

# Botanical Odyssey Collection

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This Collection has been selected in part to respond to extremes of climate change including summer drought (tolerance of low soil moisture after five years of watering) and winter cold (tolerance of reported minimum temperatures with some protection from desiccating winds.)

## ASIATIC TREES



### Hardy Rubber Tree

*Eucommia ulmoides*

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A stately tree of ancient origin, long cultivated in China, and now endangered in the wild. The broad-spreading, rounded crown holds pendulous, pointed, and lustrous dark green leaves that wrinkle with age. The fissured bark and leaves are used in Chinese traditional medicine and contain a plastic and elastic gum that can be used as a natural rubber substitute.

\$29.50

**Deciduous Tree**

**Origin:** China

**Cold Tolerance:** -28.8° C

**Shade Tolerance:** sun, light shade

**Soil Moisture:** moist to dry; well drained; drought tolerant

**Mature Height:** 20m

**Pot Height:** 2m+ staked



### Long-leaved Evergreen Oak

*Quercus myrsinifolia* (syn. *Cyclobalanopsis myrsinifolia*)

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The hardiest of the Asiatic evergreen oaks and a large tree in its native range, though slower-growing and smaller in our region. The dense crown spreads and rounds with age, and sometimes the branches are twisted and weeping. The long, narrow and leathery dark green leaves have extended drip tips to shed water. Pendulous clusters of small yellow flowers produce small acorns.

\$34.50

**Broadleaf Evergreen Tree**

**Origin:** China, Japan, S. Korea, Laos, Thailand, N. Vietnam

**Cold Tolerance:** -23.3° C

**Shade Tolerance:** sun, part shade

**Soil Moisture:** moist to dry; well-drained; drought tolerant

**Mature Height:** 10m

**Pot Height:** 1.8m staked



### Broad-petaled White Magnolia

*Magnolia maudiae* var. *platypetala*  
(syn. *Michelia platypetala*)

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The hardiest of the ancient evergreen Asiatic magnolias with a compact columnar to pyramidal form and dark blue-green leaves that are leathery and glossy. Flower buds of copper-brown open to large, mostly solitary, broad-petaled white flowers in early spring and sometimes in summer. The flowers are strongly fragrant and pollinated by beetles.

\$34.50

**Broadleaf Evergreen Tree**

**Origin:** China

**Cold Tolerance:** -17.7° C

**Shade Tolerance:** part shade, light shade, sun

**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained

**Mature Height:** 10m

**Pot Height:** 1-1.5m staked



### Japanese Snowbell

*Styrax japonicus* 'Snowcone'

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A popular small deciduous tree for the garden, with a graceful spreading crown and a smooth grey trunk that fissures with age. The horizontal, layered branches and upward-facing, small oval leaves highlight the late spring blooms: masses of pendulous clusters of small white and heavily fragrant flowers that attract pollinators.

\$29.50 #3 pot

**Deciduous Tree**

**Origin:** China, Japan, N. Korea, S. Korea; cultivar

**Cold Tolerance:** -23.4° C

**Shade Tolerance:** sun, part shade

**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained

**Mature Height:** 10m

**Pot Height:** 1.3-1.5m staked



**Chinese Money Tree**  
*Dipteronia sinensis*

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Of ancient origin and now rare, this relative of the maples is a fast-growing tree or shrub with an open, spreading form. The graceful arching branches have long, bright green and serrated compound leaves. Erect clusters of pinkish double-winged fruits turn light green, resembling coins and paper money. They turn reddish in late summer to fall and leaves turn yellow-orange.

**\$24.50 Limited Supply**

**Deciduous Tree**

**Origin:** China

**Cold Tolerance:** -20.6° C

**Shade Tolerance:** sun, part shade, light shade

**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained

**Mature Height:** 10 m

**Pot Height:** 1-1.2m



**Japanese Cinnamon**  
*Cinnamomum japonicum*

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Related to the culinary species and hardiest of the cinnamons. It grows as a narrow column with smooth green bark when young, then develops horizontal branches with drooping shoots. The pendulous, long, narrow and glossy dark green leaves have distinct ribs. Both bark and leaves have a camphor scent. Clusters of yellowish flowers in spring produce blackish fruits in summer.

**\$34.50**

**Broadleaf Evergreen Tree**

**Origin:** Japan, N. Korea, S. Korea, Taiwan

**Cold Tolerance:** -17.7° C

**Shade Tolerance:** light shade, sun

**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained

**Mature Height:** 9m

**Pot Height:** 1.5-1.8m staked



**Japanese Broad-leaved Holly**  
*Ilex latifolia* 'Purple Power'

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This Piroche Plants selection has a bold texture and can be grown as a tree, shrub, or as a hedge. The dense upright crown has a pyramidal form, then becomes more oval to round. The thick and very large dark green leaves are leathery and lustrous; leaf stems and young branches have a purplish colour. The female stock produces dense clusters of yellowish-green flowers and red fruits.

