

Kentucky's Edible Landscaping List



Trees:

- Apple – requires 2 varieties for pollination
Cultivars to consider (minimal pesticide): Pristine, Redfree, Liberty, Jonafree, Spartan, Pixie Crunch, Grimes Golden, Crison Crisp, Crunch-A-Bunch, Florina, Nova Spy, Enterprise, WineCrisp, Sundance, GoldRush
- Cherry, Tart
Cultivars: Montmorency, North Star, Balaton
- Cornelian Cherry Dogwood (Golden Glory)
- Crabapple
Cultivars: Adams, Adirondack, Donald Wyman, Harvest Gold, Japanese crabapple, Louisa, Prariefire, Professor Sprenger, Purple Prince, Sargentii, Sugar Tyme
- Jujube – marginally hardy in northern KY– needs 2 for pollination
Cultivars: Sugar Cane, Honey Jar, Land, So
- Kousa Dogwood
- Pawpaw– needs 2 for pollination
Cultivars: Benson, Wabash, Sue, Overleese, Potomac, Sunflower, Shenandoah
- Peach
Cultivars: Desiree, White Lady, Madison, Contender, Blushingstar, Encore
- Pear – need 2 for pollination
 - Asian Pears: Meigetsu, Shinko, Olympic
 - European Pears: Summercrip, Harvest Queen, Sunrise, Honeysweet, Potomac, Kieffer
- Persimmon
 - American Cultivars: Early Jewel, Early Golden, Prok, Lehman's Delight, Morris Burton, Valeene Beauty, Evelyn, Celebrity
 - Hybrid Cultivars: Kasandra, Nikita's Gift, Russian Beauty
- Plum
Cultivars: Long John, Bluebyrd, Kenmore
- Serviceberry
Cultivars: Cumulus, Autumn Brilliance

Shrubs:

- Blueberry – 3 to 4'H – requires 2 varieties for pollination
Cultivars: Duke, Patriot, Bluejay, Bluecrop, Draper, Chandler, Brigitta, Bluegold, Ozarkblue, Nelson, Darrow, Elliott, Aurora
- Currant, Black – 6'H
Cultivars: Titania, Consort, Crandall
- Currant, Red – 5'H
Cultivars: Jonkher van Tets, Rovanda
- Elderberry – 5 to 8'H – requires 2 for pollination

- Cultivars: Ranch, Adams II, Bob Gordon, Wyldewood
- Fig – 3'H
 - Cultivars: Chicago Hardy
- Gooseberry – 3 to 4'H
 - Cultivars: Amish Red, Poorman, Hinnomaki Red
- Nanking Cherry – 10'H, needs 2 for pollination

Flower Alternatives:

Annuals

- Basil (Dark Opal, Dolce Fresca, Magical Michael) – 18"Hx18"W – leaves – remove flowers as they form
- Beans, bush – fruit
- Borage – 24"Hx18"W – leaves, flowers
- Chard (Bright Lights) – 20"Hx18"W – leaves, stems
- Eggplant (Fairy Tale, Gretel, Hansel) – 24"Hx24"W – fruit
- Onions, Garlic (Bunching Warrior) – varies – leaves
- Oregano (Greek) – 6 to 24"H – leaves
- Peppers – fruit
- Tomato – fruit

Perennials

- Asparagus - stem
- Blackberry – fruit
 - Cultivars: Ouachita, Osage, Ponca, Caddo – all thornless, erect
- Daylily – varies - flowers
- Fennel – 3 to 5'H – leaves, seed
- Mint – 1 to 3'H – leaves – often invasive, consider planting in containers
- Raspberry – fruit
 - Cultivars: Bristol, Jewel, Mac Black
- Rhubarb – 3'Hx4'W – stems (leaves are poisonous)
- Rosemary – 4 to 6'H – leaves – semievergreen, 'Arp' is most cold hardy
- Sage – 2 to 3'H – leaves

Groundcovers:

Annuals

- Arugula (Eruca, Rocket) – leaves – grow in spring and fall
- Kale (Prizm) – 24"H – leaves – grow in spring and fall
- Lettuce – 8"H – leaves – grow in spring and fall
- Mustard Greens – 1 to 2'H – leaves – grow in spring and fall
- Nasturtiums (Baby Rose) – flowers, leaves

Perennials

- Prickly Pear Cactus – fruit, skinned stems
- Strawberry – fruit
 - Cultivars: Earliglow, Galletta, Flavorfest, Allstar, Jewel
- Thyme – 6 to 12” – leaves

Vines:

- Beans, pole – fruit
- Grapes – fruit, leaves
 - Cultivars: Blue Seedless - Jupiter, Mars; Red Seedless – Vanessa
- Nasturtiums – flowers, leaves
- Passionflower (maypop) – fruit