



## 5 Great Early Blooming Shrubs (Midwest)

Kate Karam | February 1, 2018

We know, it's February when you are reading this, but spring is around the corner and if you observe carefully, some shrubs are already showing signs of life.

Not in your yard?

If you're wondering "where's the color," here are five easy-growing shrubs that bloom very early and then transition to gorgeously green landscape stalwarts. Most look great as a stand-alone shrub, but all look even better when massed for the kind of colorful impact you crave this time of year. Put them on your spring shopping list. Next year, you will be so happy!

(For even more choices, check out other regions as zones can overlap: [Northeast](#), [Southeast](#), [South](#), [Southwest](#), [Northwest](#))

Share Post [f](#) [t](#) [p](#) [✉](#) [PDF](#)

### **Magical® Gold Forsythia** *Forsythia x intermedia* 'Kolgold'

Top 3 reasons you need forsythia: bloom super early; transition to a useful, large green backdrop shrub; budded branches are easily forced indoors. Mass for extra pow! Full sun. Up to 5 ft. tall and wide. Zone: 5 - 9



### **Rosebud Azalea** (*Azalea x* *'Rosebud'* (Gable Hybrid))

Gable hybrid azaleas are very bud-hardy and perform exceptionally well in cold climates. They also sport some of the best looking foliage of all azaleas. We love this one. Partial shade to partial sun. Up to 4 ft. tall and wide. Zone: 5 - 9



### **Korean Spice Viburnum** *(Viburnum carlesii)*

We have a near obsession with fuss-free viburnum shrubs and this one is no exception. Early spring brings large clusters of spicy-scented, waxy pink flowers that fade to white. Partial to full sun. Up to 6 ft. tall and wide. Zone: 4 - 8



### **Diane Witch Hazel** *(Hamamelis x intermedia* *'Diane')*

If you need a large native



### **Ramapo Rhododendron** *(Rhododendron x 'Ramapo'* *(H-1)*

Little leaved varieties such as



shrub that thrives in cold northern climates, witch hazel is an exceptional choice. 'Diane' is one of the best of the red flowering varieties. Full sun. Up to 8 ft. tall and wide. Zone: 5 - 9



this very compact dwarf with its large trusses of lovely purple spring flowers are perfect for small gardens in cool, damp climates. Partial sun. Up to 4 ft. tall and wide. Zone: 4 - 8

## How about a few more?



Harry Lauder's Walking Stick

Corylus avellana 'Contorta' (Own Root)  
Item #1745  
Intriguing Twisted Stems



P.J.M. Compact Rhododendron

Rhododendron x 'P.J.M. Compacta' (H-1)  
Item #8187  
Bright Early Season Blooms



Dorothy Wycoff Pieris

Pieris japonica 'Dorothy Wycoff'  
Item #1076  
Spring Flowering



Fragrant Star Azalea

Azalea x 'Fragrant Star'  
Item #4765  
Fragrant Spring Flowers

◀ [PREV: 5 GREAT EARLY BLOOMING SHRUBS \(SOUTHWEST\)](#)

[NEXT: HOW TO GROW A RHODIE IN A POT](#) ▶

## Leave a Comment

[LOGIN/ REGISTER](#)

Monrovia reserves the right to remove comments deemed offensive, vulgar or inappropriate at any time without explanation.

Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked \*

\* Name

\* Email

POST COMMENT

## Suggested Posts



12 Perfect Plants for East Facing Borders

While some plants love and need full sun and others require deep shade, many more blur these distinctive requirements by doing



How to Grow a Rhodie in a Pot

One of the most frequently asked questions I get here is, "Can I grow XYZ in a pot?" My answer is usually the same, which is to say you can ...



5 Great Early Blooming Shrubs (Northwest)

Who doesn't need a bit of cheer right about now? Take a look around the yard and you might see all sorts of shrubs dotted with fat

their best in a combo--brilliant  
morning light and cool, ...

Kate Karam | February 5, 2018

buds about to ...

Kate Karam | February 1, 2018

Kate Karam | February 23, 2018

Sign up for our newsletter

Connect with us 