**\$24.50**

**Broadleaf Evergreen Tree | Shrub**

**Origin:** Japan; cultivar

**Cold Tolerance:** -20.6° C

**Shade Tolerance:** sun, part shade

**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained; drought tolerant

**Mature Height:** 8m

**Pot Height:** 1.2-1.4m staked

## ASIATIC SHRUBS



**Isu no Ki Tree**  
*Distylium racemosum*

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This genus is an ancient relative of the witch hazels. The multi-stemmed, spreading shrub or small tree has strong branches that can be structured into different forms. The thick, leathery leaves are oval to elliptical and dark green, and some stock may have interesting lighter green variegations. The short clusters of small flowers offer subtle brownish-red interest in the spring and attract pollinators.

**\$24.50**

**Broadleaf Evergreen Tree | Shrub**

**Origin:** China, Japan, N. Korea [unconfirmed], S. Korea

**Cold Tolerance:** -20.6° C

**Shade Tolerance:** sun, part shade

**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained; drought tolerant

**Mature Height:** 10m

**Pot Height:** 1.4m staked



**Henry Anise**  
*Illicium henryi*

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Related to the culinary star and one of the hardier but inedible anise. The shrub has a pyramidal, tiered form with both upright and low, wide branches, dense in part shade, open in full shade. The deep green and leathery leaves have a radial structure on the branches and are aromatic when bruised. The spring flowers are star-shaped and waxy, in shades from pink to red.

**\$24.50**

**Broadleaf Evergreen Shrub**

**Origin:** China, Japan

**Cold Tolerance:** -17.7° C

**Shade Tolerance:** part shade, shade

**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained

**Mature Height:** 6m

**Pot Height:** 1.4m



**Blue Bean**  
*Decaisnea fargesii*

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This upright multi-stemmed deciduous shrub has a broad and open form and exotic effect, with large and long dark green compound leaves. Clusters of very small yellowish-green flowers in early summer produce distinctive large blue fruits. They contain an edible gelatinous and sweet substance surrounding inedible small black seeds that can be separated.

**\$19.50**  
**Deciduous Shrub**  
**Origin:** China  
**Cold Tolerance:** -20.6° C  
**Shade Tolerance:** part shade, sun if moist  
**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained  
**Mature Height:** 5m  
**Pot Height:** 0.9m staked



**Smooth-leaved Magnolia**  
*Magnolia laevifolia* (syn. *Michelia yunnanensis*)

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This Magnolia can form a small tree, an upright multi-stemmed shrub, or a lower spreading shrub. The leaves that emerge from distinctive copper-brown buds are dark green and leathery, with a copper-brown indumentum (velvet) on the underside. Fragrant cream-white flowers appear in masses in late winter to spring, attracting pollinators.

**\$29.50**  
**Broadleaf Evergreen Shrub**  
**Origin:** China  
**Cold Tolerance:** -15.0° C  
**Shade Tolerance:** sun, light shade  
**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained  
**Mature Height:** 4.5m  
**Pot Height:** 1m staked



**Chinese Plum Yew**  
*Cephalotaxus sinensis*

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This spreading, multi-stemmed coniferous shrub has an ancient origin. Branches have extremely long needles on opposite rows that curve slightly upward, and they are soft to touch. The tiered and textured effect is exotic compared to many other conifers with shorter and stiffer needles. This stock is female; to produce the green to reddish-brown fruit, a male is needed.

**\$24.50**  
**Coniferous Shrub**  
**Origin:** China  
**Cold Tolerance:** -17.7° C  
**Shade Tolerance:** part, light shade  
**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained; drought tolerant  
**Mature Height:** 4m  
**Pot Height:** 0.9m



**Japanese Columnar Plum Yew**  
*Cephalotaxus harringtonia* 'Fastigiata'

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An upright columnar form of the species that thrives in shade. It has dense growth of lustrous dark blue-green needles spirally arranged around the branches. The older bark is greyish-brown to reddish-brown. This stock is male; an olive-shaped green to brown-black fruit is produced by the females.

