

# Villager Unique Crops 2013

ABIES LASIOCARPA 'DAWSON' 25#1 & #2

Sub-alpine Fir (zone 3). Dawson is 3800 ft. (Idaho)

ABIES LASIOCARPA 'PRIEST LAKE' 25#1 & #2

This population is low 2,200ft elevation (may tolerate summer heat and in-town conditions even better)

AESCULUS GLABRA 20 #3

Aesculus glabra (Ohio Buckeye) (zone 3)

Height: 30'-40' Width: 30'-40'. A durable, globe shaped tree that can be variable in height. Dense foliage is dark green in summer. Fall color is yellow, orange-red to reddish brown. Large greenish yellow flowers appear in spring followed by cool prickly seed pods and showy "buck-eye" seeds. Good, extremely hardy, tree with distinctive characteristics. Full sun.

ARCTOSTAPHYLOS NEVADENSE X UVA URSI 'CASCADE'

25 #1

Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis 'Cascade' (Cascade Manzanita)

Height: 1'-2' Width: 3'-4'. A selection with a pronounced cascading habit and grows slightly larger than Mock-Bearberry. Smooth cinnamon-red to purplish exfoliating bark and bright green oval leaves. This selection made by Alan Taylor for its pink flowers appear in April to May followed by a red berry in September-October. Full sun to part shade.

ARCTOSTAPHYLOS NEVADENSE X UVA URSI 'CHIEFTAIN

3 #3 TRIAL

Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis 'Chieftain' (Chieftain Manzanita)

Height: 2'-3' Width: 8'-10'. An Uncompaghre Plateau selection that is a much larger manzanita than our other selections. Smooth cinnamon-red to purplish exfoliating bark and bright green oval leaves. White flower tinged with pink appear in April to May followed by a red berry in September- October. Full sun to part shade. The original plant (from an educated guess by Betsy Baldwin-Owens) is located on the Redlands side of Grand Junction. Will struggle in heavy alkaline soils. Full sun to part shade.

ARCTOSTAPHYLOS NEVADENSE X UVA URSI 'PANCHITO'

25 #1

Arctostaphylos x coloradoensis 'Panchito' (PANCHITO™ Manzanita)

Height: 1'-2' Width: 3'-5'. This Uncompaghre Plateau selection of manzanita with bright green oval leaves holds its color longer into the winter. It is mid-range in height, has a spreading habit and shows beautiful, smooth cinnamon-red to purplish exfoliating bark. White flowers tinged with pink appear in April to May followed by a dry red berry in September-October. Avoid heavy soils. Full sun to part shade. Plant Select 2006.

COTONEASTER IGNAVUS 2 #3 TRIAL

Cotoneaster ignavus Sezchuan, Fire Cotoneaster (zone 2)

Height: 6'-8' Width: 4'-6'. An extremely hardy cotoneaster with dark red 1/4" fruit. The leaves are heavily pubescent, giving them a blue cast. Yellow fall color. Selected from the USDA Experimental Station in Cheyenne, WY and a favorite of Gene Howard who was superintendent of the station for many years. Full sun.

CRATAEGUS MOLLIS -25 #2-3 & 5 for 2014, #7?

Crataegus mollis (Downy Hawthorn)

To 50', ZONE 3. Heavy crops of red 1" fruit in late summer, preceded in May by clusters of 3/4" white blooms. Variably thorny up to 2" long on gray branches. New twigs densely pubescent. Useful for wildlife habitat, naturalized landscapes can be sheared into a formidable screen.

JUGLANS CINEREA 10 #2 & 5 for 2014, #7?

Juglans cinerea (Butternut)

To 60', ZONE 3. Resembles Black Walnut (J. nigra) but smaller. Delicious hard shelled nuts have rich, oily, spicy flavor. Wood used for rifle stocks.

PRUNUS ARMENIACA MANDSHURICA 25

#3-5 & 10 for #7

Prunus armeniaca 'Mandshurica' (Manchurian Apricot)

To 25', ZONE 4-5. Very hardy. Our seed is from a superior true-to-name Manchurian seed source, which is better and more dependably hardy than domestic sources. Quality fruit suitable for home use.

PRUNUS AVIUM 20 #2-3 & 10 for #7+ (RC?)

Prunus avium - (Mazzard Cherry)

To 40', ZONE 3-4. Masses of fragrant white blooms followed by small red fruit. Smooth red bark. Seedling sweet cherries have been planted for centuries to provide tasty fruit for home gardens and wildlife. Taller sizes are used as understock for top grafting Weeping Flowering Cherries. Grown from certified seed.

PRUNUS PADUS 25 #5 & 15 for larger even RC?

Prunus padus - (European Bird Cherry, May Day Tree)

To 50', ZONE 3. Early spring white flowers in long clusters. Dark green leaves come out earlier than most trees in spring. Fall color is yellow to red. Wood used for furniture and interior work. An excellent ornamental tree. Grown from certified seed.

