

## LIST OF SHORT NATIVE SHRUBS

(To 4' tall; listed roughly in order of bloom time; **attracting bees**)

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**Gro-Low sumac** (*Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-Low'), yellow flowers, 2' tall, sun, dry to medium

**Inkberry** (*Ilex glabra*), evergreen, 4-6' but can easily be pruned, sun to part-shade, medium

**Dwarf fothergilla** (*Fothergilla gardenii*), 3-4', sun to light shade, white flowers held upright, bright red fall color

**Low-bush blueberry** (*Vaccinium angustifolium*), cream flowers, 1-2', sun to part-sun, moist, acidic

**Red sprite winterberry** (*Ilex verticillata* 'Red Sprite'), white flowers, with later red berries if a male cultivar is planted nearby, 2-3', part-shade, medium to moist, acidic soil

**Smooth hydrangea** (*Hydrangea arborescens*), white to cream flowers, 3-4', sun to part-shade, medium to moist, blooms on new wood.

**Pee Wee hydrangea** (*Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Pee Wee'), white to cream flowers, 4', sun to part-shade, medium

**Virginia sweetspire** (*Itea virginica*), white flowers, 2-5' (several cultivars distinguished by height: 'Henry's Garnet', 'Little Henry' and 'Merlot'), sun to shade, medium to moist

**Button bush** (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) 'Sugar Shack' is a popular dwarf, moist to normal conditions, full sun, unusual round flowers and fruit

**American bush honeysuckle** (*Diervilla lonicera* or *D. sessifolia*), yellow flowers, 2-3', sun to part-shade, dry to medium, slowly forms colonies

**St. John's wort** (*Hypericum frondosum*), yellow flowers, 3-4', sun to part-shade, dry to medium soil, exfoliating bark, short lived but self-seeds

**Coralberry** (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*), white flowers, but the show is in the purple berries which last through winter, 3', medium to moist, suckers to form colonies

**Steeplebush** (*Spiraea tomentosa*), pink flowers, 2-4', sun to light shade, medium to wet

**Meadowsweet** (*Spiraea alba*), white flowers, 3-4', sun to light shade, medium to wet

**Summersweet** (*Clethra alnifolia*), white flowers, 'Hummingbird' 3 ft. tall and 'Sixteen Candles' 3-5 ft., sun to shade, moist

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