FACTSHEET

Trees with Ornamental Berries

Trees with berries are invaluable for attracting wildlife to the garden as well as providing an extra layer of interest for a plant extending the season of interest.

Red berried plants tend to produce their fruits in the autumn and are usually the first of all of the berries to be consumed by birds. Plants that bear berries of other colours tend to fruit earlier in the season with the berries being held for a longer period or until heavy frosts. White-cream and purple-blue/black berries are not as attractive to many birds and as a result are usually left on the plant for a longer period of time unless there is a very harsh winter.

Berries are defined as fruit with a single stone. Fruit are defined as the seed-bearing structure of a plant. Whatever the definition, a tree that provides either is a welcome addition to any garden in the autumn and winter months providing ornamental value, food for wildlife and colour when the garden can be slightly bare.

LATIN NAME	COMMON NAME	BERRY/FRUIT COLOUR	HEIGHT
Amelanchier al. 'Obelisk'	Snowy Mespilus	Red fruit	3-5m
Amelanchier canadensis	Serviceberry	Dark purple-black fruit	6m
Amelanchier x gra. 'Ballerina'	Serviceberry	Red-purple fruit	4-6m
Amelanchier x gra. 'Robin Hill'	Snowy Mespilus	Purple-black fruit	6m
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry Tree	Red fruit	6m
Broussonetia papyrifera	Paper Mulberry	Red fruit	10m
Castanea sativa	Sweet Chestnut	Spiny fruit	30m
Catalpa bignoniodes	Indian Bean Tree	Long runner-bean like green pods	15m
Clerodendrum trichotomum	Harlequin Glorybower	Bright blue berries with pink calyx	3m
Cornus controversa	Wedding Cake Tree	Rounded blue-black fruit	15m
Cornus florida	Flowering Dogwood	Bright red fruit	3m
Cornus kousa	Flowering Dogwood	Red-pink strawberry like fruits	7m
Cornus mas	Cornelian Cherry	Oblong bright red fruit	5m
Cotoneaster 'Cornubia'	Cornubia Cotoneaster	Bright red berries	5m
Cotoneaster franchetii	Franchet Cotoneaster	Small bright orange fruit	2m
Cotoneaster ignotus	Black Grape Cotoneaster	Dark red fruit	6m
Cotoneaster sal. 'Willeke'	Cotoneaster Willeke	Round, glossy red fruit	3m
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	Bright red fruit	10m

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Davidia involucrata	Handkerchief Tree	Small green-purple fruits	15m
Eriobotrya japonica	Loquat	Apricot-yellow fruit in the spring	4m
Gymnocladus dioica	Kentucky Coffee Tree	Dark brown seed pods	20m
llex aqu. 'J C Van Tol'	Holly J C Van Tol	Traditional bright red berries	8m
llex aqu. 'Argentea Marginata'	Variegated Common Holy	Red berries	10m
llex aquifolium	Holly	Glossy red berries	3m
Ilex 'Nellie R Stevens'	Holly 'Nellie R Stevens'	Orange-red berries	7m
llex x koe. 'Chestnut Leaf'	Holly 'Chestnut Leaf'	Large red berries	7m
Koelreuteria paniculata	Pride of India	Papery bladder-like fruit	9-12m
Malus bac. 'Street Parade'	Siberian Crab Apple	Purple-red fruit	8m
Malus 'Butterball'	Crab Apple 'Butterball'	Butter yellow fruit	8m
Malus 'Courtarou'	Crab Apple 'Courtarou'	Long lasting small red fruit	3-5m
Malus 'Evereste'	Crab Apple 'Evereste'	Yellow-orange fruit	7m
Malus x floribunda	Japanese Crab Apple	Small yellow fruit	12m
Malus 'Gorgeous'	Crab Apple 'Gorgeous'	Small red fruit	3-5m
Malus 'Harry Baker'	Crab Apple 'Harry Baker'	Ruby red fruit	4m
Malus huphensis	Hupeh Crab Apple	Round red fruit	12m
Malus 'John Downie'	Crab Apple 'John Downie'	Bright red scarlet fruit	8m
Malus 'Mokum'	Crab Apple 'Mokum"	Small red fruit	4-6m
Malus 'Royalty'	Crab Apple 'Royalty'	Wine red fruit	5m
Malus 'Rudolph'	Crab Apple 'Rudolph'	Orange-yellow fruit	7m
Malus toringo	Toringo Crab	Red-yellow fruit	5m
Malus toringo 'Freja'	Crab Apple 'Freja'	Red-golden yellow fruit	6m
Malus transitoria	Cut-leaf Crab Apple	Pea-sized golden fruit	8m
Malus trilobata	Lebanese Wild Apple	Green fruits flushed red fruit	5m
Malus tschonoskii	Pillar Crab Apple	Yellow-red fruit	12m
Malus 'Van Eseltine'	Crab Apple 'Van Eseltine'	Yellow flushed red berries	8m

