



# Late Spring and Summer Flowering Trees, Shrubs and Vines

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**May Showers Bring Summer Flowers:** Most gardeners think that spring is the time of year when woody plants flower. However, many trees and shrubs flower from late spring to late summer, some even into autumn. You can choose from a variety of plants listed below to insure continual bloom throughout most of the summer growing season. Before you choose any plant, research its cultural requirements. Choose the right plant for the right place.

## Flowering Trees:

*Catalpa bignonioides* (southern catalpa): 35-45' tall; large, tropical-looking leaves; white flowers in late June with purple and yellow blotches; individual flowers resemble orchid flowers, hardy to zone 5a

*Catalpa speciosa* (northern catalpa): 40-60' tall; large, tropical-looking leaves; white flowers in June with purple and yellow blotches; individual flowers resemble orchid flowers; hardy to zone 4a

*Cladrastis kentukea* (yellowwood): 30-40' tall; vase-shaped to rounded form; white, fragrant flowers in pendulous clusters in June; smooth, gray bark; bright yellow fall color; hardy to zone 4b

*Cornus alternifolia* (pagoda dogwood): 15-20' tall; horizontal form; creamy-white, fragrant, flat-topped flowers in June; bluish-black fruit on bright red stems in summer that attracts birds; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 3b

*Cotinus obovatus* (American smoketree): 20-30' tall; oval form; yellowish to smoky pink flowers in June; yellowish-orange to red fall color; hardy to zone 4b

*Crataegus phaenopyrum* (Washington hawthorn): 20-30' tall; vase-shaped to oval form; thorny branches; white, flat-topped flowers in June; bright, orange-red, very persistent fruit; scarlet to reddish-purple fall color; hardy to zone 4b

*Heptacodium miconioides* (seven-son flower): 15-20' tall; multi-stemmed tree; creamy-white, slightly fragrant flowers in September that change to rosy-red in October to November; flowers attract butterflies; grayish-brown, exfoliating bark; hardy to zone 5a

*Maackia amurensis* (Amur maackia): 20-30' tall; vase-shaped to rounded form; white flowers in July smell like fresh-mowed grass; smooth, olive to coppery-brown bark; hardy to zone 4a

*Magnolia sieboldii* (Oyama magnolia): 10-15' tall; white with dark pink centered, fragrant flowers in June; harder to find in nurseries; hardy to zone 5b

*Stewartia pseudocamellia* (Japanese stewartia): 20-30' tall; showy, gray to orange-brown, exfoliating bark; white flowers in July; yellow, orange, red to dark reddish-purple fall color; hardy to zone 5a

*Styphnolobium japonicum* (formerly *Sophora japonica*) (Japanese pagoda tree): 50-65' tall; creamy-white flowers in large clusters in summer; marginally hardy; needs protection in winter; hardy to zone 5b

*Syringa pekinensis* (Peking lilac): 20-25' tall; loose, open form; creamy-white flowers in June; reddish-brown, exfoliating bark; hardy to zone 4a

*Syringa reticulata* (Japanese tree lilac): 20-25' tall; oval to rounded form; creamy-white flowers in June; reddish-brown bark; hardy to zone 3a

*Tilia americana* (American linden or basswood): 60-80' tall; pyramidal to rounded form; small, pale-yellow, fragrant flowers in June; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 3a

*Tilia cordata* (littleleaf linden): 50-60' tall; pyramidal to oval form; small, pale-yellow, fragrant flowers in June; yellowish fall color; hardy to zone 3b

*Tilia x euchlora* (Crimean linden): 40-60' tall; broad, pyramidal form; pale-yellow, fragrant flowers in June; hardy to zone 4

*Tilia x flavescens* 'Glenleven' (Glenleven linden): 50-60' tall; pyramidal form; pale-yellow, fragrant flowers in June; hardy to zone 4

*Tilia platyphyllos* 'Laciniata' (cutleaf bigleaf linden): 45' tall; pyramidal form; pale-yellow, fragrant flowers in June; leaves are deeply lobed; hardy to zone 4

*Tilia* 'Redmond' (Redmond linden): 50-70' tall; pyramidal to oval form; small, pale-yellow, fragrant flowers in June; hardy to zone 3a

*Tilia tomentosa* (silver linden): 50-70' tall; pyramidal to oval form; small, pale-yellow, fragrant flowers in June; hardy to zone 4b

