

Deciduous Shrubs for Shading Summer Walls

Calycanthus floridus
HYBRID CAROLINA ALLSPICE
or COMMON SWEETSHRUB



USDA ZONES: 5 to 9

SIZE: 6 ft. to 12 ft. tall; 6 ft. to 12 ft. wide

COMMENTS: Spinach green leaves have a rich luster and gray-green undersides. The maroon flowers in early summer offer a delightful fragrance reminiscent of a complex mixture of fruits. Seeds also have a marvelous fragrance when crushed. Tolerates wind, and clay and sandy soils in some areas. The cultivar 'Michael Lindsey' is good for the Northeast.

Chaenomeles speciosa
COMMON FLOWERING
QUINCE



USDA ZONES: 4 to 9

SIZE: 6 ft. to 12 ft. tall; 6 ft. to 12 ft. wide

COMMENTS: Very reliable in most areas. Many flower colors: white, pink, peach, salmon, orange, and red. Shiny green foliage. Most varieties have thorns. Buds can swell during winter warm spells, leading to brown, cold-damaged petals. The mass of multi-stems requires semiannual pruning. Will get chlorosis (yellow leaves) in alkaline pH soils. Deer-resistant in some areas.

Deutzia × *kalmii* *flora*
KALMIA DEUTZIA

USDA ZONES: 5 to 8

SIZE: 4 ft. to 5 ft. tall; 4 ft. to 5 ft. wide

COMMENTS: Dramatic dense flowers in a pink to pinkish purple range, depending on the cultivar. Flowers are fragrant and more apparent than other species and crosses. Cold hardy. Can withstand neglect, but for best results prune those stems that have flowered. Drought-sensitive even in the upper Midwest. Needs mulch. Wind-tolerant in some areas.

Kerria japonica 'Pleniflora'
PLENIFLORA
JAPANESE KERRIA



USDA ZONES: (4) 5 to 9

SIZE: 6 ft. to 8 ft. tall; 8+ ft. wide

COMMENTS: Sturdy plant with impressive masses of butter yellow double flowers in April and May and bright green stems in the winter. This cultivar can spread easily because of rampant suckers. Best flowers bloom in partial shade. Prefers porous, fertile soil. Deer-resistant in some areas.

Other shrubs for shading walls include: *Chilopsis linearis* (desert willow) (p. 34), *Cornus sanguinea* (bloodtwig dogwood) (p. 55), *Hydrangea macrophylla* (bigleaf hydrangea) (p. 86), *Lindera benzoin* (spicebush) (p. 79), and *Syringa vulgaris* (common lilac) (p. 79).

Morus alba 'Chaparral'
or 'Pendula'
WEeping MULBERRY



USDA ZONES: 4 to 9

SIZE: 6 ft. to 8 ft. tall; 8 ft. to 10 ft. wide

COMMENTS: The cultivar 'Pendula' is a fast-growing weeping form of the white mulberry. Shiny, dark green foliage. Leaves in the fall are a strong yellow. However, 'Pendula' produces insipid black fruits, which can stain pavement or patios. 'Chaparral' grows much like 'Pendula' but is fruitless and has deeply cut leaves. Both cultivars tolerate clay and sandy soils in some areas.

Viburnum carlesii
KOREANSPICE VIBURNUM

USDA ZONES: 4 to 8

SIZE: 3 ft. to 8 ft. tall; 6 ft. to 12 ft. wide

COMMENTS: Its exquisite spicy and sweet fragrance is familiar to gardeners. Blooms from mid-May to early June. Fall color is red to wine red. Prefers shade during the summer and sunlight during the winter and spring (near the southeast corner of the house). Can be trimmed to a hedge. Wind-tolerant in some areas. In the colder zones of the Midwest, plant *V. x juddii*.