

LUCIOUS LANDSCAPING WITH FRUITS

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Reference Books by Lee Reich:

Landscaping with Fruit

Uncommon Fruits for Every Garden

THE IDEAL LUCIOUS LANDSCAPE FRUITING PLANT

- Little or No Pruning Needed
- No Excessive Fruit Drop
- Pest Resistant (so no spraying needed and looks good all season)

Note: Ideally Most Fruits Need 6 Hours or More of Full Sun
Know When Pests Would Be Active & How to Deal With Them

SOME FRUIT PLANTS FOR SPECIAL LANDSCAPE USES:

Hedge: Nanking Cherry (Blooms around 04/15)

Need Minimum of Two

Arbor: Grape

Shrubs: Nannyberry (Viburnum lentago)

Large, Not So Desirable Fruit

Seaberry (Hyppophae rhamnoides)

Grey Feathery With Thorns

Nice to Juice With Passionfruit-like Taste

Hard to Pick

Small Specimen Tree: Quince (Cydonia oblongata)

Plant In Place Of Japanese Maple

Small Tree, Fruit Is Good For Cooking

Potted Plants: Fig, Apples, Citrus

Groundcover: Cranberry (Vaccinium macrocarpon)

Requires very Acidic Soil, Hummus & Moisture

Good Companion Plant: Lowbush Blueberry

Allee: Apple, Pear

Plants for Special Decorative Interest:

- Bark: Persimmon, Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis)

- Evergreens: Korean Pine (*Pinus koreansis*)
- Fall Coloration of Leaves: Medlar (*Mespilus germanica*)
 - Gets 8 Feet High, Self-Pollinating, No Pruning
 - Disease Resistant, Bears Fall Fruit
 - Needs to Finish Ripening Until Inside Is Like Brown Mush
 - Tastes Like Applesauce
 - Very Popular in the Middle Ages
- Flowers: Maypop (*Passiflora incarnata*)
 - Species of Passionflower
 - Seeds are Edible, Tastes like Hawaiian Punch
 - Mulch to Insulate in Winter, Will Come Up in June
 - Has Runners
- Fruit: Gumi (*Eleagnus multiflora*)
 - Tart (Ripens in July)
 - Not Invasive, No Pruning

SOME ATTRACTIVE FRUITING PLANTS

Elderberry (*Sambucus Canadensis*)
 Late Spring Flower, Good Medicinal Plant
 New Fruit Comes Off New Shoots
 Pruning Prevents It From Getting Too High
 Highbush Cranberry (*Viburnum trilobum*)
 Oregon Grape Holly (*Mahonia aquifolium*)
 Rosa Rugosa
 Cornelian Cherry (*Comus mas*) - Tart Cherry

THE BEST OF LUSCIOUS LANDSCAPE FRUITS

Highbush BlueBerry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)
 Make Ornamental Enclosure to Protect From Birds
 Very Acidic Soil Between 4-5
 Do Soil Test Before Planting
 Use Pelletized Sulphur (OG)
 Requires High Humus, Not Compost, Add Peatmoss
 Mulch 3 Inches Deep with Wood Shavings & Pine Needles

Throughout The Life of Plant
One Inch of Watering Per Week
Use Soybean Fertilizer in Fall then Mulch
Fruit is Better in Full Sun IF It Has Adequate Moisture

Lowbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*)

Blooms Off New Growth

Lingonberry (*Vaccinium vitis-idaea*)

Two Crops (Summer & Fall)

Nicer Flavor than Cranberry

Visually Nice with Lowbush Blueberry (Fall Foliage)

Keep Soil High in Organic Matter

Birds Don't Like It

Juneberry (*Amelanchier* spp.) – Nice Flavor

Nanking Cherry (*Prunum tomentosa*)

Alpine Strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*)

Can Start From Seed

Can Grow In Pots Inside or Outside

Recommend Growing White Variety

Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*) – Nice Flavor like Crème Brulee

Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*) – Szukis Persimmon

Hardy Kiwifruit (*Actinidia arguta*, kolomikta)

Clove Currant (*Ribes odoratum*)

Beautiful Spring Flower and Very Fragrant

Can Take Harsh Elements

Needs Good Pruning

SOME NURSERY SOURCES

Burnt Ridge Nursery, www.burntridgenursery.com

Nourse Farms, www.norsefarms.com

One Green World, www.onegreenworld.com

Raintree Nursery, www.raintreenursery.com

St. Lawrence Nurseries, www.sln.potsdam.ny.us/

Tripple Brook Farm, www.tripplebrookfarm.com