

Recommended Plant Species for Landscaping

Every year bears in the Bow Valley come into conflict with people by coming into developed areas such as the Town of Canmore and other communities within the Municipal District of Bighorn in search of natural and unnatural food. The bears begin to learn that developed areas can be a source of food which increases interactions between bears and people and creates a public safety concern.

This behaviour often results in the bear being relocated or, at worst, killed.


One method of reducing the available attractants and associated conflict between bears and people is to refrain from planting plants, trees and shrubs in our gardens that attract bears (and other wildlife).










Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada have mapped the entire country into different plant hardiness zones. The Bow Valley for the most part falls into zone 1 (West of Banff) to zone 3 (Bow Valley Provincial park). In order to help guarantee success in your plantings, this zoning map should be considered when choosing species to plant. Plantings of species that grow best in higher numbered zones probably will not do well or die in the Bow Valley.










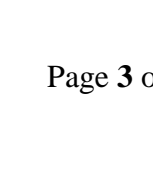
WildSmart, in conjunction with the Government of Alberta and Eagle Lake Nurseries, has created a list of trees and shrubs that are recommended for planting in bear country. They are non fruit bearing species which are able to thrive in a montane environment and which produce beautiful flowers seasonally. We encourage residents to consider replacing fruit bearing species of trees and shrubs with these non fruit bearing alternatives.









Check and see if your local landscaper has any of these species in stock, or if they can order them for you. You can still have a beautiful garden, and minimize human/wildlife conflict. YOU can make a difference.











Non Fruit Bearing Trees






Species name	Scientific Name	Photo
Baron Manitoba Maple	<i>Acer negundo 'Baron'</i>	

Silver Cloud Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum 'Silver Cloud'</i>	
Paper Birch	<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	
Clump Paper Birch	<i>Betula papyrifera '(clump)'</i>	
Cutleaf Weeping Birch	<i>Betula pendula 'Dalecarlica'</i>	
Calypso White Ash	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	
Manchurian Ash	<i>Fraxinus mandshurica 'Mancana'</i>	
Fallgold Black Ash	<i>Fraxinus nigra 'Fallgold'</i>	
Foothills Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Foothills'</i>	
Patmore Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Patmore'</i>	



Prairie Spire Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Prairie Spire'</i>	
Northern Gem Ash	<i>Fraxinus 'Northern Gem'</i>	
Northern Treasure Hybrid Ash	<i>Fraxinus 'Northern Treasure'</i>	
Weeping Larch	<i>Larix decidua 'Pendula'</i>	
Siberian Larch	<i>Larix sibirica</i>	
Spring Snow Flowering Crab	<i>Malus 'Spring Snow'</i>	
Assiniboine Poplar	<i>Populus 'Assiniboine'</i>	
Byland Green Poplar	<i>Populus x 'Byland Green'</i>	
Prairie Sky Poplar	<i>Populus 'Prairie Sky'</i>	
Tower Poplar	<i>Populus x canescens 'Tower'</i>	










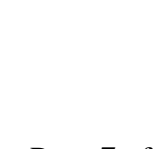
Tristis Poplar	<i>Populus x 'Tristus'</i>	
Sargents Poplar	<i>Populus sargentii</i>	
Swedish Columnar Aspen	<i>Populus tremula 'Erecta'</i>	
Trembling Aspen	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	
Sharpleaf Willow	<i>Salix acutifolia</i>	
Golden Willow	<i>Salix alba 'Vitellina'</i>	
Laurel Leaf Willow	<i>Salix pentandra</i>	
Marquette Pussy Willow	<i>Salix x 'Marquette'</i>	
Brandon Elm	<i>Ulmus americana 'Brandon'</i>	
Cologreen juniper	<i>Juniperus scopulorum 'Cologreen'</i>	
Medora Juniper	<i>Juniperus scopulorum 'Medora'</i>	











Moonglow Juniper	<i>Juniperus scopulorum 'Moonglow'</i>	
Wichita Blue Juniper	<i>Juniperus scopulorum 'Wichita Blue'</i>	
White Spruce	<i>Picea glauca</i>	
Weeping White Spruce	<i>Picea glauca 'Pendula'</i>	
Colorado Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i>	
Bakeri Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens 'Bacheri'</i>	
Upright Colorado Spruce	<i>Picea pungens 'Fastigiata'</i>	
Fat Albert Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens 'Fat Albert'</i>	
Hoopsii Spruce	<i>Picea pungens 'Hoopsii'</i>	
Montgomery Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens 'Montgomery'</i>	











