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### Enhance Your Landscape with Summer Blooming Trees & Shrubs By John Fech, UNL Extension Horticulture Educator



To develop a landscape with all season appeal, include plants with ornamental bark, showy fall color and summer as well as spring flowering habits. Most commonly used trees and shrubs flower in spring, so when one is noticed in summer, it stands out and really brings favor to the site. As with all landscape plant material, check the hardiness before planting in your landscape.

#### Summer Flowering Trees

- Black locust, *Robinia pseudoacacia* -- fragrant, white flowers in pendulous clusters
- Tulip tree, *Liriodendron tulipifera* -- greenish orange tulip shaped flowers
- Japanese tree lilac, *Syringa reticulata* and Pekin lilac, *Syringa pekinensis* -- large clusters of creamy white privet scented flowers
- Smoketree, *Cotinus coggygria* -- flower stalks covered with fine hairs, producing a smoky pink appearance.
- Linden, *Tilia spp.* -- small yellow or white flowers which produce a heady fragrance
- Kentucky Coffeetree, *Gymnocladus dioica* -- off white, fragrant flowers in cascading panicles
- Kousa Dogwood, *Cornus kousa* -- leaflike creamy white bracts
- Yellowwood, *Cladrastis kentukea* -- white flowers in pendulous panicles
- Goldenrain tree, *Koelreuteria paniculata* -- wide clusters of wide yellow flowers
- Amur Maackia, *Maackia amurensis* -- masses of dull white flowers
- Japanese Scholar Tree, *Sophora japonica* -- creamy white flowers in loose panicles

#### Summer Flowering Shrubs

- Bush Cinquefoil, *Potentilla fruticosa* -- small yellow or white flowers
- Coralberry, *Symphoricarpos chenaultii* -- pink flowers on terminal growth
- Annabelle hydrangea, *Hydrangea arborescens* -- dull white baseball sized flowers
- Ninebark, *Physiocarpus opulifolius* -- white to pink flowers
- Rose of Sharon, *Hibiscus syriacus* -- two to three inch white, red or violet flowers
- Snowberry, *Symphoricarpos albus* -- pinkish flowers
- Mockorange, *Philadelphus spp.* -- fragrant, one inch white flowers
- Bumaldi Spirea, *Spirea bumalda* -- reddish yarrow like flowers
- Tamarix, *Tamarix ramosissima* -- fine rosy pink flowers
- Arrowwood Viburnum, *Viburnum dentatum* -- three inch white flowers