



EARLY BLOOMER!

5 Great Early Blooming Shrubs (Northwest)

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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 buds about to burst into bloom.

Not seeing this?

Well, now is the time to plan out what to add to your garden so that next February, you're looking at color and interest.

We've got five shrubs (and a few more down below) that we promise will add welcome zip to the garden. Fragrance? Covered. Color. Done. Whimsy? You bet. And, when the flower show is over, all of these easy, fuss-free shrubs will become useful leafy green backdrops for the flowers of spring and summer that are to come.

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

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Harry Lauder's Walking Stick (*Corylus avellana* 'Contorta' -Own Root)

Wow, this is thrilling specimen for winter landscapes with those gnarled and twisted branches dripping with a thick fringe of showy greenish yellow catkins. Pretty unforgettable garden moment when not much else is happening. Ideal for large containers. Full sun. Up to 15ft. tall and wide (smaller in containers). Zone: 3 - 9



Enchanted Forest® Impish Elf™ Lily of the Valley Shrub (*Pieris japonica* 'Shy' PP #26,290)

Showy, cascading early spring flowers, colorful new foliage, and thrives in sunny or shady situations. And, not a fave of deer. Partial sun. Up to 5 ft. tall and wide. Zone: 6 - 8



Charity Mahonia (*Mahonia x media* 'Charity')

Drama in shade? Frond-like leaves grow in whorls with sprays of soft-yellow flowers in winter, developing clusters of black berries late summer and fall. Full shade to partial sun. Up to 15 ft. tall (if left unpruned). Zone: 7 - 9



Purple Stem Sweet Box (*Sarcococca hookeriana* var.



Eternal Fragrance Daphne (*Daphne*



digyna 'Purple Stem')
 Need a groundcover for shade with a heady fragrance? Sweet box is for you. Pink-tinged blooms produce blue-black ornamental fruit later in the season. Full to partial shade. Up to 5 ft. tall and wide. Zone: 6 – 9



transatlantica 'BLAFRA'
 PP #18,361)

Blush-pink flowers adorns this compact form over many months for long-lasting beauty and fragrance in the garden. Partial to full sun. Up to 3 ft. tall and wide. Zone: 6 – 9

How about a few more?



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