

OKLAHOMA PROVEN SELECTIONS FOR 2013



Specialty Fruit for Small Spaces including miniature peaches, columnar apples, dwarf pomegranate, and dwarf patio type blueberries.

Many of the fruits we enjoy so much don't fit well in today's urban landscapes, especially the standard variety fruit trees. However, today's breeding and production techniques bring us dwarf and miniature versions that fit in just about any space. Columnar apples, patio peaches, dwarf pomegranate and compact blueberries now make it easy to enjoy fresh fruit right out our backdoors; and they are ornamental too!

- Exposure: Full sun to part shade
- Soil: Prefers moist, well-drained soil; blueberries require acidic soil (pH5)
- Hardiness: USDA Zone 3-11 (varies by species)

Collector's Choice

Patio Peach



Columnar apple

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Dwarf Pomegranate fruit



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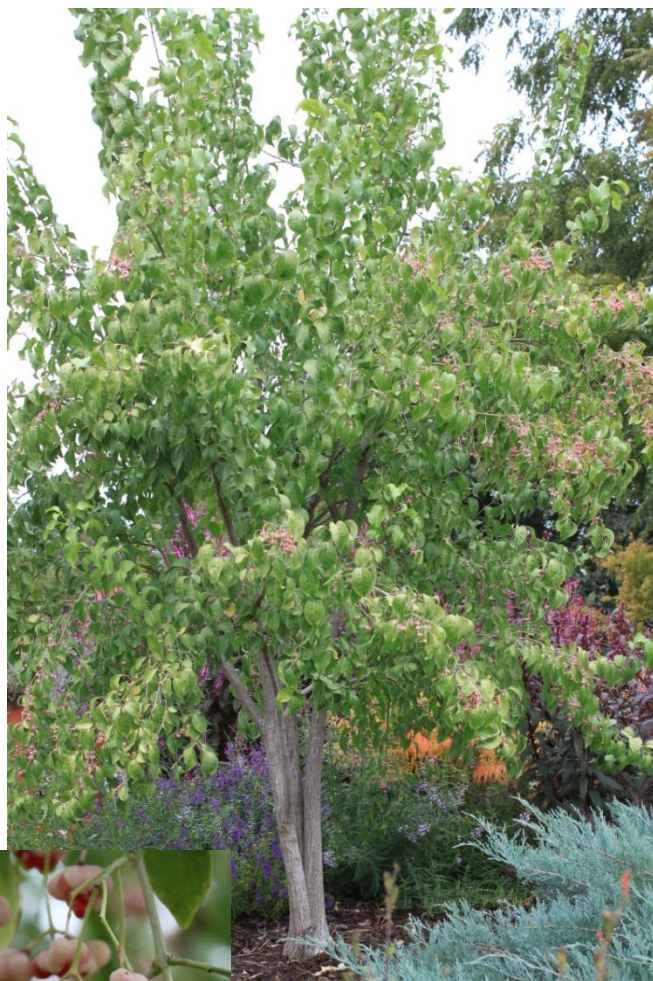


Euonymus bungeanus, Winterberry Euonymus

TREE

Winterberry euonymus is a large shrub to small tree with pendulous branches and light green foliage. Flowers are yellowish-green but not showy. Fruits are pinkish capsules that split open at maturity revealing an orange aril (fleshy seed covering). Fall color can be yellow to orange and red. Bark is green with a rough texture and is also quite attractive. Winterberry grows 15'-24' high and just about as wide. It is very adaptable and quite drought tolerant. It is mostly resistant to scale insects that are common on other euonymus species. Winterberry makes a great patio or specimen tree.

- Exposure: Full sun to part shade
- Soil: Tolerates a wide range of soils
- Hardiness: USDA Zone 4-7



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Vitex spp., Chaste Tree

SHRUB

Vitex is a multi-stemmed large shrub, but can be trained into a small tree. Leaves are palmately compound and dark green. Flowers appear in early summer and continue to bloom sporadically through summer and fall. Flowers of *Vitex* can be blue, lavender, pink or white. Old strains had small spikes of flowers; improved varieties have large spikes (8" to 12" long) of colorful flowers that are fragrant and make excellent cut flowers. *Vitex* is not too picky about soil and is easy to grow, very heat, drought and pest tolerant and an excellent choice for a xeric garden. *Vitex* is often considered an excellent replacement for lilacs, which grow much better in colder climates, and it attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.



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- Exposure: Sun to part shade
- Soil: Moist, well-drained
- Hardiness: USDA Zone 4-9



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PERENNIAL



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Nepeta x faassenii ‘Walker’s Low’, Catmint

Walker’s Low Catmint was the Perennial Plant Association’s Plant of the Year in 2007 and is an easy to grow, pest free perennial. This hybrid *Nepeta* develops into a mound of aromatic, grayish green foliage. Lavender-blue flowers appear in spring and continue to bloom if properly pruned by trimming after initial flowering. Walker’s Low grows 1 to 2 feet high and 1 ½ to 3 feet wide and can be used as edging or in a border, herb or rock garden, naturalized area, as groundcover, or is quite attractive spilling over the edge of a wall. *Nepeta* attracts bees and butterflies. It also tolerates some shade, dry, rocky soil, and is quite drought and deer resistant.

Exposure: Sun, part shade

Soil: Moist, well-drained

Hardiness: USDA Zone 3-8



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ANNUAL



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Helenium 'Dakota Gold'

Common names for *Helenium* include sneezeweed and bitterweed, a native wildflower of Texas. Dakota Gold is a cultivar with excellent ornamental qualities and because it is native to Texas it is also very tough and tolerates heat and dry conditions. Dakota Gold grows as low, 6" to 8" mounded cushions, of fine, dark green foliage covered with golden yellow flowers all summer long. Dakota Gold looks great in beds, containers, rock gardens, borders, and as an accent.

- Exposure: Full sun
- Soil: Almost any soil (well-drained)
- Hardiness: Use as an annual

