



# COLD HARDY: SHRUBS



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Small Shrubs (Averaging no larger than about 4' T & W)	Special Interest	Light Requirement	Evergreen
<b>Abelia</b> (multiple sizes)	Small but profuse blooms in spring. Many varieties have foliage color.	Sun/Part Sun	Semi
<b>Azalea</b> (Formosa var. in 6'-8' range)	Many varieties offer repeat blooms through the year	Part Sun	√
<b>Barberry</b>	Colorful spring foliage	Sun/Part Sun	Semi
<b>Boxwood:</b> Japanese	Fun to make into topiaries	Sun/Part Sun	√
<b>Crape Myrtle:</b> Dwf. varieties	Covered in crepe-like flowers summer/fall.	Sun	No
<b>Euonymus:</b> Golden	Gold and green variegation	Sun/Part Sun	√
<b>Holly:</b> Carissa *Dwf. Buford Dwf. Chinese Dwf. Yaupon	*Non-edible, winter berries on Dwf. Buford, and female Dwf. Yaupon. Sometimes on Dwf. Chinese as well	Sun/Part Sun/Shade	√
<b>Indian Hawthorne</b>	Spring pink to white flowers	Sun	√
<b>Junipers:</b> Dwarf	Groundcover varieties may stretch out to 6'-8' wide	Sun	√
<b>Mahonia</b>	Fall/Winter yellow flowers Spring brings purple/blue drupes	Part Sun/Shade	√
<b>Nandina:</b> *Compact Gulf Stream Nana	*Winter berries on Compact Colorful winter foliage on all	Sun/Part Sun	√
<b>Pittosporum:</b> Wheeler's Dwf.	*Could sustain some damage if temps drop into mid teens	Sun/Part Sun	√
<b>Pomegranate (Dwarf)</b> (Ornamental)	Dbl orange/red flowers in spring Non-edible fruit in summer	Sun	√
<b>Spirea:</b> Anthony Waterer	Spring brings magenta flowers	Sun	No



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<b>Abelia:</b> Glossy	Spring and summer small white bell shaped flowers	Sun/Part Sun	✓
<b>American Beautyberry</b>	Late summer to fall purple berries in an ombre pattern	Shade	No
<b>Aucuba:</b> Gold Dust	Dark green glossy leaves variegated with yellow specks	Shade	✓
<b>Azaela</b> (Formosa variety)	Traditional southern azaela 3" purple-red blooms in spring	Part Sun	✓
<b>Camellia</b> (Sasanqua varieties)	Gorgeous pink flowers bloom in winter.	AM Part Sun/Shade	✓
<b>Cleyera</b>	New foliage growth is copper-red	Shade	✓
<b>Elaeagnus</b>	Gray foliage	Sun	✓
<b>Fringeflower</b>	Spring and winter pink/magenta flowers Many have purple foliage	Part Sun	No
<b>Gardenia:</b> (standard forms are most cold hardy)	Fragrant, white, rose-like flowers	Part Sun/Shade	✓
<b>Holly:</b> Burford Needlepoint	Red winter berries	Sun/Part Sun/Shade	✓
<b>Italian Jasmine</b>	Deep green arching branches	Sun/Part Sun	✓
<b>Japanese Fatsia</b>	Large star-shaped leaves	Shade	✓
<b>Mahonia:</b> Leatherleaf	Interesting gray/blue, spiny foliage, Winter clusters of blue drupes	Shade	✓
<b>Nandina:</b> Standard	Winter color on foliage and showy berries	Sun/Part Sun	✓
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Oakleaf Hydrangea	Large white flower heads, gorgeous dark red fall foliage	Part Sun/Shade	No
Primrose Jasmine	Weeping, arching branches produce bright yellow flowers in spring	Sun/Part Sun	✓
<b>Quince:</b> Flowering	Late winter/early spring brings vibrant, showy flowers: red, pink, apricot, white and more	Sun/Part Sun	No
<b>Spirea:</b> Bridal Wreath Van Houttei	Arching branches with with flowers in spring	Sun/Part Sun	No
Texas Sage (Cenizo)	Gray-blue to green foliage, magenta/purple flowers summer through fall especially after it rains	Sun	✓
Variegated Privet	Bright white and green variegated foliage, small spring flowers	Sun/Part Sun	✓
<b>Viburnum:</b> *Spring Bouquet **Sandankwa	*Spring pink flowers **Spring white flowers	Part Sun/Shade	✓



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<b>Camellia:</b>	Mid winter blooms: 5 petaled pink flowers	Part Sun	✓
<b>Crape Myrtles</b>	Lots of sizes and varieties: Generally pinks, red, whites, lavenders for blooms	Sun	No
<b>Cherry Laurel</b>	White pompom flowers in spring, followed by blue, non-edible berries	Sun/Part Sun	✓
<b>Holly:</b> Mary Nell Nellie R. Stevens Oak Leaf Sky Pencil Weeping Yaupon Will Fleming Yaupon	Winter berries except for Mary Nell	Sun/Part Sun/Shade	✓
<b>Japanese Yew</b>	Upright, graceful form	Sun/Part Sun	✓
<b>Junipers</b>	Many types to choose from with slightly different hues	Sun	✓
<b>Ligustrum:</b> Japanese Waxleaf	Glossy leaves	Sun/Part Sun	✓
<b>Mock Orange</b>	White flowers in spring that look like dogwood blooms	Part Sun (AM only)	No
<b>Oleander</b>	Spring and summer beautiful blooms, red, salmon, pink, white, apricot	Sun	✓
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Pittosporum	Green larger than variegated	Sun/Part Sun	✓
Pomegranate (Standard) (Ornamental)	Double flowering orange/red flowers in spring. Non-edible fruit in summer	Sun	No
Pyracantha (Standard) (Dwf varieties are smaller and might not have berries)	Orange or red berries in winter	Sun	✓
Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum	Changes color for seasons: Bright green in spring Dark green in summer Fire red in fall	Part Sun/Shade	No
Sweet Olive	Flowers are not showy but have a lovely, rich fragrance	Part Sun/Shade	✓
Sweet Viburnum	Big, glossy leaves	Part Sun/Shade	✓
Texas Mountain Laurel (large shrub, small tree)	Early spring bloomer, purple cascades of flowers that smell like grape Kool-Aid	Sun	✓
Vitex	Lavender spikes of flowers in spring. Looks like lilac but no fragrance	Sun	No
Xylosma	Best substitute for disease-prone Red Tip Photinia, has goldenbronze new growth that develops into shiny green	Sun/Part Sun	✓