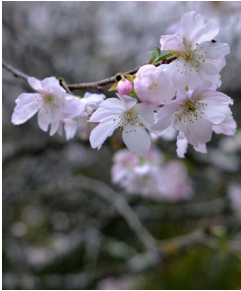


TOP PLANT PICKS

February 2024

Rosebud Cherry (*Prunus subhirtella var. autumnalis*)



Bloom Time: December-April

Sun Requirement: Full Sun to Part Shade

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Attracts birds and bees

Tolerates: Tolerates winter cold better than most flowering cherries

Other: This elegant cherry tree blooms in flushes from late fall to early spring with masses of delicate pale pink flowers.

Native to North America: No

Zones: 4-8

Location: *Blevins Japanese Garden*

Winter Aconite (*Eranthis hyemalis*)



Bloom Time: March-April

Sun Requirement: Full Sun to Part Shade

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Provides early season food for bees and other pollinators

Tolerates: Deer

Native to North America: No

Other: A small perennial that blooms in late winter with bright yellow buttercup flowers.

Zones: 3-7

Location: *Howe Garden*

European Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus* ‘*Columnaris Nana*’)



Bloom Time: March

Sun Requirement: Full Sun to Part Shade

Water Requirement: Medium

Wildlife: Food source for birds and small mammals

Tolerates: Urban Pollution

Native to North America: No

Other: A dwarf, columnar tree with attractive branch structure that makes a good hedge.

Zones: 4-8

Location: *Blevins Japanese Garden*

Fragrant Wintersweet (*Chimonanthus praecox*)



Bloom Time: February-March
Sun Requirement: Full Sun to Part Shade
Water Requirement: Medium
Wildlife: Attracts pollinators and songbirds
Tolerates: High resistance to disease and insects
Other: Makes an excellent winter flowering specimen shrub and is sweetly fragrant.
Native to North America: No
Zones: 7-9
Location: [Carell Dogwood Garden](#)

Dwarf Mugo Pine (*Pinus mugo* 'Tyrolean')



Bloom Time: N/A
Sun Requirement: Full Sun
Water Requirement: Medium
Wildlife: Moths and other pollinators
Tolerates: Deer
Native to North America: No
Other: Compact, mounding evergreen shrub perfect for a rock garden.
Zones: 2-7
Location: [Blevins Japanese Garden](#)

Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana* 'Burkii')



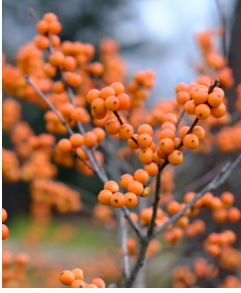
Bloom Time: N/A
Sun Requirement: Full Sun
Water Requirement: Low to Medium
Wildlife: Food source for birds and small mammals
Tolerates: Deer, Drought, and Erosion
Native to North America: Yes
Other: This is a narrow pyramidal cultivar that features bluish-silver foliage.
Zones: 2-9
Location: [Sigourney Cheek Literary Garden](#)

Winter Jasmine (*Jasminum nudiflorum*)



Bloom Time: January-March
Sun Requirement: Full Sun to Part Shade
Water Requirement: Medium
Wildlife: N/A
Tolerates: Heavy Shade
Native to North America: No
Other: Blooms with bright yellow flowers on willowy stems in late winter.
Zones: 6-10
Location: [Robinson Family Water Garden](#)

Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata* 'Winter Gold')



Bloom Time: May-June

Sun Requirement: Full Sun to Part Shade

Water Requirement: Medium to High

Wildlife: Attracts birds

Tolerates: Erosion and Wet Soil

Other: Noted for its dense, heavy fruiting of orange berries that stay on bare stems throughout the winter.

Native to North America: Yes

Zones: 3-9

Location: *Howe Garden*