

# America's A-Bloom -- Flowering Trees That Survive in Montana

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June Wood, our National President, encouraged every garden club member to plant at least one flowering tree during her administration (2003-2005). Flowering trees were to be planted in personal gardens or in public places for all to enjoy. When planting trees for civic beautification projects, clubs were encouraged to include some flowering trees in their design plans.

A number of factors govern selection of flowering trees. Select a tree that grows well in a particular area. See the list of flowering trees and shrubs below that are **known to survive in Montana**. Consider growth pattern, size, color, shape, texture, amount of shade and bark structure. Trees can provide food and shelter for birds and other wildlife. Every tree planted is good for the environment.

## Red Twigged Dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*)



summer bloom and winter view [right].



## Yellow Twigged Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*)



## Smokebush (*Cotinus coggygria*) summer flower



## Serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*)

## Russian Olive

### Flowering Crabapple (Malus):

- a. Prairiefire (shown at right)
- b. Springsnow
- c. Thunderchild
- d. Sugartyme
- e. Red Baron
- f. Radiant
- g. Brandywine



### Plums (Prunus)

- a. Newport Plum
- b. Princess Kay Plum

Canada Red Cherry (*Prunus virginiana* "Shubert") shown at right

Sandcherry (*Prunus besseyi*)