## Flowering Shrubs:

*Aesculus parviflora* (bottlebrush buckeye): 8-12' tall; suckering form; showy, white, bottlebrush-like flowers in July; bright yellow fall color; hardy to zone 4b

*Amorpha canescens* (lead-plant): 2-4' tall; gray leaves; purplish flowers with orange stamens in July; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 3a

*Amorpha fruticosa* (indigobush amorpha): 6-10' tall; spreading form; bright green leaves; purplish-blue flowers with orange stamens in June; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 4b

*Buddleja davidii* (butterfly bush): 4-8' tall; dies back to the ground each winter; white, blue, lavender, purple, rose, pink, or yellow, fragrant flowers from July to autumn; flowers attract butterflies; aromatic leaves; marginally hardy; needs protection during winter; hardy to zone 5b

*Callicarpa dichotoma* (purple beautyberry): 3-4' tall; dies back to the ground each winter; small, pinkish-lavender flowers in summer; very showy, metallic, lilac-violet fruit in autumn that persists; marginally hardy; needs protection in winter; hardy to zone 5b

*Calycanthus floridus* (Carolina allspice or sweetshrub): 5-7' tall; fragrant, brownish-maroon or yellow flowers in June; yellow fall color; marginally hardy; needs protection during winter; hardy to zone 5a

*Caryopteris x clandonensis* (blue mist spirea or bluebeard): 2-3' tall; dies back to the ground each winter; bright blue flowers in August to autumn; flowers attract butterflies; aromatic leaves; marginally hardy; needs protection during winter; hardy to zone 5b

*Ceanothus americanus* (New Jersey-tea): 3-4' tall; broad, mounded form; dark green leaves; white, rounded flowers in June to July; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 4a

*Cephalanthus occidentalis* (buttonbush): 6-10' tall; open form; creamy-white, globular flowers in July resembles a miniature satellite; pinkish-red fruit; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 4b

*Clethra alnifolia* (summersweet clethra): 4-8' tall; rounded form; fragrant, white to pinkish flowers in July to August; yellow fall color; hardy to zone 4b

*Cornus alba* (Tatarian dogwood): 6-8' tall; suckering form; creamy-white, flat-topped flowers in June; whitish-blue fruit attracts birds; some cultivars have variegated leaves with white margins; red stems in winter; hardy to zone 3a

*Cornus amomum* (silky dogwood): 6-10' tall; suckering form; creamy-white, flat-topped flowers in June; blue fruit attracts birds; reddish-purple fall color; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 4a

*Cornus racemosa* (gray dogwood): 8-15' tall; suckering form; creamy-white flowers in June; white fruit on reddish-pink stems attracts birds; reddish-purple fall color; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 3b

*Cornus sanguinea* (bloodtwig dogwood): 4-10' tall; suckering form; creamy-white, flat-topped flowers in June; bright yellow fall color; red to coral stems in winter; hardy to zone 4a

*Cornus stolonifera* (redosier or redtwig dogwood): 6-8' tall; suckering form; creamy-white, flat-topped flowers in June; white fruit attracts birds; yellow to reddish-purple fall color; red, yellow, or coral stems in winter; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 3a

*Cotinus coggygria* (smokebush): 10-15' tall; whitish to pinkish-purple, smoky-looking flowers in July; some cultivars have reddish-purple leaves; orange-yellow to purple fall color; hardy to zone 4b

*Diervilla lonicera* (bush honeysuckle): 3-4' tall; suckering shrub; small, sulfur-yellow flowers in July; bronze new leaves; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 3a

*Diervilla sessilifolia* (southern bush-honeysuckle): 3-5' tall; suckering shrub; small, sulfur-yellow flowers in July; hardy to zone 4b

*Elsholtzia stauntonii* (Staunton elsholtzia): 3-5' tall; dies back to the ground each winter; aromatic leaves; purplish-pink flowers in late August to September; marginally hardy; needs protection during winter; hardy to zone 5b

*Genista tinctoria* (common woadwaxen or Dyer's greenwood): 2-3' tall; upright form; golden-yellow flowers in June to July; bright green leaves; hardy to zone 4b

*Hibiscus syriacus* (rose-of-Sharon, althea): 8-12' tall; upright to vase-shaped form; large, white, pink, purple, red, lavender, violet, or blue flowers in July to autumn; marginally hardy; needs protection in winter; hardy to zone 5b