Bristlecone Pine	<i>Pinus aristata</i>	
Swiss Stone Pine	<i>Pinus cembra</i>	
Lodgepole Pine	<i>Pinus contorta 'var. latifolia'</i>	
Ponderosa (Yellow) Pine	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	
Scotch Pine	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	
Mountain Pine	<i>Pinus uncinata</i>	






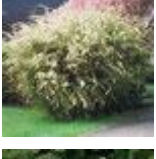



Non Fruit Bearing Deciduous Shrubs











Species name	Scientific Name	Photo
Amur Maple	<i>Acer ginnala</i>	
Dwarf birch	<i>Betula nana</i>	






Common Caragana	<i>Caragana arborescens</i>	
Fernleaf Caragana	<i>Caragana arborescens 'Lorbergii'</i>	
Globe Caragana	<i>Caragana frutex 'Globosa'</i>	
Pygmy Caragana	<i>Caragana pygmaea</i>	
Northern Gold Forsythia	<i>Forsythia 'Northern Gold'</i>	
Annabelle Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle'</i>	
Pee Gee Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea paniculata 'Grandiflora'</i>	
Waterton Mockorange	<i>Philadelphus lewisii 'Waterton'</i>	
Minnesota Snowflake Mockorange	<i>Philadelphus x virginalis 'Minnesota Snowflake'</i>	
Center Glow Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius 'Center Glow'</i>	











Dart's Gold Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius 'Dart's Gold'</i>	
Coppertina Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius 'Coppertina'</i>	
Diablo Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius 'Diablo'</i>	
Summer Wine Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius 'Summer Wine'</i>	
Abbottswood Potentilla	<i>Potentilla fruticosa 'Abbottswood'</i>	
Coronation Triumph Potentilla	<i>Potentilla fruticosa 'Coronation Triumph'</i>	
Gold Drop Potentilla	<i>Potentilla fruticosa 'Gold Drop'</i>	
Goldfinger Potentilla	<i>Potentilla fruticosa 'Goldfinger'</i>	
Gold Star Potentilla	<i>Potentilla fruticosa 'Gold Star'</i>	
McKay's White Potentilla	<i>Potentilla fruticosa 'McKay's White'</i>	











Orange Whisper Potentilla	<i>Potentilla fruticosa 'Orange Whisper'</i>	
Pink Beauty Potentilla	<i>Potentilla fruticosa 'Pink Beauty'</i>	
Red Ace Potentilla	<i>Potentilla fruticosa 'Red Ace'</i>	
Mango Tango Potentilla	<i>Potentilla fruticosa 'Mango Tango'</i>	
Yellow Gem Potentilla	<i>Potentilla fruticosa 'Yellow Gem'</i>	
Double Flowering Plum	<i>Prunus triloba 'Multiplex'</i>	
Bebb's Beaked Willow	<i>Salix bebbiana</i>	
Blue Fox Willow	<i>Salix brachycarpa 'Blue Fox'</i>	
Coyote Willow	<i>Salix exigua</i>	
Hakura Nishiki Tricolor Willow	<i>Salix integra 'Albomaculata'</i>	
Sandbar Willow	<i>Salix interior</i>	
Shining Willow	<i>Salix lucida</i>	
Yellow Twig Willow	<i>Salix lutea</i>	

Dwarf Arctic Willow	<i>Salix purpurea 'Gracilis'</i>	
Creeping Willow	<i>Salix repens 'var. argentea'</i>	
Argentia Creeping Willow	<i>Salix repens 'Argentia'</i>	
American McKay Willow	<i>Salix rigida 'American McKay'</i>	
Polar Bear Willow	<i>Salix salicola 'Polar Bear'</i>	
False Spirea	<i>Sorbaria sorbifolia</i>	
Sem False Spirea	<i>Sorbaria sorbifolia 'Sem'</i>	
Garland Spirea	<i>Spiraea x arguta</i>	
Tor Spirea	<i>Spiraea betulifolia 'Tor'</i>	
Anthony Waterer Spirea	<i>Spiraea x bumalda 'Anthony Waterer'</i>	
Dart's Red Spirea	<i>Spiraea x bumalda 'Dart's Red'</i>	

