

Selected Winter Plants for Color, Fragrance and Texture

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Plant photos mentioned and/or on screen are sometimes in bold.

Several plants - like *Aucuba japonica* - exhibit multiple features and thus fall in multiple categories.

Feature		<i>scientific name</i>	common name
Color	red	<i>Camellia japonica</i> <i>Camelia sasanqua</i> <i>Helleborus orientalis</i> <i>Daphne odora</i> ‘Variagata’ <i>Ilex verticillata</i> “Winter Red’ <i>Huchera</i> ‘Stormy Seas’ <i>Itea virginica</i> ‘Henry’s Garnet’ <i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	winter camellia fall camellia Lenten rose winter daphne winterberry huchera itea red twig dogwood
	blue/ purple	<i>Crocus tomasinianus</i> <i>Iris unguicularis</i> <i>Ajuga reptans</i> ‘Gigantum’ <i>Callicarpia</i> sp.	crocus winter iris ajuga beauty berry
	green	<i>Helleborus foetidus</i> <i>Fatsia japonica</i> <i>Aucuba japonica variegata</i> <i>Arum italicum</i> <i>Athyrium niponicum</i> <i>Taxus baccata</i> ‘Fastigiata’ <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> <i>Ilex</i> ‘Nellie Stevens’ <i>Viburnum tinus</i> ‘Fragrant Bouquet’ <i>Osmanthus heterophyllus</i> ‘Variegata’	stinking hellebore Japanese fatsia gold dust plant Arum autumn fern yew southern magnolia holly tinus viburnum tea olive
	yellow/ gold	<i>Crocus</i> <i>Mahonia x media</i> ‘Hope” (not invasive) <i>Hamamelis mollis</i> ‘Arnold Promise,’ ‘Jelena’ <i>Edgeworthia papyrifera</i> <i>Nandina domestica alba</i> (not invasive) <i>Pittisporum tenuifolium</i> <i>Chamaecyparis pisifera</i> ‘Golden Mop’ <i>Cornus sericea</i> <i>Cornus mas</i>	crocus leatherleaf Chinese witch hazel paper plant white false bamboo pittisporum false cypress yellow twig dogwood Cornelian cherry

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	pink/ coral	<i>Camellia japonica</i> varieties <i>Camelia sasanqua</i> varieties <i>Lonicera fragrantissima</i> <i>Cyclamen coum</i> <i>Prunus mume</i> 'Peggy Clark,' 'Rosemary Clark' <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	winter camellia fall camellia winter honeysuckle cyclamen flowering apricot redbud
	brown	<i>Carex buechanari</i> <i>Betula nigra</i> <i>Hakonechloa macra</i> <i>Epimedium x rubrun</i> <i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> <i>Hydrangea anomala petiolaris</i>	sedge river birch grass epimedium hydrangea climbing hydrangea
	white/ silver	<i>Helleborus orientalis, niger</i> <i>Chaenomeles speciosa</i> <i>Pieris japonica</i> <i>Halesia carolina</i> <i>Nandina domestica alba</i> (not invasive) <i>Cyanara cardunculus</i> <i>Artemesia</i> <i>Sryopteris erythrosora</i>	Christmas, Lenten rose flowering quince Japanese andromeda silverbell false bamboo cardoon artemesia autumn fern
Texture	bark	<i>Acer palmatum</i> <i>Prunus incisa</i> "Okame" <i>Lagerstromia indica</i> 'Nachez' <i>Betula nigra</i> <i>Zelkova serrata</i> <i>Cornus kousa</i>	Japanese maple cherry bark crape myrtle river birch Japanese zelkova kousa dogwood
Berries		<i>Ilex x attenuata</i> 'Savannah' <i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Winter Gold,' 'Winter Red' <i>Illicium floridanum</i> <i>Aucuba japonica varigata</i> <i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> <i>Ilex</i> 'Nellie Stevens'	Savannah holly winterberry Florida anise acuba firethorn holly

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Fragrance		<i>Edgeworthia papyrifera</i> <i>Daphne odora</i> 'Variagata' <i>Prunus mume</i> 'Peggy Clark,' 'Rosemary Clark,' Hokkai Bungo' <i>Jasminum nudiflorum</i> <i>Corylopsis pauciflora</i> <i>Lonicera fragrantissima</i> <i>Hamamelis mollis</i> 'Pallida' <i>Chimonanthus praecox</i> <i>Viburnum tinus</i> 'Fragrant Bouquet'	paper plant winter daphne flowering apricot flowering apricot winter jasmine buttercup winter hazel winter honeysuckle witch hazel wintersweet, winter allspice tinus viburnum

Nearby gardens to visit...and enjoy in **all** seasons (*Note. It is easier to see garden "bones" during winter so winter viewings helps retrain your eye for (re)designing your own garden.*):

SC Botanical Garden in Clemson, SC

<http://www.clemson.edu/public/scbg/>

NC Arboretum in Asheville; Biltmore

<http://www.ncarboretum.org/> <http://www.biltmore.com>

Wing Haven Gardens, Charlotte, NC

<http://www.winghavengardens.com/>

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, Belmont, NC (south of Charlotte)

<http://www.dsbg.org/>

Atlanta Botanical Garden

<http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/>

Books to tempt you:

Asheville/Charlotte writers (*These authors garden in our southern climate.*):

The Winter Garden, Loewer and Mellichamp, isbn 0 8117 1925 1

British writers (*Reminder: These authors garden in a climate with greater moisture, different soils, different angles and duration of sunlight, lower humidity, and reliably cool night-time temperatures. For our climate, it is suggested that, for greater success, you select plants with same genus and species name but seek locally grown cultivars.*):

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The Winter Garden, Bourne, isbn 1 84403 1481 x

The Garden in Winter, Verey, isbn 0 7112 2020 4

Winter Garden, Sterndale-Bennett, isbn 1 55870 789 1

Winter Flowering Shrubs, Buffin, isbn 0-88192-722-8

Excellent plant sources:

Zone 6B camellias: Wilson Bros Gardens www.wilsonbrosgarden.com
search by zone or flower color

All three nurseries below will mail plants

<https://www.plantdelights.com/>
plansman/owner.

Tony Avent is creative

<https://www.woodlanders.net/> Woodlanders is located in
Aiken. It is an old fashioned nursery that does not have “eye candy” for
visitors but, regardless, offers excellent, healthy sometimes unusual
plants.

<https://nurcar.com/> Ted Stevens is the superb plantsman; also
located in Aiken, SC. Ask him about using lime!