

The Best Hardy Flowering Shrubs

ALL who have visited the Ontario Agricultural College know of the wonderful beauty of the college campus due to the wise use of shrubs and trees. The following list submitted to Farm and Dairy by Prof. H. L. Hutt includes a few of the best of the hardy ornamental shrubs from among the 300 varieties that have been tested at the college during the last 30 years. The list is given in the order of blooming, and covers the season fairly well from May to September.

1 Forsythia (Golden Bells).—A loose, open-growing shrub about four feet high, not entirely hardy here, but valuable because of its very early flowering. In bloom about the end of April. Flowers large, golden yellow bells, appear before the foliage and last two or three weeks. The flowers show best against a dark background of spruce or other evergreen.

2 Ribes aureum (Golden Currant).—A vigorous growing bush about six or eight feet in diameter. Flowers golden yellow, very abundant, and have delightful spicy fragrance. In

white through pinks and reds to lilac and purple. With a good selection of varieties, the bloom may cover the season from the third week of May to the first week of July. The following are a few choice varieties:

(a) Marie Legraye, single white, free flowering, large blooms.

(b) Madame Leroine, double white, late flowering.

(c) Charles X, lilac or purplish red, profuse flowering.

(d) Ludwig Spacht, dark purplish red.

(e) Congo, wine-colored red.

(f) S. Japonica, tree lilac, creamy-yellow flowers, blooms about July 1st.

7. Pyrus angustifolia (Bachel's Double-flowered American Crab).—A crab apple tree of medium size and very hardy. About four years after planting it begins to bloom and bears large, double pink flowers an inch and a half in diameter. In bloom about June 1st, and lasts about two weeks. At a distance they look like small roses, and are very fragrant.

8. Spiraea Van Houttei (Van Houtte's Spiraea).—This is one of the



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bloom the second week of May, and lasts two weeks.

3. Pyrus Japonica (Japan Quince).—A showy bush six or eight feet in diameter, with handsome glossy dark foliage. Flowers large and showy, either brilliant scarlet, salmon, pink, or white. In bloom about middle of May, and lasts nearly three weeks. Produces fruits which are very aromatic and sometimes used for jelly making.

4. Prunus Japonica (Flowering Almond).—A very handsome small shrub about three feet in height. Bears a great profusion of pink flowers like little roses. In bloom about the third week of May, and lasts a week or 10 days.

5. Prunagana (Siberian Pea Tree).—A very hardy, showy little bush, about five or six feet in diameter. Has a great luxuriance of fine light green leaves which appear early in spring and are followed about third week in May with an abundance of small clusters of pea-shaped yellow flowers. Bloom lasts a week or more.

6. Syringa (Lilacs).—The lilac is valuable because of its hardiness, richness, and freedom of bloom, its delicate fragrance, handsome foliage, good habit, vigor, healthfulness, and easy culture. The older the bush the more freely it blooms. There are now several hundred varieties, including both single and double flowers of nearly all colors, ranging from pure

best of the spiraeas. It makes a graceful, symmetrical little bush, about five feet in diameter, with slender drooping twigs. The bloom is pure white, very profuse, appears the first week in June, and lasts about two weeks.

9. Viburnum opulus sterile (Snowball).—This is a hardy, free growing shrub about 10 feet high, which bears large round clusters of pure white flowers, which look like snowballs. In bloom about first week in June, and lasts over two weeks.

10. Lonifera tartarica (Bush Honey-suckle).—A very hardy symmetrical bush 10 feet or more in diameter. Has an abundance of bloom every year, which appears the first week of June, and lasts about a week. The bloom is followed by showy red or orange fruits, which make the bush attractive long after the bloom is gone. There are red, pink, and white varieties, all of which are worthy of a place on the lawn. May easily be grown from seed.

11. Diervilla rosea (Rose-colored Weigela).—This is a handsome bush, which is only half-hardy when young, but becomes hardier with age. It makes a bush four or five feet in diameter. The flowers are large and bell-shaped, appearing among the foliage the first week in June and lasting nearly three weeks.

12. Philadelphia coronarius (Gar-

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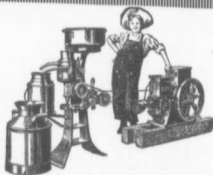
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