QUERCUS UNDULATA 20 #1

Quercus × pauciloba [gambelii × turbinella] (Wavyleaf Oak) (zone 4)

Height: 10'-20' Width: 8'-16'. Small tree or large shrub, native to the southern Rocky Mountains. Thick leathery leaves are blue to green in color and generally have wavy margins. A naturally occurring hybrid between Q. gambelii and Q. turbinella. In a very protected site it may be semievergreen. Full sun.

RIBES X 'JOSTABERRY' 15 #6?

Ribes x nidigrolaria (Josta Berry)

Height: 4'-5' Width: 4'-5', Zone 3. A cross between the black currant and the gooseberry, made in Germany. The fruit is twice the size of the currant and intermediate in flavor between the two parents. A very vigorous, thornless plant that is resistant to white pine blister rust. Recommended by CSU. Full sun.

Vigorous, thornless, disease resistant Black Currant/Gooseberry hybrid. Known to produce heavy yields of dark purple 1/2" rounded fruit, high in vitamin C, ripens in mid-summer. Full sun to partial shade. Tangy fruit eaten fresh and in preserves. Take a gooseberry, remove the thorns, and makes it sweeter. The tangy-sweet flavor of a jostaberry (pronounced yust-a-berry) is a mix of grape, blueberry, and kiwi-fruit. Considered to be resistant to White Pine Blister Rust.

RIBES X 'TASTI-BERRY' 25 #1

Ribes x 'Tasti-Berry' (Tasti-Berry Gooseberry) (zone 4)

Height: 3'-4' Width: 3'-4'. A cross between the black currant and the Gooseberry made by Oregon State University. Unlike 'Jostaberry' it inherited the thorns and sweeter flavor of it's Gooseberry parent. Well liked in taste tests at the nursery. Full sun.

RIBES NIGRUM 'ALAGAN' 3 #3 TRIAL

Ribes nigrum 'Alagan', Alagan Black Currant (zone 4)

Height: 5'-6' Width: 3'-4'. A selection of black currant with a sweeter flavor than the species. Upright shrub to 6'. White flowers in May. Purple-black currants ripen in July to August. A versatile culinary and medicinal plant used across Europe for teas, liquors, scent for soaps, and a sore throat remedy, as well as, for jams and dried fruit. Prefers well drained soils. Leaves will sunburn in full sun. Part shade.

RUBUS-BOYNE 10 #3-5

Rubus 'Boyne' (Boyne Raspberry)

5'+, Zone 2. Very hardy, productive, sturdy plants. Mid- summer crop of tender, juicy, tartly sweet, dark red berries well suited for processing and freezing. Adapted for home gardens and commercial production. Best choice where cold hardiness is important.

RUBUS-LATHAM 10 #3-5

Rubus 'Latham' (Latham Raspberry)

5'+, Zone 3. Prolific crops of large (1") red berries, full flavored and aromatic, ripens June into July. Suitable for pick your own markets. Vigorous, disease resistant plants. Excellent fruit quality for fresh eating, baking, juicing and preserves. Adaptable to a wide range of sites.

SALIX ARENARIA 'BLUE CREEK' 2 #3

TRIAL

Salix arenaria , Blue Creek Willow (zone 4)

Height: 2'-4' Width: 4'-6'. Densely pubescent leaves on this low-growing shrub give Blue Creek a unique silvery velvet appearance in the spring. The leaves turn gray-green as they mature. Also known in the trade as S. repens nitida and S. repens argentea. Some tip dieback can occur during the winter. Full sun to part shade.

SAMBUCUS PUBENS 3 #2

TRIAL

Sambucus pubens, Red Fruited Elderberry (zone 3)

Height: 6'-8' Width: 6'-8'. A large shrub native to the Rocky Mountain region. Commonly found as an understory plant in the same habitat as Western River Birch and Thinleaf Alder. White umbel bloom clusters in June followed by red fruit. Full sun to part shade.

SORBARIA SORBIFOLIA 'SKINNERS' 2 #3

TRIAL

Sorbaria sorbifolia 'Skinner's Strain', Skinner's Strain Ashleaf Spirea (zone 2)

Height: 4'-6' Width: 4'-6'. A compact form of Ash Leaf Spirea. Blooms with large panicles of creamy white flowers in late summer. This selection gets maroon fall color. A great, hardy backdrop plant. Full sun.

VITIS RIPARIA 25 #1 & #2

Vitis riparia (Riverbank Grape)

To 30'+ climbing vine, ZONE 3. Cold hardy wild grape, fast growth, shiny green leaves. sweet scented summer flowers followed by purplish black 1/4" to 1/2" fruit in clusters, best flavor after light frost. Wildlife habitat.

NEPETA SIBERICA 100 4", #1 & #2

Nepeta siberica (Siberian Catmint)

To 30"+ hardy, blooming, deer-proof herbaceous perennial, ZONE 2