*Hydrangea arborescens* (smooth hydrangea): 3-4' tall; suckering shrub; large, white flowers in July that fade to green then brown and persist; can dry the flowers; hardy to zone 4a

*Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Bailmer' (Endless Summer bigleaf hydrangea): 3-4' tall; often dies back to ground in winter; large, pink flowers in July to August; flowers can turn blue in acidic soil; hardy to zone 4b

*Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Blushing Bride' (Endless Summer Blushing Bride bigleaf hydrangea): 3-4' tall; often dies back to ground in winter; large, white flowers that fade to a light pink blush in July to August; hardy to zone 4b

*Hydrangea paniculata* (panicle hydrangea): 6-15' tall, depending on cultivar; large, white flowers in July or August to autumn that fade to pink then brown and persist; hardy to zone 4a

*Hydrangea quercifolia* (oakleaf hydrangea): 4-6' tall; upright form; large, creamy-white flowers in July to August that fade to purplish-pink then brown and persist; late, reddish-orange to wine fall color; cinnamon-brown, exfoliating bark on stems; marginally hardy; needs protection in winter; hardy to zone 5

*Hypericum frondosum* (golden St. Johnswort): 3-4' tall; rounded form; bright yellow flowers in July to August; blue-green leaves; exfoliating bark on branches; marginally hardy; needs protection during winter; hardy to zone 5b

*Hypericum kalmianum* (Kalm St. Johnswort): 2-3' tall; mounded form; showy, cinnamon-brown, exfoliating bark on branches; bright yellow flowers in July to August; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 4a

*Itea virginica* (Virginia sweetspire): 3-4' tall; suckering; long, fragrant, white flowers in June; reddish-purple to scarlet fall color; marginally hardy; needs protection during winter; hardy to zone 5b

*Lespedeza bicolor* (shrub bushclover): 4' tall; dies back to ground in winter; reddish-purple flowers in July to autumn; marginally hardy; needs protection during winter; hardy to zone 5b

*Lespedeza thunbergii* (Thunberg bushclover): 2-5' tall, dies back to ground in winter; white, pink, or reddish-purple flowers in July to autumn; marginally hardy; needs protection during winter; hardy to zone 5b

*Ligustrum obtusifolium* var. *regelianum* (Regel's border privet): 4-5' tall; can shear into a hedge; white flowers in June; bluish-black fruit; hardy to zone 4b

*Ligustrum vulgare* 'Cheyenne' (Cheyenne common privet): 8-10' tall; can shear into a hedge; white flowers in June; dark green leaves; black fruit; hardy to zone 4a

*Perovskia atriplicifolia* (Russian-sage): 3-4' tall; dies back to the ground in winter; violet-blue flowers in July to autumn; gray-green, aromatic leaves; hardy to zone 5a

*Potentilla fruticosa* (potentilla): 2-4' tall; mounded form; yellow, white, pink, or orange flowers from June to autumn; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 3a

*Rhododendron* hybrids (hybrid deciduous summer flowering azaleas): range in size from 3-8' tall; deciduous azalea; some with fragrant flowers; flower color varies with cultivar, some flower in June to early July; hardy to zone 4-5b (depends on cultivar)

*Rhododendron maximum* (rosebay rhododendron): 5-15' tall; leathery, evergreen leaves; pink in bud opening to white, pink, or rose flowers with yellow-green spots; hardy to zone 4b

*Rhododendron viscosum* (swamp azalea): 5-6' tall; deciduous azalea with sticky, fragrant, white to creamy-white flowers, sometimes pale pink in June to July; hardy to zone 4b

*Rhus glabra* (smooth sumac): 10-15' tall; vigorous, fast-growing shrub; greenish-yellow flowers in June; scarlet fruit on female plants in autumn that turn reddish-black in winter; orange to scarlet-purple fall color; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 3a

*Rhus typhina* (staghorn sumac): 10-25' tall; vigorous, fast-growing shrub; greenish-yellow flowers in June; red fruit on female plants in autumn that turn reddish-black in winter; orange to scarlet fall color; fuzzy stems; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 3b

*Rosa carolina* (Carolina rose, pasture rose): 5-6' tall; suckering and wide spreading; single, pink flowers in June to July; red hips; reddish fall color; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 4

*Rosa glauca* (formerly known as *Rosa rubrifolia*) (redleaf rose): 4-6' tall; suckering shrub; pink flowers in June; large, red hips; reddish-purple leaves that fade to dark green in late summer; hardy to zone 3b

