

Sometimes referred to as the "backbone" of the shrub border and foundation plantings, these evergreens add an interesting texture contrast all year long. We include many fine native species, as well as some hard-to-find cultivars.

We must stress the following points which will minimize winter damage ... Plant in at least ½ day of sun ... Mound up loam in heavy soil areas to prevent root damage ... Water as indicated so plants do not go into the winter stressed ... Maintain correct pH level ... Erect a burlap screen in November to protect from wind and winter sun.

⊗ANDROMEDA (Bog Rosemary)

Andromeda polifolia 'Blue Ice'. (an-DROM-ed-a). Native to Maine. Powder-blue foliage and pale pink bells in early spring. An interesting plant for borders or for naturalized conditions. Creeping rhizomes spread easily in a boggy site. Wants full sun and constantly moist, acid soil. Do not over fertilize or allow to dry out. Zone 3-6. 1-2'H.

Container: 1 gal. \$25.95

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi. (ark-to-STAFF-il-oss). **Maine Native.** Crisp, glossy, dark evergreen foliage. Makes a handsome groundcover on a sunny bank. Prostrate spreading **native** with pinkish-white flowers, bronzy-red leaves and red berries in fall. Sun/light shade. Lean, acid, sandy soil. Do not over fertilize. Salt tolerant. **EXCELLENT!** Zone 3-6. 4"H x 20"W.

-'Massachusetts'. Small dark leaves. Abundant pink flowers followed by bright red fruit. Rapid grower. Perfect for hot, dry, sunny spots. 6"H.

Container: 1 gal. \$27.95

⊗BUXUS (Boxwood)

Buxus. (BUKS-us). Excellent for hedges, topiary, massing, and formal gardens. Plants withstand pruning very well. Full sun/partial shade. Mulch to keep roots cool. Shield plants from drying winter winds. If you notice peculiarly curled leaves on your boxwood plants, they are most likely caused by Boxwood Psyllid but the damage caused is purely aesthetic and not as destructive as other boxwood pests. Foundation, rock garden, specimen, or mass plantings. Zone 5-9.

-microphylla Cultivars. (Littleleaf Boxwood).

-'Green Mountain'. Small dark green leaves. Pyramidal oval shape. 5'H x 3'W.

Container: 3 gal. \$49.95, \$79.95

5 gal. \$109.00

-'Green Velvet'. Small dark green velvety leaves. Slow growing. Dense rounded habit. 3'H x 3'W.

Container: 2 gal. \$42.95

3 gal. \$67.95 5 gal. \$104.00

♦ CALLUNA (Heather)

Calluna vulgaris Cultivars. (kal-LOON-a). (Scotch Heather). European Native. Fabulous spreading ground covers and attractive rock garden subjects. Adds interest year round. Luxuriant evergreen foliage in shades of green, gray, gold or bronze. Bright sprays of flowers. Both foliage and flowers may be dried for long-lasting winter decorations. Full sun. Lean, acid, peaty, moist, but well-drained soil, same as native blueberries. Long lived and will naturalize in the right site. Never allow plants to dry out; this is the most common reason for losses. Water deeply at least once a week in summer. Mulch to retain moisture, keeping mulch away from stem and crown of plant. Fertilize with acid fertilizer in early spring, but keep soil lean. Cover with fir boughs in winter to provide wind protection. Plant most types 1½' apart, closer if very dwarf. Zone 4-6. Sizes given are after 4 years growth.

- -'County Wicklow'. July-October, large double shell-pink flowers. Medium green foliage. Low. Compact. 12"H x 18"W. *Container:* 1 gal. \$26.95
- **-'Firefly'.** Deep mauve flowers August-September. Yellow to red foliage. Upright. 18"H x 10"W.

Container: 4" pot \$9.95

NEW-BEAUTY LADIES Series.

Bushy, compact, upright selections, featuring dense flowering in an array of vivid colors from summer to fall. Excellent choice for a border or to feature in a rock garden. Slow growing to 18" H x W.

