

Top 5 Easy and Showy Shrubs

Everyone wants a great looking landscape, but not everyone has time to work in the landscape every week. And with the myriads of plants and varieties out there, care for each plant can get rather confusing. However, there are some shrubs that are durable, easier to grow, and offer fantastic color. Here are our **Top 5 Easy and Showy Shrubs**.

5. Viburnums



While Viburnums may not be as showy all summer as the rest of the plants on our list, they are still one of the toughest flowering shrubs in for our area. Viburnums bloom white flowers in spring, with some varieties such as Koreanspice and Juddi, offering fragrance as well. They also grow different colored berries in fall for birds to munch on. Viburnums generally grow on the larger size, ranging from 6-10 feet depending on variety. So if you have some space to fill or a natural fence to make, Viburnums are a great choice to consider!

4. Snowball Hydrangeas (*Hydrangea arborescens*)

While Hydrangeas are the most popular flowering shrub, they can also be the most confusing. There are many "families" of hydrangeas, and each family has different characteristics. Snowball (or Smooth) Hydrangeas are durable and bloom snowball shaped flowers from June through fall. They grow in sun or in shade, making it adaptable to any planting site. Looks amazing in a mass planting!



Invincibelle Spirit Hydrangea

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3. Ninebarks



Ninebarks are becoming more popular each year. And for good reason! They can survive even the harshest of winters while displaying awesome foliage color all season long! Ninebarks come in an array of mature sizes, some staying 3 feet while others growing up to 10 feet! Leaf color also varies from yellow to burgundy to even orange! There's a Ninebark perfect for you!

2. Spireas

These aren't your grandma's spireas! New varieties provide awesome color spring through fall, remain compact and dwarf, all the while maintaining toughness and durability. For instance, Glow Girl emerges with orange leaves in spring, turns yellow for the summer, and changes to vibrant orange again in fall! And they bloom white flowers in early summer. So you get outstanding color all season! Who wouldn't want that?



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1. Panicked Hydrangeas (*Hydrangea paniculata*)

Panicked Hydrangeas arguably have the showiest flowers of any shrub out there! Massive blooms start out white in late June and turn various shades of pink and red throughout the summer. Varieties come in various sizes and flower patterns, all on one of the toughest winter-hardy shrubs for our area. A staple plant for any landscape!



Bobo Hydrangea



Strawberry Sundae Hydrangea