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Malus 'Veitch's Scarlet'	Crab Apple 'Veitch's Scarlet'	Oval plum coloured fruit	9m
Malus x rob. 'Red Sentinel'	Crab Apple 'Red Sentinel'	Long lasting dep red fruit	8m
Malus x zum. 'Golden Hornet'	Crab Apple 'Golden Hornet'	Long lasting golden yellow fruit	10m
Morus alba	White Mulberry	White fruit	10m
Morus nigra	Black Mulberry	Raspberry-like dark fruit	12m
Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum	Blue-black fruit	20m
Platanus x hispanica	London Plane	Prickly ball shaped fruit	15m
Prunus avium	Wild Cherry	Red fruit	20m
Prunus padus	Bird Cherry	Small glossy black fruit	15m
Sassafras albidum	Ague Tree	Dark blue-black berries	12m
Sorbus aria	Whitebeam	Red berries	25m
Sorbus aria 'Lutescens'	Silver Leaved Whitebeam	Orange-red berries	12m
Sorbus aria 'Magnifica'	Whitebeam Magnifica	Dark red berries	10-15m
Sorbus auc. 'Cardinal Royal"	Rowan 'Cardinal Royal'	Bright red berries	9m
Sorbus auc. 'Sheerwater Seedling'	Rowan 'Sheerwater Seedling'	Orange-red berries that mature to red	10m
Sorbus auc. 'Wettra'	Rowan 'Wettra'	Vivid red berries	10-12m
Sorbus aucuparia	Mountain Ash Rowan	Orange berries that ripen to red	12m
Sorbus 'Autumn Spire'	Rowan 'Autumn Spire'	Orange-yellow berries	4m
Sorbus 'Chinese Lace'	Mountain Ash 'Chinese Lace'	Dark red berries	8m
Sorbus commixta 'Belmonte'	Japanese Rowan 'Belmonte'	Orange-red berries	6-10m
Sorbus commixta 'Embley'	Japanese Rowan 'Embley'	Orange-red berries	5-10m
Sorbus 'Eastern Promise'	Mountain Ash 'Eastern Promise'	Rose-pink berries	8m
Sorbus hupehensis	Chinese Mountain Ash	White berries flushed pink	8m

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Sorbus hupehensis 'Pink Pagoda'	Hupeh Rowan 'Pink Pagoda'	Rose pink berries that fade to white	6m
Sorbus intermedia	Swedish Whitebeam	Bright red berries	8-10m
Sorbus 'Joseph Rock'	Swedish Whitebeam	Bright red berries	10m
Sorbus 'Olympic Flame'	Scarlet Japanese Rowan	Pear shaped orange-red berries	4-6m
Sorbus 'Schouten'	Montain Ash	Golden orange-yellow berries	5-10m
Sorbus scalaris	Chinese Mountain Ash	White berries	10m
Sorbus 'Sunshine'	Yellow Berried Rowan	Yellow berries	10m
Sorbus torminalis	Wild Service Tree	Russet-brown berries	25m
Sorbus vilmorinii	Vilmorin's Rowan	Red berries changing to pink and then white	5m
Zelkova serrata	Saw-leaved Zelkova	Small green fruit	15m

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