- -'Michelle'. Thick bright lavender spires, dark green foliage.
- -'Renate'. Long lasting pale purple blooms over bright green foliage.
- -'Siska'. Masses of tiny red buds that remain closed are densely packed onto upright stems. Foliage is bright green.
- -'Verenka'. Deep green foliage yields in early summer to pure white flowers that last well into autumn, by which time the foliage has begun its cold weather cycle through gold, orange and red.

Container: 1 gal. \$26.95

-'Spring Torch'. Upright foliage is green with pink and cream tips. Mauve flowers August-October. 16"Hx20"W.

Container: 1 gal. \$26.95

-'Tib'. Dark green foliage. Double, dark purple flowers July-October. Plant forms open mound. 12"H x 15"W.

Container: 1 gal. \$26.95

♦ CHAMAEDAPHNE (Leatherleaf, Cassandra)

Chamaedaphne calyculata. Leatherleaf is a low-growing shrub that forms a dense spreading thicket. Thick, leather-like evergreen foliage points upward. Tiny white flowers bloom along its branches below the upturned foliage from April-June. The nodding, bell-shaped blooms are a food souce for many butterflies. Plant in partial to full shade for best results. Well adapted to wet areas. Zone 2. 2-4'H x 4-5'W.

-'Dew Drop'. A more compact and floriferous selection of the species.

Container: 1 gal. \$21.95

DAPHNE

(See: DECIDUOUS ORNAMENTALS)

EUONYMUS (Wintercreeper)

Euonymus fortunei Cultivars. (yew-ON-im-us). EASY. Introduced from China in 1907, these are exceptionally handsome and reliable. Many uses in the garden, as groundcovers (low growing varieties), wall covers, low hedges, masses and groupings, as well as specimen shrubs. Those with variegated leaves bring a spot of color to a darker border or rock garden. Full sun to shade. Thrives in most soils, except swampy conditions. Zone 5-8. EXTREMELY POPULAR.

-'Emerald and Gold'. Dark glossy green foliage with yellow margins. Leaves turn pink-red in cold weather. Low growing. 18-24"H.

Container: 2 gal. \$39.95

-'Emerald Gaiety'. Irregular white margins on deep gray-green, rounded leaves. Margins turn pink in winter. This popular erect shrub will climb if planted next to a structure. 4-5'H

Container: 2 gal. \$42.95

-'Moonshadow'. Dense, compact, mounding form. Deep green leaves with yellow centers and glossy green margins. Vigorous. Excellent hardiness. 3'H x 5'W.

Container: 2 gal. \$44.95

ILEX (Holly)

Ilex. (EYE-lex). Glossy evergreen leaves and berries for fall and winter interest. Excellent choices for specimen shrubs or mass planting. Can be shaped by pruning.

- **-glabra Cultivars.** (*Inkberry*). **Maine Native.** Small, oblong, smooth edged, dark green leaves. Black, 3/8" diameter fruits. An excellent shrub for foundations, hedges, massed and as an accent plant. Will tolerate shade, but best in full sun with moist, acidic soil. Zone 4-9.
 - -'Densa'. Very versatile, small-leaved, compact plant. Slow growing. Mature size 4'H x 6'W. (Ten years.)

Container: 3 gal. \$55.95

NEW-'Nigra'. Dense, lustrous, dark green foliage and a compact habit. 3-4'H x W. Zone 5

Container: 2 gal. \$43.95

-'Shamrock'. Compact, rounded habit with slender foliage of thick, spineless, dark green leaves. Abundant small greenish-white flowers in late spring. Modest in size; ideal for small gardens. 3-4' H x W.

Container: 5 gal. \$86.95

- -Meserve Hybrids. Spiny leaves and bright red berries for holiday decorations. Full sun to partial shade. Slightly acidic, fertile, well-drained soil, in a site with winter shade and wind protection. Mulch roots with 2-4" layer of bark mulch. Fertilize with cottonseed meal or acid plant fertilizer. For berries, plant a male holly with the females at a ratio of one male to five females. Plant males and females within 50 feet of each other.
 - **-'Blue Prince'**. Male. Dense, lustrous, leathery, dark green leaves. Pollinizes 'Blue Princess', 'Blue Maid', 'Castle Spire', and 'Honey Maid'. Zone 5. 8-10'H x 10'W.