Froebelii Spirea	<i>Spiraea x bumalda 'Froebelii'</i>	
Goldflame Spirea	<i>Spiraea x bumalda 'Goldflame'</i>	
Magic Carpet Spirea	<i>Spiraea x bumalda 'Magic Carpet'</i>	
Goldmound Spirea	<i>Spiraea japonica 'Goldmound'</i>	
Little Princess Spirea	<i>Spiraea japonica 'Little Princess'</i>	
Shirobana Spirea	<i>Spiraea japonica 'Shirobana'</i>	
Snowmound Spirea	<i>Spiraea nipponica 'Snowmound'</i>	
Three Leaved Spirea	<i>Spiraea trilobata</i>	
Bridalwreath Spirea	<i>Spiraea prunifolia</i>	
Maiden's Blush Lilac	<i>Syringa x hyacinthiflora 'Maiden's Blush'</i>	
Mount Baker Lilac	<i>Syringa x hyacinthiflora 'Mount Baker'</i>	

Pocahontas Lilac	<i>Syringa x hyacinthiflora 'Pocahontas'</i>	
Tinkerbelle Lilac	<i>Syringa 'Tinkerbelle'</i>	
Dwarf Korean Lilac	<i>Syringa meyeri 'Palibin'</i>	
Miss Kim Lilac	<i>Syringa patula 'Miss Kim'</i>	
Bloomerang Lilac	<i>Syringa 'Bloomerang'</i>	
Charisma Lilac	<i>Syringa x prestoniae 'Charisma'</i>	
Donald Wyman Preston Lilac	<i>Syringa x prestoniae 'Donald Wyman'</i>	
James McFarlane Preston Lilac	<i>Syringa x prestoniae 'James McFarlane'</i>	
Minuet Preston Lilac	<i>Syringa x prestoniae 'Minuet'</i>	
Miss Canada Preston Lilac	<i>Syringa x prestoniae 'Miss Canada'</i>	



Royalty Preston Lilac	<i>Syringa x prestoniae 'Royalty'</i>	
Late Lilac	<i>Syringa villosa</i>	
Common Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	
Agincourt Beauty Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Agincourt Beauty'</i>	
Albert F. Holden Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Albert F. Holden'</i>	
Atheline Wilbur French Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Atheline Wilbur'</i>	
Avalanche Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Avalanche'</i>	
Belle de Nancy Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Belle de Nancy'</i>	
Charles Joly Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Charles Joly'</i>	
Fiala Remembrance Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Fiala Remembrance'</i>	
Congo French Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Congo'</i>	






Katherine Havemeyer Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Katherine Havemeyer'</i>	
Beauty of Moscow Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Beauty of Moscow'</i>	
Ludwig Spaeth Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Ludwig Spaeth'</i>	
Mme. Lemoine Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Mme. Lemoine'</i>	
Montaigne Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Montaigne'</i>	
Primrose Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Primrose'</i>	
Sensation Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Sensation'</i>	
Wedgewood Blue French Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Wedgewood Blue'</i>	
Yankee Doodle Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris 'Yankee Doodle'</i>	
Snowball Viburnum	<i>Viburnum opulus 'Roseum'</i>	

Evergreen Shrubs

Zone 2 hardy listed only. All other Junipers could be used, they are hardy to zone 3. Consider planting in more protected locations.

Note: Cedars and Yews not hardy in Bow Valley Climate Zones

Species name	Scientific Name	Photo
Effusa Juniper	<i>Juniperus communis 'Effusa'</i>	
Blue Chip Juniper	<i>Juniperus horizontalis 'Blue Chip'</i>	
Hughes Juniper	<i>Juniperus horizontalis 'Hughes'</i>	
Icee Blue Juniper	<i>Juniperus horizontalis 'Icee Blue'</i>	
Savin Juniper	<i>Juniperus sabina</i>	
Creeping Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens 'Glauca Prostrata'</i>	
St. Mary's Broom Creeping Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens 'St. Mary's Broom'</i>	
Big Tuna Mugo Pine	<i>Pinus mugo 'Big Tuna'</i>	

Dwarf Mugo Pine	<i>Pinus mugo 'var. pumilio'</i>	
Mops Mugo Pine	<i>Pinus mugo 'Mops'</i>	
Mugo Pine	<i>Pinus mugo 'Mughus'</i>	
Slowmound Mugo Pine	<i>Pinus mugo 'Slowmound'</i>	
Dwarf Blue Scotch Pine	<i>Pinus sylvestris 'Glauca Nana'</i>	
Globe Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens 'Globosa'</i>	