

Throw the Burning Bush on the Brush Pile; Overused Plants and Superior Alternatives



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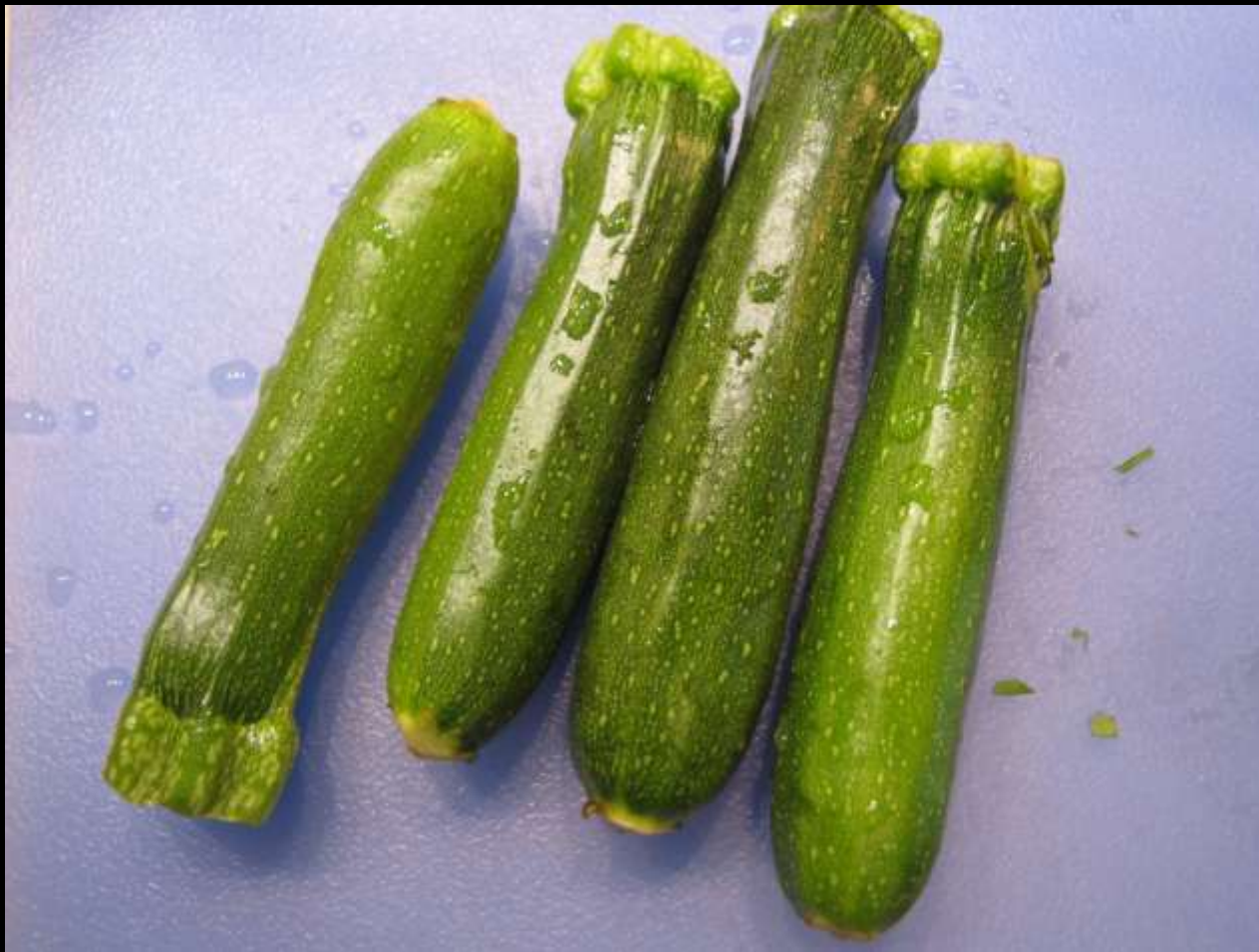
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I'm Tired of the Same Old Things







The Plan

- 1) 10 of the most over used plants
- 2) Alternatives
- 3) Different uses for over used plants



Shrubs

- A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

- Doug Larson



Berberis thunbergii - Barberry





Why Do We Plant It?