Container: 2 gal. \$35.95 3 gal. \$58.95

-'Blue Princess'. Female. Vigorous, wide, upright plant. Heavy set of dark red berries. Shiny dense foliage. Zone 5. 8-10'H x 10'W.

Container: 3 gal. \$59.95 B&B: 24-30" \$78.95

-'Castle Spire'. Female. Large, lustrous blue-green leaves. Bright red fall berries. Dense, columnar form. Use as specimen, for large foundation planting or grouped as a taller stately hedge. 10-12'H x 5-6'W.

Container: 3 gal. \$49.95

KALMIA (Laurel)

Kalmia. (*KAL-mia*). Evergreen shrub, **native to North America**. Plant in sandy or infertile soil, bogs or old fields. Blooms best in full sun to light shade. Charming flowers in big clusters from late June to early July. Polished, dark green leaves year round. Remove faded blooms promptly to promote prolific bloom the next season. Zone 4.

- -angustifolia (Sheep Laurel). Maine Native. Extraordinarily hardy low, spreading shrub with glossy green foliage that develops a purple sheen in the winter. Poisonous to livestock. Zone 1.
 - -'Kennebago'. Selection discovered near Kennebago Lake in western Maine. Blossom clusters are much larger than the species, with a more vivid rose-purple color. 3'H x 4'W.

Container: 1 gal. \$21.95

- -latifolia Cultivars. (Mountain Laurel) Maine Native shrub.
 - -'Carol'. Bright red buds open to nearly white blooms. Late flowering. Glossy, waxy, twisted leaves. Compact habit. 4-6'H x 5-6'W.

Container: 5 gal. \$126.00

-'Carousel'. Pale pink buds open to white edged flowers with bright cinnamon-purple banding. 3'H x 3'W.

Container: 5 gal. \$126.00

-'Pink Charm'. Deep reddish-pink buds open to a uniform rich pink with a narrow, deep red ring at the base of the corolla. 8-10'H x 8-10'W.

Container: 3 gal. \$77.95 5 gal. \$119.00

-'Sarah'. Vivid red buds open to long lasting, bright pink-red flowers. Vigorous. Compact. 3-4'H x 3-4'W.

Container: 3 gal. \$73.95

-'Snowdrift'. Pure white flowers. Broad dark green leaves. Compact, mounding plant. **CHOICE.** 4-5'H x 4-5'W.

Container: 3 gal. \$73.95





Leucothoe. (*leu-KOE-thoe-ee*). Low growing evergreen shrub. Spreading, arching branches droop with the weight of the pendulous clusters of *fragrant* creamy white flowers. Flowers resemble lily of the valley in spring. Leaves are leather-like, dark green and 3-6" long. They often take on a bronzy to purplish color in fall and winter. Partial to full shade. Will tolerate sun if well mulched and protected from drying winds. Prefers moist, well-drained, organic soils and acidic growing conditions. Good as a groundcover. Excellent for mass plantings. Both flowers and leaves are used in bouquets. **Native to southeastern USA**. 3-6'H x 3-6'W.

-fontanesiana Cultivars.

-'Rainbow'. (Fetterbush). Evergreen, slow growing and deer resistant. Easy care shrub. Drooping clusters of small creamy flowers late May through June. Milky foliage mottled with shades of green, pink and bronze in summer. Autumn provides the evergreen foliage with intense purplish bronzing, and, blue berries in winter. Plant in shade for best results. Feed early in the season with an all purpose acid fertilizer. Zone 5-8. 5'H x 6'W.

Container: 2 gal. \$46.95

Pieris. (*py-EE-ris*). **EASY.** Year round elegance for foundation planting or shrub border. Smooth glossy leaves in harmonious colors with *fragrant*, decorative blossoms in early spring. Buds are colorful in winter and make a graceful contrast with snow. Partial shade preferred but tolerates full sun. Rich, acid, moist soil liberally enriched with peat or organic matter. Shelter from winter wind. Neat habit. Poisonous to sheep and goats. Deer resistant. Zone 5-8.

