

# Top Underrated Plants

To see photos of some of the plants listed below, [click here!](#)

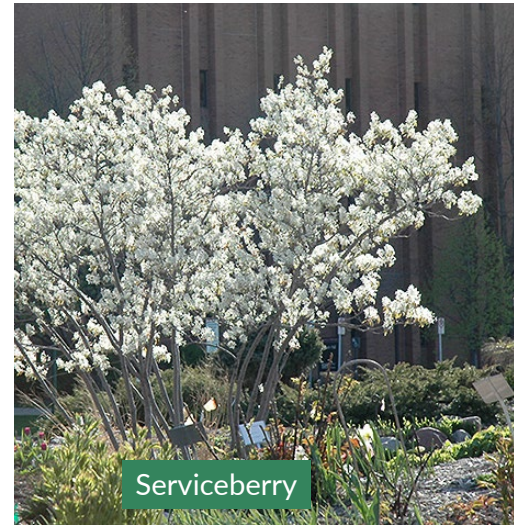
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- 🌿 **Actaea (Cimicifuga)**, Chocoholic & other dark leaf varieties
- Euphorbia 'Ascot Rainbow', low-maintenance, 20"x20" mounded form
- Spiral 'Rex' or 'Escargot' Begonia, Annual, great texture for pots!
- 🌿 Winter Aconite, bright yellow bloom in March/April, small flower
- Japanese Maples: Bloodgood, **Crimson Queen**, Sangu Kaku, Coralbark & **Moonrise/Full Moon** varieties
- 🌿 Bloodroot, can spread aggressively if happy, white bloom, great foliage
- 🌿 **Sugar Shack Buttonbush**, great for pollinators & large areas
- Popcorn Plant, Annual from South Africa, smells like buttered popcorn!
- Prickly Pear Cactus, Ontario Native
- **Microbiota decusata/Russian Cypress**, looks like a creeping juniper but changes to burgundy hues in Fall/Winter, soft – not prickly!
- Blackberry Lilies, tiny delicate flowers, great dried flowers!
- **Climbing Hydrangeas** & Schizophragma
- Oakleaf Hydrangeas (Heather's personal favourite hydrangea)
- Foxtail Lily, 50% germination rate, spring bulb up to 6-8' tall!
- **Fothergilla Shrub**, white bottlebrush flowers in spring, great Fall colour!
- Sevon Sons tree, pollinator powerhouse!
- 🌿 **Serviceberries**, bird-attractor, pollinator-friendly & great Fall colour!  
NATIVE!
- Himalayan Birch (jacquemontii), multi-stem, great Fall colour
- 🌿 Checkered Lily (Fritillaria meleagris), weeping heads, checkered pattern
- Beautyberry (Callicarpa), bright purple berries, bright yellow Fall colour
- Fringe Tree (Chionanthus), interesting & fragrant blooms, yellow Fall colour
- 🌿 **Larch**, bright green in Spring & bright yellow in Fall
- **Nasturtiums**, edible flowers, leaves like mini lily pads, edible, great for pots!
- 🌿 Gray Dogwood (Cornus racemosa), wild shrub for naturalized areas, red stems, Ontario native
- **Gro-Low Sumac**, compact, ground-hugging, grow in mass/rows, Fall colour!
- **Combination Apple**, 4-6 apples on one tree for small landscapes
- **Weigela**, 'My Monet' & 'Spilled Wine', lots of flowers, easy care shrub
- Mount Everest' Allium, bulbs, 5-6 feet tall, round white blooms
- 🌿 **Agastache/Anise Hyssop**, always BUZZING with pollinator activity



'Escargot' Begonia



Serviceberry



'My Monet' Weigela

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- 🌿 Wild Columbine/Aquilegia, fine texture, red & yellow bloom
- Butterfly Weed (NOT bush, though that is also awesome!) orange
- 🌿 Leadplant, grey-green foliage, wild shape, purple spike flowers
- 🌿 Little Bluestem, fine textured grass, host to pollinators, Fall Colour
- 🌿 Northern Sea Oats, great weeping/arching habit, interesting seedheads
- Brunnera 'Jack Frost', true blue flowers, white tinged leaves, shade
- 'Ivory Halo' Dogwood, variegated leaves, red twigs in Winter
- Clematis: Sweet Autumn, The President & Miss Bateman
- Carolinian Cherry (Cornus mas), attracts birds, deer-resistant, great form
- Purple Basil, excellent smell and addition to Summer planters!
- Euphorbia/African Milk Tree (houseplant)
- Tree Philodendron/ Philodendron bipinnatifidum, (houseplant)
- Flapjack Plant, like a jade...but leaves get as big as pancakes!
- Green Moss – for Spring Planters!
- 'Song of India' and other Dragon Trees, low-maintenance, great colours
- Golden Chain Tree (Laburnum 'Vossii'), yellow wisteria-like blooms
- 'Carol Mackie' Daphne, almost true blue flowers, fragrant, sun-shade
- Deutzia, excellent mounding form, drought-tolerant, burgundy tones in Fall
- St. John's Wort, shrub or perennial, attracts butterflies, deer & drought tolerant
- Amsonia, green leaves, fine texture, blue mini flowers & yellow Fall colour



Clematis



St. John's Wort

## ADDITIONAL LINKS/SOURCES

- Heeman's: [www.heeman.ca](http://www.heeman.ca)
- Heather Jerrard, My Landscape Artist: [www.mylandscapeartist.ca](http://www.mylandscapeartist.ca)
- My Landscape Artist, Garden Inspo on Pinterest: [www.pinterest.ca/mylandscapeartist](http://www.pinterest.ca/mylandscapeartist)
- Perennial Website (advanced search to include light and soil conditions): [www.perennials.com](http://www.perennials.com)
- Landscape Ontario (peer reviewed and companies) local Landscaper Search: <https://landscapeontario.com/>
- Grow Me Instead: <https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/resources/grow-me-instead/>
- Juglone (Black Walnut) tolerant plants: <https://extension.psu.edu/landscaping-and-gardening-around-walnuts-and-other-juglone-producing-plants>
- London Ontario Bylaws: <https://london.ca/by-laws>
- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority: <https://thamesriver.on.ca/>
- Royal Botanical Gardens, Mississauga: [www.rbg.ca](http://www.rbg.ca)
- Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory: <https://www.cambridgebutterfly.com/>
- Niagara Butterfly Conservatory: <https://www.niagaraparks.com/visit/attractions/butterfly-conservatory/>
- Whistling Gardens (North America's Largest Peony Collection!): [www.whistlinggardens.ca](http://www.whistlinggardens.ca)
- Landscape Design at Fanshawe College: Landscape Design, Fanshawe
- Better Homes & Gardens: <https://www.bhg.com/>

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