

GUIDED TOUR

MYRIAD BOTANICAL GARDENS

June 2023 / **Fabulous Foliage**



Common Name: Wormwood

Botanical Name: *Artemisia 'Powis Castle'*

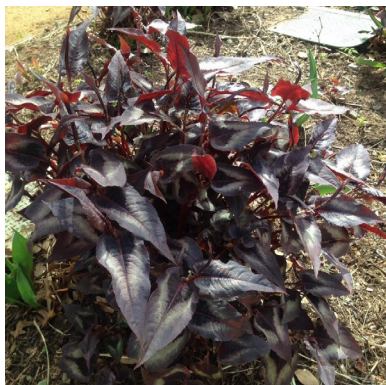
This cultivar of wormwood is desired for its feathery silver-gray foliage. It can grow into dense, billowing clumps 2 feet in height. With its drought tolerance and soapy-scented leaves, *Artemisia 'Powis Castle'* is a popular choice for xeriscaping and rock gardens. Since it tends to develop a woody base, it is best to cut it back in early spring.



Common Name: Adam's Needle

Botanical Name: *Yucca filamentosa 'Color Guard'*

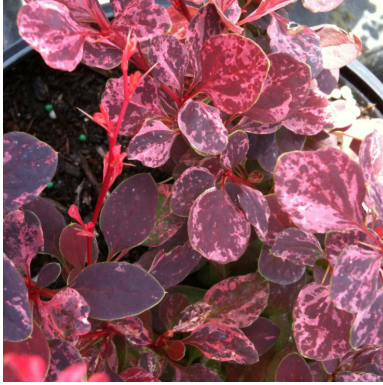
Yucca, or Adam's needle, is an essentially stemless evergreen with whorls of lance-shaped leaves. The cultivar 'Color Guard' is known for having yellow-variegated leaves. It grows 2 to 3 feet tall and wide and in late spring sends up a flowering stalk that is up to 6 feet tall. Its bell-shaped creamy-white flowers have a light fragrance. This tough plant is resistant to drought, erosion, rabbit and deer and provides winter color.



Common Name: Fleece Flower

Botanical Name: *Persicaria microcephala 'Red Dragon'*

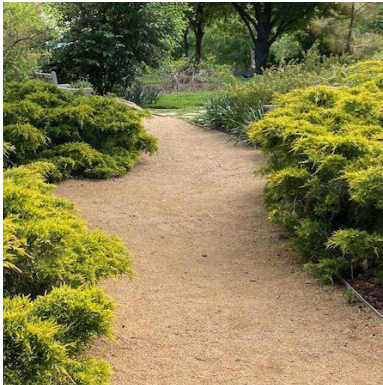
The beautiful foliage is the most notable feature on this perennial. Its burgundy-green leaves have a bold central splash of purple bordered by a silver chevron marking. The new leaves in the spring have even more vibrant color. 'Red Dragon' is a vigorous grower, but not invasive like its relatives. Flowers appear in summer and are an inconspicuous white. Fleece flower performs well in both sun and shady conditions or shade. Mature plants will be around two or three feet wide.



Common Name: Barberry

Botanical Name: *Berberis thunbergii* 'Rose Glow'

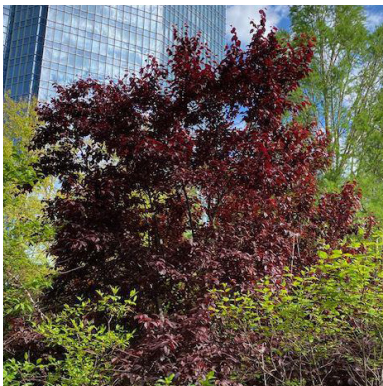
This deciduous shrub will provide a blanket of red-pink color in the landscape. If you take a closer look at the small leaves you'll notice the mottled colors of purplish-red mixed with rosy-pink. Small, bead-like red berries grow in the fall and stay on through the winter, providing more interest and a food source for winter birds. The thorny growths all up and down this shrub's stems make it useful as a barrier.



Common Name: Chinese Juniper

Botanical Name: *Juniperus x pfitzeriana* 'Saybrook Gold'

'Saybrook Gold' juniper is an excellent yellow to bronzish-yellow evergreen that can provide a shot of color in the winter months. It grows four to five feet tall and five to six feet wide and prefers full sun and well-drained soils. 'Saybrook Gold' is a tough plant that can tolerate a wide variety of soils, drought, erosion and air pollution.