- **-japonica Cultivars.** (*Lily-of-the-Valley Bush*). Excellent planted en masse or with other broad-leaved evergreens.
 - **-'Brouwer's Beauty'.** (Hybrid of japonica and floribunda). **RECOMMENDED**. Arching, white flower clusters in early spring. Shiny, dark green leaves. Deep purple-red buds. Compact habit. 6-7'H x 6-7'W.

Container: 2 gal. \$42.95

3 gal. \$67.95

5 gal. \$114.00

-'Dorothy Wycoff'. Dark red buds open to pale pink flowers. Deep green foliage becomes plum colored in fall. 6'H x 3'W.

Container: 2 gal. \$42.95 3 gal. \$63.95

-'Mountain Fire'. CHOICE. Brilliant red growth matures deep green. Clusters of showy white flowers in spring. Compact. 6-8'H x 5-6'W.

Container: 2 gal. \$45.95

3 gal. \$67.95 5 gal. \$114.00

-'Summerhill'. Small white flowers on 3-6" long panicles in early spring. Thick, glossy, dark evergreen leaves. Upright

and mounding habit. 9-10'H x 6'W.

Container: 3 gal. \$67.95

ARHODODENDRON

Rhododendron. (ro-do-DEN-dron). One of the favorites. Gorgeous showy blooms attract butterflies May to July. Foliage varies according to type. Excellent flowering shrubs to enhance foundation plantings. Use shorter types for low hedges to divide garden areas and as foreground plants in the shrub or perennial border. Very short types are naturals for rock gardens. Taller types are well suited to serve as background or screening shrubs. A woodland setting is the Rhododendron's natural environment. With dappled sun, (some sun must come through) the effect of blooming Rhododendrons nestled among spruce and pine, on a carpet of russet needles and luxuriant mosses, is stunning.

Culture: Provide sun or light shade in summer and shade in winter (avoid a south-facing exposure, unless protected from sun by a canopy of trees) and rich, moist, acid, well-drained soil, liberally enriched with peat moss. (Yakushimanum hybrids will tolerate more sun.) Mulch with bark. Where soil is heavy, mound enriched loam and plant the shrubs in a raised bed; this will keep roots well above heavy soil. The roots are extremely fine and near the surface, so avoid cultivating near the shrubs. These plants will not tolerate compacted soil around them. Easy access by way of stepping stones or paths is necessary. Water 1" weekly June-September for best bloom the following year. Feed lightly with acid plant fertilizer on a regular basis until midsummer, then stop feeding in order to allow new wood to harden.

Don't over fertilize. It is best to check pH annually as they will thrive only where acidity is maintained. For maximum flower production pinch off faded blooms promptly. Longlived. Will give years of pleasure.

Winter Protection: Rhododendrons planted following the above instructions and protected from winter sun and prevailing winds by a burlap screen erected in fall should fare just fine most winters. All our selections are hardy (from -15° to -25°F). Apply "Wiltpruf" in the late fall. Zone 4-7.

See also: Rhododendron, (Azalea) (DECIDUOUS ORNAMENTALS)

LARGE LEAVED CULTIVARS

-'Album'. (Catawbiense ancestry). Native to Appalachian Mountains. A classic Ironclad bred in 1886 by famous early hybridizer, Englishman Anthony Waterer. Lilac buds open to white flowers. Trusses can often have 12-18 trumpet flowers apiece forming a large open habit. Leathery dark green leaves. One of the hardiest. Looks best near or under trees in dappled sunlight. 6'H.

