically only to 30' high. The leaves are star-shaped and typically emerge with an attractive purple tinge. This Asian native can have excellent fall color ranging from yellow to orange or red.

- Sun Exposure: Full
- Soil: Tolerates a wide range of conditions
- Hardiness: USDA Zone 4

Winter Jasmine *Jasminum nudiflorum*

Winter Jasmine is often mistaken for forsythia but it flowers earlier and has a longer lasting floral display. It flowers as early as December before its glossy green leaves are formed. It can be pruned and used as a hedge but left untrimmed it will arch gracefully forming a four foot high mound spreading to seven feet. Winter Jasmine requires very little care and is easily rejuvenated by cutting it to the ground every three to five years.

- Sun Exposure: Full sun to part shade
- Soil: Tolerates a wide range of conditions
- Hardiness: USDA Zone 6





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Autumn Sage *Salvia greggii* 'Pink Preference'

'Pink Preference' is a cultivar of Autumn Sage that was selected for its bright pink flowers. Like the species, it is a heat and drought tolerant perennial that starts blooming in the spring but blooms most in the autumn as other flowers in the garden start to fade. It forms a two to three foot mound and attracts hummingbirds and butterflies to the garden. Pruning to six inches high each spring will help keep Autumn Sage dense and full.

- Sun Exposure: Full
- Soil: Well-drained
- Hardiness: USDA Zone 6

Firebush

Hamelia patens

This Central and South American native is a small tree when grown in the deep South but is best used as a heat tolerant annual in Oklahoma. The lush green foliage can produce a dense mound over three feet high in full sun and color is added by the interesting orange-red flowers and the reddish tinge on the leaf petioles. Firebush thrives in the summer heat and attracts hummingbirds and butterflies to the garden.

- Sun Exposure: Full
- Soil: Well-drained
- Hardiness: Use as an annual

