

LEAFING OUT

Take a look at the new tree and shrub selections that will brighten up the market in 2011.

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Abelia

1. 'Kaleidoscope.' Reported to be the longest blooming of all abelias, it features dramatically defined variegation exploding in varying combinations of green, red, yellow and orange throughout the year. Plant Haven.

2. Twist of Lime. Glossy, bright yellow leaves with green centers mature to rich ivory and green later in the season. A heavy bloom of white-tinged-pink fragrant flowers are attractive to butterflies, bees and birds. Garden Debut.

Acer saccharum (maple)

3. Autumn Fest. Strong upright growth and reliable, early-fall color make this a standout in the nursery and on the streets. J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co.

Boxwood

4. Baby Gem. Tiny foliage never reveals pruning cuts, and, once established, it flourishes in conditions of sun to shade. Garden Debut.

Buddleia

5. Flutterby series. Hines Nurseries will introduce several buddleia hybrids in 2011: Flutterby Dark Pink, Flutterby Petite Snow White, Flutterby Peace and Flutterby Grande Peach Cobbler.

6. 'Miss Molly.' A butterfly bush that pushes the color spectrum further with rich hues of dark, Sangria-red. Red coloration may be more pronounced in the South. Proven Winners ColorChoice.



Camellia

7. Pink Yuletide ('MonDel'). A sport from the popular red Yuletide camellia, its blooms are pink, centered with bright yellow stamens. Monrovia.

Carpinus (hornbeam)

8. *C. betulus* Emerald Avenue. This vigorous, easy-to-grow tree is also heat tolerant, maintaining healthy, deep-green foliage in summer. J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co.

9. *C. caroliniana* Native Flame. This American hornbeam was selected for good, upright growth and form and especially for its bright-red fall color. J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co.

Caryopteris

10. Blue Balloon Bluebeard ('Korball'). The growth habit of this selection is very spherical – like a blue balloon when in full bloom. Striking deep-blue flowers appear from August through September. Monrovia.

11. 'Blue Moonshine.' An outstanding selection that reaches 2- to 3-feet high, depending on geographic locale. It features bright-yellow leaves and luminescent periwinkle flowers all season long. Flemings Flower Fields.

Cercis (redbud)

12. Burgundy Hearts. Burgundy Hearts Redbud retains its deep wine color throughout summer and the end of the season, with exceptional resistance to leaf scorch. It's the perfect size for suburban landscapes. Garden Debut.

Chaenomeles (quince)

13. Double Take series. Proven Winners ColorChoice unveiled its new Double Take quince series: Orange Storm, Pink Storm and Scarlet Storm. These selections are thornless and drought tolerant.

Grape myrtle

14. Early Bird series. Southern Living

Plant Collection will introduce its Early Bird crape myrtle series. Three color choices will offer 100-120 days of color: Purple, Lavender and White.

15. Red Rooster. Red Rooster crape myrtle is a beautiful mid-sized grower with large panicles of brilliant red blooms. It is the perfect plant to use as a specimen or grouping in any size garden. Gardener's Confidence.

Hydrangea

16. *H. arborescens* Bella Anna. Bella Anna is the first pink Annabelle hydrangea in the Endless Summer Collection and comes from the work of Dr. Michael Dirr. Bailey Nurseries.

17. *H. macrophylla* 'Fantasia.' The newest member of the Forever & Ever line has unique blush-pink to apricot-mauve colored flower clusters. Forever & Ever Hydrangea.

18. *H. paniculata* Great Star. This



discovery, from the French garden of Princess Sturdza, features star-shaped flowers. Bailey Nurseries.

19. *H. paniculata* Mystical Flame. Creamy white panicles quickly turn burgundy red in cool weather. The color persists until frost. Novalis.

Juniper

20. *Juniperus scopulorum* Sky High. Silvery-blue, dense foliage makes it an excellent evergreen choice. It keeps its strong, columnar shape with very little pruning. Bailey Nurseries.

Physocarpus

21. Little Devil ninebark. Little Devil packs color and texture into a compact, easy-to-care-for ninebark. It reaches 4-feet tall. Bailey Nurseries.

Punica granatum (pomegranate)

22. Angel Red Pomegranate ('Smith'). Bright-red fruit ripens earlier than other varieties. Monrovia.

Rhododendron

23. 'Double Besse.' This double-

raspberry gem has exceptionally bright-green foliage. It is an excellent foundation plant as well as garden specimen. Briggs Plant Propagators.

24. 'Lemon Dream.' Abundant, soft true-yellow flowers adorn a compact plant with excellent foliage. Briggs Plant Propagators.

25. Southgate Series. Southern Living Plant Collection will offer its Southgate Rhododendron series in 2011. The collection includes: Southgate Brandi,

Breezy (pictured), Radiance, Divine and Grace.

Rose

26. Home Run. Proven Winners ColorChoice will offer Home Run shrub rose in 2011. The shrub rose has an outstanding black spot and powdery mildew resistance.

Syringa (lilac)

27. 'Josee.' This re-blooming dwarf lilac features lavender-pink fragrant flowers. Briggs Plant Propagators. 🌱

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