Container: 2 gal. \$42.95

3 gal. \$49.95, \$64.95

5 gal. \$114.00

B&B: 21-24" \$63.95

-'Album Elegans'. (Catawbiense ancestry). Lavender buds open to pale lilac, funnel-shaped flowers with greenish-yellow blotch in dome shaped trusses in early May. Flowers mature nearly white. Open growing with upswept branches. Performs best in part shade with protection from harsh summers and winter sun as well as wind. Upright. 6-10'H

B&B: 18-21" \$52.95

-'Bessie Howells'. Ruffled flowers, burgundy red with a dark red blotch. 4'H.

B&B: 18-21" \$52.95

NEW-'Blood Moon'. Large trusses of deep red on vigorous, upright plants. 6-8' H x W. Zone 5.

Container: 2 gal. \$47.95

-'Boule de Neige'. Pale pink buds in May open to mediumsized, compact, round white trusses. Compact. Low growing when young becoming upright globe-shaped with age. Remove spent flowers to promote new growth. 4'H (10 years).

> Container: 3 gal. \$67.95 B&B: 15-18" \$45.95

-'Boursault' (Catawbiense ancestry). Purple buds open to large, rosy-lilac blooms. Hardy, sturdy plant. 5'H.

Container: 3 gal. \$49.95, \$64.95 5 gal. \$119.00

-'Capistrano'. (Catawbiense ancestry). Clear yellow blooms in April. Dense, dark green foliage. Compact, mounding habit. Prefers afternoon shade. 3'H x 4'W.

Container: 2 gal. \$44.95

3 gal. \$49.95, \$69.95

5 gal. \$117.00

-'Dark Lord'. Profuse deep maroon ruffled blossoms over tidy dark green foliage. Grows slowly to 6'H x 6'W. Dense, mounding habit. Zone 5.

Container: 2 gal. \$45.95

-'English Roseum'. (Catawbiense ancestry). Large dome trusses of 8-10 widely funnel-shaped lilac-rose flowers with orange blotch late mid-season. Dense growing. One of the hardiest pink varieties for New England. Tolerates heat, cold and humidity. 5'H.

Container: 3 gal. \$64.95

5 gal. \$119.00

B&B: 24-30" \$69.95

NEW-'Florence Parks'. Huge globular clusters of saturated violet flowers. Up to 6'H in 10 years. Zone 4.

B&B: 15-18" \$45.95

21-24" \$63.95

-'Haaga'. Hardy introduction from Finland. Dark pink blooms. Upright habit. Attractive foliage. 7'H x 5'W.

Container: 3 gal. \$73.95

-'Independence'. (Maximum ancestry). Big, rounded form with long, strap-like leaves. Dome-like buds open in late June forming massive globes of clear pink flowers June-July. 8-12'H x 8-12'W.

Container: 2 gal. \$47.95

3 gal. \$69.95

5 gal. \$119.00

-'Ken Janeck'. (*Yakushimanum hybrid*). Reddish-pink buds. Full trusses of soft pink flowers mature to white, lined with pinkish-purple and spotted green. 4'H x 6'W

Container: 2 gal. \$46.95

-'Maximum Roseum'. Pink flowers in spring. Long, narrow leaves. 10-15'H.

Container: 2 gal. \$42.95

5 gal. \$114.00

B&B: 30-36" \$92.95

-'Minnetonka'. Lavender pink flowers in late spring have lighter centers and yellow-green spots. It forms dome-shaped trusses. Dense, spreading habit. 3'H x 4'W.

Container: 3 gal. \$64.95

-'Nova Zembla'. (Catawbiense ancestry). Bright red flowers with black spots in ball-shaped trusses mid-season. Glossy, thick leaves of dark green. Upright habit. Vigorous. 5'H

Container: 2 gal. \$42.95

3 gal. \$44.95, \$64.95

5 gal. \$114.00

B&B: 15-18" \$49.95

24-30" \$69.95

NEW-'Polarnacht'. Dense and compact, crowned with large flowers of velvety deep purple with red blotches. 3'H x 6'W. Zone 5.

B&B: 21-24" \$63.95

24-30" \$69.95

-'Prince'. (Yakushimanum hybrid). Dark pink flowers speckled red-orange bloom in mid-May. Dense, compact, rounded dwarf form yields deep green foliage. 3'H.