- Available
- Easy to Propagate and Grow
- Multiple foliage colors available
- Tolerates diverse growing conditions
- Tolerates heavy pruning

Weigela florida cultivars





Physocarpus opulifolius cultivars



Cotinus coggygria cultivars



Euonymus alatus – Burning Bush







Why Do We Plant It?

- Available
- Easy to Propagate and Grow
- Tolerates diverse growing conditions
- Tolerates heavy pruning
- Bright red fall color

Enkianthus campanulatus
redvein enkianthus













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Fothergilla x intermedia
Fothergilla











Lindera angustifolia – Oriental
Spicebush











Vaccinium corymbosum
highbush blueberry

















Forsythia x intermedia - Forsythia







Why Do We Plant It?

- Available
- Easy to Propagate and Grow
- Among the first plants to flower in spring
- Tolerates diverse growing conditions
- Pest and disease free
- Bright yellow flowers

Cornus mas
Cornelian Cherry Dogwood











Corylopsis pauciflora
Buttercup Winter Hazel









Hamamelis x intermedia – Witch Hazel











Hydrangea macrophylla 'Endless Summer'
Endless Summer Hydrangea





Why Do We Plant It?

- **Available – Huge Marketing Push**
- **Easy to Propagate**
- **Reported to flower in cold regions (Zone 4-5)**
- **Blue/Pink mophead flowers**
- **Summer Bloom Period**

Hydrangea macrophylla 'Penny Mac'





Hydrangea macrophylla 'Lady in Red'











Hydrangea arborescens
'Invincibelle Spirit'







Trees

“The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now.”

- Proverb



Acer platanoides
Norway Maple







Why Do We Plant It?

- Available
- Durable, tolerant of tough growing conditions
- Easy to grow
- Medium sized shade tree
- Some diversity in foliage colors

Acer palmatum – Japanese Maple





Acer rubrum – Red Maple





***Prunus subhirtella* 'Pendula' –
Weeping Cherry**



Why Do We Plant It?

- **Available – Impulse buy when in bloom**
- **Specimen use**
- **Weeping habit**
- **Easy to grow**
- **Abundant flowers in spring**

Cercis canadensis 'Covey'
Weeping Redbud





Cornus kousa 'Elisabeth Lustgarten'
Weeping Kousa Dogwood





Larix decidua 'Pendula'
Weeping European Larch



Graceful Focal Point







Pyrus calleryana – Bradford Pear





Why Do We Plant It?

- Available
- Specimen use
- Urban tolerant
- Easy to grow
- Abundant white flowers in spring
- Fall color

Amelanchier sp.
Shadblow







Chionanthus retusus
Chinese Fringetree







Oxydendrum arboreum
Sourwood













Poliothyrsis sinensis
Poliothyrsis









Conifers



Picea glauca 'Conica'
Dwarf Alberta Spruce











Why Do We Plant It?

- Available
- Foundation plantings
- Urban tolerant
- Easy to grow - hardy
- Evergreen foliage
- “dwarf” conical growth form

Picea glauca 'Daisy White'
Daisy White Dwarf Alberta Spruce







Pinus strobus 'Little Giant'
Little Giant White Pine





Taxus x media - Yew







Why Do We Plant It?

- **Available**
- **Foundation plantings – blocks and balls**
- **Urban tolerant**
- **Easy to grow - hardy**
- **Evergreen foliage**

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Pygmea Aurescens'
Pygmea Aurescens Hinoki Cypress





