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“The Beauty of Native Shrubs and Trees for Waterwise Landscapes”

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2. Native Shrubs and Trees

They are valuable contributors to the waterwise, no lawn landscape

- Native shrubs are long term elements of the landscape that provide structure and a sense of permanence
- Native shrubs provide
- food, cover and nesting sites for birds, beneficial insects and
- Nectar for pollinators such as honey and native bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
- They are some of our most beautiful, xeric, low care plants that help to cover large spaces and replace turf

Caption: Fruit of Fendler’s Barberry→

3. Native Shrubs for early spring flowers

Cliff Fendlerbush (*Fendlera rupicola*)

- Close-up of fragrant flowers

4. Native Shrubs for early spring flowers

Utah Service Berry (*Amelanchier utahensis*)

- Fragrant flowers are followed by dry blue-black fruit readily eaten by songbirds

5. Native Shrubs for early spring flowers

Creeping Oregon Grape (*Mahonia repens*)

- Fragrant yellow flowers followed by eatable purple-black berries that are a favorite of birds, other small animals

6. Native Shrubs for early spring flowers

Groundcover Sand Cherry (*Prunus besseyi* ‘Pawnee Buttes’)

- Fragrant flowers in early spring followed by a light crop of large eatable berries in late summer
- Glossy, deep green foliage in the summer

7. Native Shrubs for early spring flowers

Groundcover Sand Cherry (*Prunus besseyi* ‘Pawnee Buttes’)

- Beautiful fall foliage growing over *Delosperma* (Cold Hardy Ice Plant) and around Havard’s Agave (*Agave havardiana*)

8. Native Shrubs for early spring flowers

Crandall Currant (*Ribes odoratum* ‘Crandall’) : fragrant clove scented flowers followed by outstanding large sweet black fruit for humans and birds

9. Native Shrubs for early spring flowers

Spreading Sumac (*Rhus aromatica* ‘Gro Low’)

- Chartreuse flowers buzz with bees

10. Native Shrubs for early spring flowers

Spreading Sumac (*Rhus aromatica* 'Gro Low')

- Glossy green foliage on horizontally spreading branches
- Fantastic fall foliage

11. Native Shrubs for late spring flowers

Philadelphus lewisii 'Cheyenne'

- Perfumed flowers (above)
- Blooming with Lavender (r)

12. Native Shrubs for late spring flowers

Fremont's Mahonia (*Mahonia fremontii*)

- Growing in a red rock canyon habitat in south-central UT

13. Native Shrubs for mid- to late spring flowers

Fremont's Mahonia (*Mahonia fremontii*)

- Fragrant flowers and showy red berries in late summer

14. Native Shrubs for Late Spring flowers

Sulfur Buckwheat (*Eriogonum*)

- *Eriogonum umbellatum* v. *aureum* 'Kannah Creek'
- *Eriogonum umbellatum* with *Penstemon pseudospectabilis* 'Coconino County'

15. Native Shrubs for late spring flowers

Desert Sage (*Salvia dorrii*)

- *Salvia dorrii* v. *incana* close-up of flowers with *Hymenoxys scaposa* (L)
- *Salvia dorrii* v. *incana* with *Hesperaloe* ↓

16. Native shrubs for mid-spring flowers

Desert Peach (*Prunus andersonii*): growing in among mine ruins in Nevada

17. Native shrubs for mid-spring flowering shrubs

Desert peach (*Prunus andersonii*)

- with small colorful but uneatable fruit

18. Native Shrubs for late spring color

Fendler's Barberry (*Berberis fendleri*)

- Profuse spring flowers
- Incredible fall/winter display of red edible fruit

19. Native Shrubs for late spring flowers

Yucca are evergreen succulent shrubs and small trees

- Prairie Yucca (*Yucca glauca*) in a perennial garden
- Beaked Yucca (*Yucca rostrata*) is tree forming species in my Santa Fe garden

20. Native Shrubs for summer flowers

Fernbush (*Chamaebatiaria millifolium*)

- Flower spikes like a summer blooming lilac →
- Native Shrubs for summer flowers

21. Native Shrubs for summer flowers

Pineleaf Penstemon (*Penstemon pinifolius*): is a small evergreen sub-shrub with very showy flowers

22. Native Shrubs with fine textured foliage

Sand Sage (*Artemisa filifolia*): beautiful gray foliage with Beebalm (*Monarda fistulosa*)

23. Native shrubs for summer flowers

Giant Purple Sage (*Salvia pachyphylla*)

- Close up of 'Mulberry Flambe' flower spikes
- Growing with Lavender and tree Yucca

24. Native shrubs for summer seeds display

Curl Leaf Mahogany (*Cercocarpus ledifolius*)

- Large evergreen shrub or small tree (above)
- Fluffy seed tails glow in sunlight (L)

25. Native shrubs for summer seeds display

Apache Plume (*Falugia paradoxa*)

- Feathery seedheads catching the sun at dusk
- White flowers ripen to pink feathery seedheads ↑

26. Native Shrubs for fall flowers

Rabbit Brush (*Chrysothamnus nauseosus*)

- Growing with Three leaf sumac (with its brilliant goldern to red fall foliage)

27. Native Shrubs for fall foliage

New Mexico Privet (*Forestiera neomexicana*)

- Large shrub or small multi-stem tree with golden yellow fall foliage, female plants with bird attracting fall fruit

28. Native trees for spring flower

Red Bud (*Cercis*)

- Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) : grows well in partial shade, not-to-dry soils
- Oklahoma Redbud (*Cercis reniformis* 'Oklahoma'): xeric species growing here in Prickly Pear cactus

29. Native Trees for spring flowers

Fragrant Ash (*Fraxinus cuspidata*): a very uncommon species from the Four Corners (UT,AZ,NM,CO)

- Photos by Dave Dreesen, Los Lunas Plant Materials Center, NM

30. Native trees for fall foliage

- Big tooth Maple (*Acer grandidentatum*): superb golden to bright red fall foliage
- Gambel Oak (*Quercus gambelii*): nice fall foliage and acorns for numerous mammal species, wild turkey

31. Enjoy the look of a planting of native trees, shrubs and ornamental grasses at dusk

Read David Salman's blog on western gardening

"The Xeric Gardener"

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