**\$24.50**  
**Coniferous Shrub**  
**Origin:** Japan; cultivar  
**Cold Tolerance:** -17.7° C  
**Shade Tolerance:** part shade, shade  
**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained; drought tolerant  
**Mature Height:** 4m  
**Pot Height:** 0.6m



**Tea Oil Camellia**  
*Camellia oleifera*

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The hardiest of the Camellias, hybridized with other species to develop new cultivars and cultivated in Asia for its seed oil which has culinary and other uses. This upright multi-stemmed shrub has thin, cinnamon-coloured bark and dark green and leathery, oval to elliptical leaves. Fragrant solitary white flowers bloom in fall and early winter.

**\$29.50**  
**Broadleaf Evergreen Shrub**  
**Origin:** China, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam  
**Cold Tolerance:** -17.7° C  
**Shade Tolerance:** part, light shade  
**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained; drought tolerant  
**Mature Height:** 3m  
**Pot Height:** 1.5m staked



**Hybrid Tea Olive**  
*Osmanthus x burkwoodii* (syn. *Osmarea*)

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One of the hardiest *Osmanthus*, used for teas and flavorings. The dense, strong-branched hybrid combines the cold resistance and scent of the western and eastern Asia parents. Dark green, serrated leaves are thick and leathery. Clusters of white flowers produce one of the strongest fragrances in the garden in spring, attracting pollinators.

The parents will also be available at The Plant Sale in limited quantities.

\$24.50

**Broadleaf Evergreen Shrub**  
**Origin:** Georgia, Turkey x China hybrid  
**Cold Tolerance:** -23.3° C  
**Shade Tolerance:** sun, part shade  
**Soil Moisture:** moist, well-drained; drought tolerant  
**Mature Height:** 2.5m  
**Pot Height:** 0.9m



**Japanese Yellow Weigela**  
*Weigela maximowiczii*

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An uncommon yellow-flowering species of a popular deciduous genus, *Weigela*. This relatively small shrub has erect to arching branches and elliptical pointed green leaves. Flowers have a flared tubular form with darker yellow markings in the throats that attract pollinators in the spring. Provides interest in the sun garden.

\$24.50

**Deciduous Shrub**  
**Origin:** Japan  
**Cold Tolerance:** -23.3° C  
**Shade Tolerance:** sun  
**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained  
**Mature Height:** 2m  
**Pot Height:** 0.9m



**White-Berried Nandina**  
*Nandina domestica* 'Leucocarpa'

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A distinctive coloured cultivar of the *Nandina* species. The shrub has an open and upright form, with horizontal branches and light green compound leaves. Clusters of white flowers in late spring to early summer turn to cream-coloured fruits that persist through the winter. Provides an elegant contrast to the darker greens of the garden.

\$24.50

**Broadleaf Evergreen Shrub**  
**Origin:** China; cultivar  
**Cold Tolerance:** -23.3° C  
**Shade Tolerance:** sun, light shade  
**Soil Moisture:** moist to dry; well-drained; drought tolerant  
**Mature Height:** 1.5m  
**Pot Height:** 0.9m



**Chinese Narrow-leaved Helwingia**  
*Helwingia chinensis*

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Rare and a botanical curiosity. This shrub has an upright, spreading form with long, narrow and serrated dark green leaves arching from erect stems. Tiny greenish-white flowers emerge from the mid-ribs of the leaves, termed epiphyllly. This stock is male; a maroon to black fruit is produced by pollinated females.

\$24.50

**Broadleaf Evergreen Shrub**  
**Origin:** E. and S.E. Asia incl. China  
**Cold Tolerance:** -9.5° C  
**Shade Tolerance:** light shade, shade  
**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained  
**Mature Height:** 1.5m  
**Pot Height:** 0.6-0.8m

## JAPANESE AUCUBAS

**Aucuba japonica cultivars**

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Aucubas are excellent broadleaf evergreen plants of medium size with upright, rounded forms easily pruned from the base or up the vertical stems. There are many uncommon and rare cultivars with leaf shape variations and variegations, and fruit colour variations. Female flowers and fruits develop in the leaf stem joints; males flower in upright clusters at the tips of branches.

Aucubas prefer shade, can grow in deep shade, and even tolerate some sun with sufficient moisture. They are relatively drought tolerant.



### Serrated-leaf Aucuba *Aucuba japonica* 'Serratifolia'

This cultivar has longer and more deeply serrated leaves than the species. Prominent fruits on these females change colour from yellow to orange to red, providing an interesting effect in the shade garden in spring, when all three colours appear at once.

\$19.50

**Broadleaf Evergreen Shrub**

**Origin:** Japan; cultivar

**Cold Tolerance:** -20.6° C

**Shade Tolerance:** part shade, shade

**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained; drought tolerant

**Mature Height:** 2m

**Pot Height:** 0.6m



### White-Berried Aucuba *Aucuba japonica* 'Leucocarpa'

An uncommon cultivar that subtly lightens sections of the shade garden. Though the leaves have a normal dark green base, they have whitish variegations that offer a softening effect, while the white fruits of these females stand out against the greens of the garden.

