

WINTER INTEREST GARDENS - LINKS AND RESOURCES

NC Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox – <https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/>

NC Extension Gardener Handbook – chapter 11, Woody Ornamentals
<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-11-woody-ornamentals>

USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map – <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/>

Soil Testing Resources and Links – from NCDA&CS and NC State Extension
<https://guilford.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Soil-Testing-Links-2024.pdf?fw=no>

Planting, Watering, and Fertilizing – Clemson Cooperative Extension
Planting Trees Correctly - <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/planting-trees-correctly/>
Watering Trees and Shrubs - <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/watering-shrubs-and-trees/>
Fertilizing Trees and Shrubs - <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/fertilizing-trees-shrubs/>

North Carolina OneCall – dial 811, or visit their website: www.nc811.org

Reducing Deer Damage in Landscapes – NC Cooperative Extension, Chatham county center
<https://chatham.ces.ncsu.edu/reducing-deer-damage-in-landscapes/>

Excluding and Repelling Problem Wildlife from the Garden – University of Massachusetts, Amherst
<https://ag.umass.edu/home-lawn-garden/fact-sheets/wildlife-excluding-repelling-problem-wildlife-from-garden>

Winter Interest in the Garden, Smithsonian Gardens – <https://gardens.si.edu/learn/blog/winter-interest/>

Winter Interest Gardening brochure – NC Cooperative Extension, Guilford county center
<https://guilford.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Winter-Interest-Brochure-color.pdf?fw=no>

The Right Way to Leave Stems for Native Bees – Tufts University, Pollinator Initiative blog
<https://sites.tufts.edu/pollinators/2021/04/the-right-way-to-leave-stems-for-native-bees/>

Reasons Not to Clean Up Your Garden Before Winter – NC Cooperative Extension, Onslow county center
<https://onslow.ces.ncsu.edu/2017/11/reasons-not-to-clean-up-your-garden-before-winter/>

VIDEOS:

5 Plants for Winter Interest (from Proven Winners) – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MuhjPJHbF7o>
It's Snowing: Winter Interest Garden tour – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hw10SQ138F0&t=25s>

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The Winter Interest Garden - Plant List

Latin name

Common name

Trees for bark and tree habit

Betula nigra	River birch
Corylus avellana 'Contorta'	Harry Lauder's walking stick
Cornus sericea 'Cardinal'	Red twig dogwood var. 'Cardinal'
Cornus sericea	Yellow twig dogwood
Cornus kousa	Kousa dogwood
Lagerstroemia indica 'Natchez'	Crape myrtle var. 'Natchez'
Acer griseum	Paperbark maple
Acer palmatum dissectum 'Waterfall'	Japanese threadleaf maple var. 'Waterfall'

Foliage - conifers and evergreens

Cedrus Deodara	Deodar Cedar
Thuja spp	Golden arborvitae
Taxus spp	Yews
Chamaecyparis obtusa	Hinoki cypress 'Crispii'; dwarf cvs. Nana Lutea, Nana Gracilis, Chirimen
Viburnum rhytidophyllum	Leatherleaf viburnum
Osmanthus x burkwoodii	Burkwood osmanthus
Osmanthus x fortunei	Fortune's osmanthus
Abelia x grandiflora	Glossy abelia var. 'Kaleidoscope'; 'Confetti'
Pieris japonica	variegated variety - 'Flaming Silver'

Shrubs with berries, winter flowering shrubs

Acuba japonica 'picturata'	Acuba
Ilex verticillata	Winterberry holly inc. var. 'Winter Red', 'Jim Dandy'
Chaenomeles speciosa	Flowering quince
Chimonanthus praecox	Wintersweet
Camellia sasanqua	Fall blooming camellia
Camellia japonica	Winter blooming camellia
Loropetalum chinensise	Loropetalum
Hamamelis spp.	Witch hazel
Edgeworthia chrysantha	Chinese paperbush

Early spring perennials, bulbs, and winter annuals

Helleborus orientalis	Lenten rose
Galanthus rivalis	Snowdrops
Chinodoxa gigantea	Glory of the snow
Narcissus spp.	Daffodils inc. 'February Gold', 'Peeping Tom', 'Tete a tete'
Iris reticulata	'Harmony'
Crocus spp.	Crocus Sieberi (blue), Tommasinianum (purple)
Viola tricolor, v. bicolor	Johnny jump-up, pansies
Brassica oleracea	Ornamental cabbage and kale

Evergreen perennials and groundcovers

Carex morrowii cvs.	Japanese or Morrow's sedge inc. Variegata, Gold Band, Evergold
Polystichum acrostichiides	Christmas fern
Cyrtomium falcatum	Holly fern
Ajuga reptans	Ajuga var. 'Bronze Beauty'
Sedums	Stonecrop var. 'Angelina', 'Blue Spruce', 'Ogon', 'John Creech'