Container: 2 gal. \$48.95 3 gal. \$72.95

5 gal. \$119.00

-'Princess'. (*Yakushimanum hybrid*). Appleblossom-pink with blush-pink blotch and greenish spots, aging to paler pink. 3'H.

Container: 2 gal. \$48.95

5 gal. \$119.00

-'Princess Mary of Cambridge'. Bi-color, white center with a magenta-rose border. Very old cultivar, before 1871.6-8'H.

B&B: 21-24" \$52.95 24-30" \$69.95

-'Purple Passion'. Brilliant violet-purple blooms with bright white throats and burgundy spots. Ruggedly hardy. Disease resistant. 4'H x 3'W. (5 years).

Container: 3 gal. \$64.95

-'Purpureum Elegans'. Funnel-shaped flowers of purple marked brown on light background. Dome-shaped trusses of 16-18 flowers mid-season. Robust. Upright. Well branched. 4'H.

Container: 3 gal. \$59.95

-'Roseum Elegans'. (*Catawbiense ancestry*). In late spring, lavender-pink flowers bloom over olive-green leaves. 6'H (10 years).

Container: 2 gal. \$42.95

3 gal. \$64.95

5 gal. \$114.00



SMALL-LEAVED CULTIVARS

-'Aglo'. Bright pink with rust red throats. Small, glossy, bright green leaves turn vivid red in autumn, then copper in winter. 4'H x 4'W.

Container: 2 gal. \$38.95

-'Karen'. Extremely hardy. Colorful with lavender hose-in-hose flowers blooming in mid-May. 4'H x 5'W.

Container: 2 gal. \$35.95

-'Midnight Ruby'. Named for its deep burgundy-red winter foliage, which can be appreciated until spring, when it contrasts vividly with masses of bright pink flowers. Dense, compact habit. 3'H x 3'W.

Container: 3 gal. \$38.95

-'Olga Mezitt'. Opens to tubular funnel-shaped wavy lobes of light purplish-pink with gold-green blotches that age to reddish brown. Dome shaped trusses of approximately 12 flowers early mid-season. 2" long yellow-green leaves age to mahogany in winter. Upright. Loves to be sheared often. 3-4'H.

Container: 2 gal. \$42.95 3 gal. \$67.95

-'PJM'. Early, vivid lavender-pink blooms. Flowers heavily every year. Small green leaves turn mahogany in winter. Cold hardy. Heat tolerant. To 4'H.

Container: 2 gal. \$49.95 3 gal. \$69.95

-'PJM Elite'. Bright lavender-pink blooms late spring. Vigorous. Upright growth. Green foliage turns burgundy with purple hues in winter. 4'H.

Container: 3 gal. \$44.95

-'PJM Elite Star'. A more compact selection of 'PJM Elite'. 3-4'H x 3-4'W.

Container: 3 gal. \$64.95

NEW-'PJM Landmark'. Another selection of this highly successful cultivar. This one has all of the good traits of PJM, but with wavy edged deep fuchsia pink flowers.

Container: 3 gal. \$64.95

-poukhanense. (Korean Azalea). Clusters of lightly scented, rosy-lilac, trumpet-shaped flowers with purple spots in May before the leaves appear. Narrow forest-green leaves turn to purple in fall. Vigorous grower. 3-6'H x 3-6'W.

Container: 3 gal. \$39.95

-poukhanense 'White Form'. (White Korean Azalea). A rare white selection of the species. 6'H x 6"W. Zone 5.

Container: 2 gal. \$

-'Purple Gem'. Brilliant purple flowers emerge the first week of May and completely obscure the plant. New foliage is a beautiful gray-blue. 2'H. (10 years).

Container: 3 gal. \$62.95

-'Stewartsonian'. Clusters of mid-size, orange-red flowers appear in April. Glossy dark green foliage turns reddish-chocolate in winter. A dense, spreading, low to mid-size shrub. 5'H x 4'W.

Container: 2 gal. \$35.95

5 gal. \$75.95

VACCINIUM

(Cranberry)

(See: FRUIT)