\$19.50

**Broadleaf Evergreen Shrub**

**Origin:** Japan; cultivar

**Cold Tolerance:** -20.6° C

**Shade Tolerance:** part shade, shade

**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained; drought tolerant

**Mature Height:** 2m

**Pot Height:** 0.9m



### Kameba Aucuba *Aucuba japonica* 'Kameba'

A rare and shorter cultivar for the lower shrub layers of the shade garden. It has broader, more deeply serrated leaves that are darker green than shown in the photo. These males have small, reddish flower parts at the tips of the branches; they do not produce fruits.

\$24.50

**Broadleaf Evergreen Shrub**

**Origin:** Japan; cultivar

**Cold Tolerance:** -20.6° C

**Shade Tolerance:** part shade, shade

**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained; drought tolerant

**Mature Height:** 1.5m

**Pot Height:** 0.6-0.8m

## JAPANESE HOLLIES

### *Ilex crenata* and cultivars

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This Japanese holly species is similar to boxwood but is more strongly upright with leaves that are darker green, thick and leathery. The species has a dense, rounded and compact form that can be shaped, and there are several columnar cultivars. Fruits are normally small and black.

The species and cultivars are great plants for small urban spaces. Slow growing, they can be planted in containers with sufficient space for root growth, and they don't need much pruning.



### Japanese White-berried Holly *Ilex crenata* (white berry)

This Piroche Plants cultivar has the normal rounded form of the species but has been selected for its naturally occurring, subtle white fruits. The shrub is especially suited for foundation and container planting, and for small to medium height hedges.

\$24.50

**Broadleaf Evergreen Shrub**

**Origin:** Japan, Korea

**Cold Tolerance:** -20.6° C

**Shade Tolerance:** sun, part shade

**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained; drought tolerant

**Mature Height:** 1.2m

**Pot Height:**



### Japanese Columnar Black-berried Holly *Ilex crenata* 'Sky Sentry'

A Piroche Plants cultivar suitable for containers and small spaces, this columnar form has the typical leaves and black berries of the species. Another cultivar, 'Mariesii', which has rounder leaves and a more contorted effect will also be available at the Plant Sale in limited quantities.

\$24.50

**Broadleaf Evergreen Shrub**

**Origin:** Japan, Korea

**Cold Tolerance:** -20.6° C

**Shade Tolerance:** sun, part shade

**Soil Moisture:** moist; well-drained; drought tolerant

**Mature Height:** 1.5m

**Pot Height:** 1-1.2m

## JAPANESE IRIS

### Iris ensata cultivars

The Japanese water iris is spectacular when it flowers. Falling and upright petals emerge from dense clumps of narrow, vertical leaves over a meter high. The pots are full of rhizomes and will provide a show of blooms this year. Though water loving in the summer, they need to be well-drained in the winter to avoid rot.

These uncommon and rare cultivars are normally not on the market, and the remaining stock is being sold at the Plant Sale.

\$24.50

**Perennial**

**Origin:** Japan

**Cold Tolerance:** -28.8° C

**Shade Tolerance:** sun, part shade

**Soil Moisture:** moist, wet; well-drained in winter

**Mature Height:** 1.2 m



'Mikuni yama'



'Suei'



'Yamaji Nishiki'



'Ageha'



'Shii no homare'

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- Email a list of the plants and numbers of each you want to buy.
- An invoice will be emailed to you for payment by e-transfer.
- Pick up your plants at the Plant Sale on Saturday, April 25.

Stock is limited so order now to ensure you find the plants you want.

**Orders and Payments must be received by Monday, April 20, 2026**

## JAPANESE MAPLES AND AZALEAS

Japanese maples from Gloucester Green Nursery and an additional collection of Japanese azaleas and other Asiatic shrubs from Botanical Odyssey will be available for in-person shopping at The Plant Sale at VanDusen.

- Plants are in #2 pots or larger. Trees and some shrubs are staked in the pot.
- Plant purchases are charged GST 5% + PST 7%
- Plants can be picked up at the Plant Sale on Saturday, April 25
- Bring your invoice with you as proof of purchase.
- Pre-paid orders will be in the lane on the southeast side of the Floral Hall.

### Japanese Azaleas

- *Rhododendron japonicum*
- *Rhododendron kaempferi*
- *Rhododendron kiusianum*
- *Rhododendron macrosepalum*
- *Rhododendron obtusum*