*Rosa* hybrids (shrub roses): 2-6' tall, many shrub rose cultivars to choose from; most flower all summer with white, pink, rose, lavender, purple, mauve, red, orange, or yellow flowers, some flowers are fragrant; choose ones for disease resistance; hardy to zone 3b-5a (depends on cultivar)

*Rosa pimpinellifolia* (Scotch rose): 3-4' tall; suckering shrub; yellow, white, or pink flowers in June to July; hardy to zone 5a

*Rosa rugosa* (rugosa rose): 4-6' tall; upright form; some have fragrant flowers that are either white, pink, rose, lavender, purple, mauve, red, or yellow in June to autumn; some cultivars have orange to red rose hips; hardy to zone 2b

*Rosa setigera* (prairie rose): 4-6' tall; suckering, very wide-spreading shrub; single, pale pink flowers in July; small, red hips; reddish-orange fall color; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 4a

*Rosa villosa* (formerly known as *Rosa pomifera*) (apple rose): 6' tall; single, pink, fragrant flowers with gold stamens in June; orange-red hips; orange fall color; hardy to zone 4b

*Rosa virginiana* (Virginia rose): 3-6' tall; suckering shrub; fragrant, rose-pink flowers in June only; bright red hips that turn black; reddish-purple fall color; reddish-purple stems; hardy to zone 3b

*Sambucus canadensis* (American elderberry): 5-10' tall; suckering shrub; creamy-white, flat-topped flowers in June; purplish-black, edible fruit in summer; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 3b

*Sambucus nigra* (European elderberry): 6-10' tall; suckering shrub; creamy-white, flat-topped flowers in June; purplish-black, edible fruit in summer; some cultivars have yellow, variegated, or purple foliage; hardy to zone 4b

*Sorbaria sorbifolia* (Ural false-spirea): 5-7' tall; upright, suckering shrub; large, fuzzy, white flowers in July; hardy to zone 3a

*Spiraea x billardii* (Billiard spirea): 6' tall; suckering shrub; large, dense, white or rose flowers in July to August; hardy to zone 5a

*Spiraea fritschiana* (Korean spirea): 4-5' tall; large, white or pink flowers in June; blue-green leaves; yellow fall color; hardy to zone 4

*Spiraea japonica* (Japanese spirea): 3-3 1/2' tall; mounded form; white, rose to pink, flat-topped flowers in June to August; some cultivars have golden foliage; bronzy-red to purplish fall color on some cultivars; hardy to zone 3b

*Spiraea tomentosa* (hardhack or steeplebush): 2-4' tall; suckering; rose flowers in July to August; blue-green leaves; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 4a

*Tamarix chinensis* (tamarisk): 10-15' tall; loose, leggy form; large, rose-pink flowers in late June to August; finely textured, feathery leaves; hardy to zone 2b

*Viburnum cassinoides* (witherod viburnum): 4-6' tall; creamy-white, flat-topped flowers in June; bright pink fruit changes to blue then black; dark green, glossy leaves; bronze new leaves; red fall color; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 4a

*Vitex agnus-castus* (chastetree): 4-5' tall; dies back in winter; upright form; lavender, blue, pink, or white flowers in late July to August; flowers attract butterflies; aromatic leaves; marginally hardy; needs protection in winter; hardy to zone 5b

*Weigela* spp. (weigela): 2-6' tall (depends on cultivar); upright to mounded form; tubular, white, pink, rose, red, or lavender flowers in late May with some cultivars blooming sporadically throughout summer; flowers attract hummingbirds; some cultivars have dark purple leaves; hardy to zone 4b

*Yucca filamentosa* (Adam's needle yucca): 2-4' tall; evergreen, sword-like leaves in a basal rosette; large, creamy-white flowers in June to August; hardy to zone 4b

*Yucca filifera* (weakleaf yucca): 2-3' tall; evergreen, sword-like leaves in a basal rosette; some cultivars have variegated leaves with yellow stripes; creamy-white flowers in July; hardy to zone 4b

#### Flowering and Colorful Foliage Vines:

*Actinidia kolomikta* (kolomikta actinidia): grown mainly for its colorful foliage; leaves have either white or pink blotches at tips; hardy to zone 4b

*Actinidia polygama* (silvervine actinidia): grown mainly for its foliage with silvery mottling; hardy to zone 4b