Common Name: Cherry Plum

Botanical Name: *Prunus cersifera* 'Thundercloud'

Thundercloud cherry is a small deciduous tree that was once native to Asia. Today, it only exists in cultivation and where it has naturalized outside of garden spaces. This tree will typically grow 15 to 25 feet tall. Its very fragrant flowers appear in the spring and are followed by small edible fruits. This cherry variety has magnificent purple foliage. For best foliage color and deep purple hues, plant your Thundercloud in full sun. In shaded locations, the leaves will be much greener.



Common Name: Bush Honeysuckle

Botanical Name: *Diervilla x splendens* Firefly™ Nightglow™

The common name bush honeysuckle refers to the appearance of the flowers, which resemble those of plants in the genus *Lonicera* (honeysuckles). But it should not be confused with the invasive species of vines and shrubs. This cultivar is a cross between two different native species of *Diervilla*. It is a three foot mounded shrub with reddish-purple foliage. It has small yellow flowers that contrast and shine like fireflies against the dark foliage. It's drought tolerant and great for mass plantings in dry shaded areas.



Common Name: Weeping Redbud

Botanical Name: *Cercis canadensis* 'Ruby Falls'

This eastern redbud variety has multiple points of interest. The 'Ruby Falls' cultivar has richly colored purple, heart-shaped leaves. This variety has a distinct weeping habit that makes each specimen unique depending on how it was trained at the nursery. In the early spring it will burst with a riot of bright pink flowers that grow directly from the stems and trunk.



Common Name: Grassy-leaved Sweet Flag

Botanical Name: *Acorus gramineus* 'Ogon'

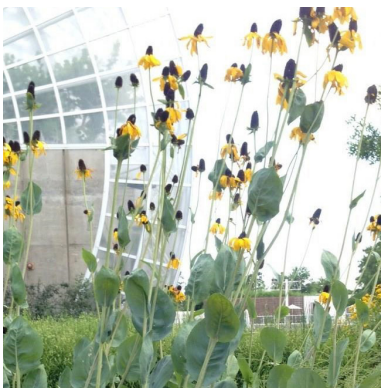
This tough perennial can be used as a groundcover and provide a bright focus for a shaded garden. Individual plants will stay under ten inches high and slowly spread to a foot or more wide. When planted in mass, acorus will form a solid mat of light green, nearly yellow, grassy foliage. The leaves have a sweet and spicy smell when crushed. Sweet Flag is semi ever-green and will provide bright color during a mild winter.



Common Name: Smoke Bush

Botanical Name: *Cotinus coggygria* Winecraft Black®

Smoke bush is a relatively large deciduous shrub reaching five to eight feet tall and wide. This shrub is a great choice for blending color selections in nearly any location. In full sun its foliage will be a luscious dark purple, but a bronze green color in more shaded spots. A panicle of blooms will open up in the spring and go to seed, giving the "smoky" namesake look. The color show keeps getting better in the autumn with shades of orange.



Common Name: Large Coneflower

Botanical Name: *Rudbeckia maxima*

This perennial coneflower is easily grown in average, moist, well-drained soils in full sun. In optimum growing conditions, the species will naturalize by self-seeding. Commonly called large coneflower, this plant features a basal clump of huge, bluish-green leaves from which rise the sturdy flower stalks bearing yellow-rayed coneflowers. Each coneflower has slightly drooping rays and tall dark brown central cones. Flowers bloom in the summer. *Rudbeckias* are very dependable and easy to grow perennial favorites. They're also a pollinator favorite and food source for birds.



Common Name: Elderberry

Botanical Name: *Sambucus racemosa* 'Morden Golden Glow' As far as elderberries are concerned, this one is a compact mounding specimen. Reaching 4 – 5 feet tall, Morden Golden Glow elderberry has unique textured foliage that shines a bright green hue. Over time, the green will add hints of red, accompanied by white flowers that will emerge in the spring. Once the flowers have bloomed out, brilliant red berries develop and persist into the fall.



Common Name: Creeping Jenny

Botanical Name: *Lysimachia nummularia* 'Aurea' Don't be fooled by the delicate looks of this plant. It is tough and can tolerate dry to wet soils in full sun to shade. This creeping evergreen groundcover creates a leafy mat as it spreads by forming new roots where the stem comes in contact with the soil. 'Aurea' has yellow foliage in full sun that turns lime green in shade. The yellow-green foliage is complemented in summer by showy yellow flowers.



Common Name: Coral Bells

Botanical Name: *Heuchera* cv. With their wide variety of leaf colors, cultivars of coral bells have greatly increased the appeal of shade gardens in recent years. They come in a wide variety of leaf colors. While they are typically grown for their foliage, coral bells also produce attractive, bell-shaped flowers in spring that hang off of long wiry stems.

Notes:

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