

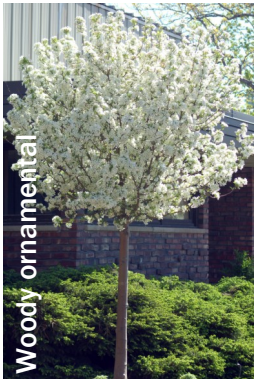


Wisconsin Nursery Association's 2012 Plants of the Year

Malus sargentii 'Select A' [PP 12621]

Firebird® Crabapple

Height: 6' to 8' tall
Spread: 12' to 15' wide
Prefers deep, moist soil
Full sun
Hardy to zone 4



Woody ornamental



The compact Firebird® Crabapple produces red flower buds opening to showy, snow-white flowers that are one inch in diameter and sweetly fragrant. It is highly resistant to apple scab disease, fireblight, cedar apple rust, and mildew. The small, red crabapples remain hard and colorful late into the winter, well after the mottled yellow and orange fall foliage drops. It is a gorgeous specimen tree, but can also be used in a mixed border, in a container or a foundation, or even espaliered or as a topiary.

Allium 'Summer Beauty'

Summer Beauty Ornamental Onion

Height: 16" to 20" tall
Spread: 18" to 24" wide
Prefers average well-drained soil
Full sun to light shade
Hardy to zone 4



Perennial



The long lasting lavender-pink globes of Allium 'Summer Beauty' bloom later than other Allium varieties, until mid to late July, though the bright green foliage is one of the first to emerge in spring. Butterflies are attracted to it, but not deer or rabbits. The reddish stems and yellow foliage provide great fall color, and the faded flowers keep their shape in winter. Summer Beauty Ornamental Onion resists mildew, is drought tolerant, is a long lived perennial, and is sterile, so feel free to interplant it in perennial beds and borders.

The Plant of the Year Program was initiated by the Wisconsin Nursery Association to promote quality—and underused—plants to the public.

Two categories were created to consider all plants:

- * Woody Ornamental Plant of the Year, including deciduous trees, evergreens, vines, deciduous shrubs and shade trees
- * Perennial of the Year, including herbaceous perennials, subshrubs, grasses, and ferns



Past WNA Plant of the Year Selections

2002
Woody: *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Unique'
Perennial: *Phlox paniculata* 'David'

2003
Woody: *Syringa reticulata* 'Ivory Silk'
Perennial: *Solidago rugosa* 'Fireworks'

2004
Woody: *Amelanchier grandiflora* 'Princess Diana'
Perennial: *Polygonatum falcatum* 'Variegatum'

2005
Woody: *Ilex verticillata* 'Red Sprite'
Perennial: *Hosta* 'Patriot'

2006
Woody: *Crataegus viridis* 'Winter King'
Perennial: *Panicum virgatum* 'Northwinds'

2007
Woody: *Malus* 'Louisa'
Perennial: *Pulmonaria longifolia* subsp. *cevennensis*

2008
Woody: *Comus mas* 'Golden Glory'
Perennial: *Amsonia* 'Blue Ice'

2009
Woody: *Chionanthus virginicus* White Fringetree
Perennial: *Baptisia australis* Blue False Indigo

2010
Woody: *Quercus muehlenbergii* Chinkapin Oak
Perennial: *Calamintha nepeta* var. *nepeta* 'Montrose White'

2011
Woody: *Acer miyabei* 'Morton'
Perennial: *Stachys monnieri* 'Hummelo'