*Campsis radicans* (trumpet creeper): vigorous, fast-growing vine; large, tubular, orange, yellow, or red flowers in July to August; flowers attract hummingbirds; hardy to zone 4b

*Campsis x tagliabuana* 'Mme. Galen' (Madame Galen trumpet creeper): vigorous, fast-growing vine; larger, tubular, deep apricot to salmon-red flowers in summer; hardy to zone 5a

*Clematis x jackmanii* (Jackman clematis): vigorous, fast-growing vine; showy, large, white, pink, blue, red, or purple flowers in July to autumn; hardy to zone 4a

*Clematis* spp. (clematis): many cultivars to choose from, shape, size and colors of flowers varies from white, red, purple, blue, pink, lavender, yellow, and bi-colored flowers from early to late summer; some cultivars have showy seed heads; hardy to zone 4a-5b (depends on cultivar)

*Clematis tangutica* (golden clematis): yellow, bell-shaped, nodding flowers in late summer to autumn; showy, silky seed heads; hardy to zone 4b

*Clematis terniflora* (sweet autumn clematis): vigorous, fast-growing vine; showy, fragrant, star-shaped, white flowers in late August to September; silky seed heads; hardy to zone 4a

*Clematis texensis* (scarlet clematis): urn-shaped, nodding, scarlet to pink flowers in June to autumn; hardy to zone 4b

*Clematis virginiana* (Virgins bower or woodbine): vigorous, fast-growing vine; small, white, star-shaped flowers in summer; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 4a

*Clematis viticella* (Italian clematis): white, violet, red, mauve, or blue flowers in July to August; hardy to zone 4a

*Hydrangea petiolaris* (climbing hydrangea): large, lacy, creamy-white, flat-topped flowers in June that fade to brown and persists; showy, exfoliating, cinnamon-brown bark on stems; hardy to zone 5a

*Lonicera x brownii* 'Dropmore Scarlet' (Dropmore Scarlet honeysuckle): vigorous, fast-growing vine; showy, tubular, scarlet to reddish-orange flowers in summer; flowers attract hummingbirds; hardy to zone 3b

*Lonicera x heckrottii* (goldflame honeysuckle): dark pink and yellow, tubular, slightly fragrant flowers in summer; flowers attract hummingbirds; hardy to zone 5a

*Lonicera* 'Mandarin' (Mandarin honeysuckle): vigorous, fast-growing vine; bright, reddish-orange flowers with paler yellow-orange on the inside; flowers in late spring and sporadically in summer; coppery-brown new leaves; hardy to zone 4b

*Lonicera periclymenum* (woodbine honeysuckle): fragrant, yellowish-white, yellow, pink, or maroon flowers with a purplish tinge in summer; red berry; hardy to zone 5

*Lonicera reticulata* (formerly *Lonicera prolifera*) (grape honeysuckle): low-climbing vine; yellow, tubular flowers; scarlet-red berry; blue-green leaves; native to Wisconsin; hardy to zone 4

*Lonicera sempervirens* (trumpet honeysuckle): vigorous, fast-growing vine; trumpet-shaped, orange, scarlet or yellow flowers in June and sporadically in summer; red berry; hardy to zone 5

*Parthenocissus quinquefolia* 'Monham' (Star Showers Virginia creeper): variegated leaves with splotches of white and green; rarely produces fruit; hardy to zone 3b

*Polygonum aubertii* (silver fleece vine): vigorous, fast-growing vine; fragrant, white, lacy flowers in summer; hardy to zone 5a

*Rosa* 'RADramblin' (Ramblin Red rose): climbing vine; double, red flowers in summer; hardy to zone 4

*Rosa* 'Henry Kelsey' (Henry Kelsey rose): climbing, arching vine; semi-double, pinkish-red, fragrant flowers with yellow stamens in summer; small, orange hips; hardy to zone 3b

*Rosa* 'William Baffin' (William Baffin rose): climbing, arching vine; semi-double, deep pink flowers in summer; small, orange-red hips; hardy to zone 3b

*Schizophragma hydrangeoides* (Japanese hydrangea-vine): large, lacy, white, flat-topped flowers in July, marginally hardy; needs protection during winter; hardy to zone 5b

*Wisteria frutescens* (American wisteria): fragrant, lilac, mauve or white flowers in clusters in July; hardy to zone 5a

*Wisteria macrostachys* (Kentucky wisteria): lavender, lilac-purple, or white flowers in long, pendulous clusters in June; hardy to zone 4a