Cryptomeria japonica 'Hino'
Hino Japanese Red Cedar



Taxus x media (tree form)
Yew Tree



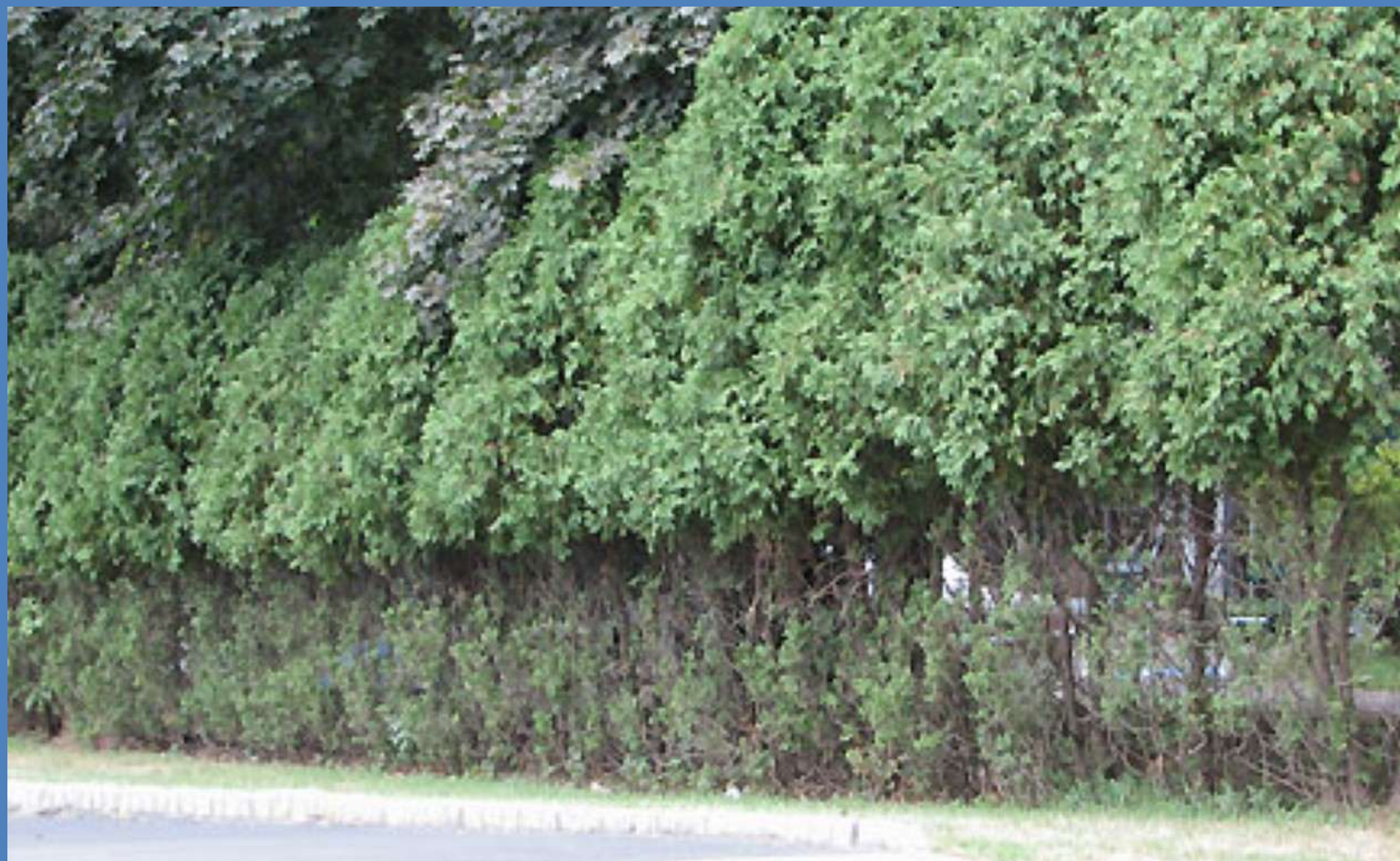


Thuja occidentalis 'Smaragd' **Emerald Green Arborvitae**









Why Do We Plant It?

- Available
- Screening/Hedges
- Urban tolerant
- Easy to grow - hardy
- Evergreen foliage
- Narrow, upright growth form

Picea glauca 'Pendula'







Picea pungens 'Blue Totem'
Blue Totem Blue Spruce





Rhamnus frangula 'Fine Line'
Fine Line Buckthorn







Questions????



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OTHER TALKS



- Lacecaps, Mopheads and Sterile Florets; A look at the Genus *Hydrangea*
- Fun with color: Variegated Plants in the Garden
- Plant Geeks are Us; Oddball Plants for Oddball People
- Weeping, Creeping and Sprawling; Pendulous plants in the garden.

