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Native Shrubs for Small Spaces

Many gardeners find that they want shrubs to stay 3 feet tall or lower. In most cases, native shrubs that stay this low are cultivars or even hybrids. A shrub by definition is generally up to 12 or 15 feet in height.

We often suggest considering a tall growing perennial or warm season grass to fill the space. Consider pulling your planting bed away from the foundation of your home to allow the plants room to attain mature size.

In those cases where you absolutely must have a shrub of 3 feet in height or lower, we can suggest the following. Be sure to read the signage with each plant to make sure you are selecting a plant that will thrive in the site. Many of these plants are available at Edge of the Woods in limited quantities only.

Dwarf Winterberry Holly Red Sprite (requires male Jim Dandy for berry set)

Gro-Lo Aromatic Sumac

Potentilla

Inkberry Holly (will reach higher but easily trimmed)

Clethra 'Hummingbird'

New Jersey Tea

Bush Honeysuckle

Fothergilla gardenia

Itea 'Little Henry'

Lowbush Blueberry

Yellowroot

St. Johns Wort (Hypericum)

Spicebush (may get larger)

Carolina Rose (Suckers profusely)

Flowering Raspberry

Coralberry

Spirea betulifolia 'Tor'

Rhododendron catawbiense

Rhododendron caroliniana