

## ORNAMENTAL FRUIT IN WOODY PLANT MATERIAL

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Many woody plants produce an ornamental fruit. This fruit can add interest to the plant, can be edible by humans and many times relished by wild life.

When using these types of plants there are a few things to remember. If planted near a driveway, walk or patio, they can drop and stain the surface. May attract unwanted critters. Squirrels and Chippies are fun but can be a nuisance. Also some may be toxic.

I listed the fruit by their botanical type. Many times they are just called berries. Drupes are stone fruit like a peach, they have a single seed surrounded by fleshy tissue. Pomes are like an apple. If an apple is cut in half there will be a star shaped seed chamber which is surrounded by a fleshy exterior.

The following is not a comprehensive list, just a survey of plants hardy to hardiness zone #5. Most of these can be accessed through my site [www.plantstogrow.com](http://www.plantstogrow.com) for data and images of the plant.

Amelanchier	many other cultivars	edible fruit, starts red changing to purple, dozens cultivars
	Autumn Brilliance Juneberry	edible fruit, starts red changing to purple, dozens of Juneberry cultivars
Aronia	Black Chokeberry	dark purple, almost black pome
	Red Chokeberry	red pomes that dry to black
Callicarpa	Beauty Berry	small, shiny lavender drupes
Chaenomeles	Flowering Quince	apple-like pomes, reds, yellows
Cornus	Red Twig Dogwood	white berries (drupes)
	Yellow Twig Dogwood	white berries (drupes)
	Gray Dogwood	white drupes
	Ivory Halo Dogwood	white to whitish blue drupes
	Silky Dogwood	porcelain blue berries (drupes)
	Cornelian Chery Dogwood	edible red fruit
	Gray and Gold Dogwood	white to whitish blue drupes
	many other cultivars	most if not all produce ornamental, edible by wildlife drupes
Corylus	Beaked Hazelnut	edible hazelnut (native)
Cotoneaster	Cranberry Cotoneaster	red pome, not edible
	Rock Spray Cotoneaster	red pome, not edible
	Tom Thumb Cotoneaster	red pome, not edible
Crataegus	Winter King Hawthorn	lots of red pomes
Ilex	Winterberry Holly	red fruit, long lasting
	many other cultivars	most if not all produce ornamental red fruit

Malus	many other cultivars	100's of varieties, many with ornamental apple fruit (pome), some large or small, red, yellow pink
	Fire Bird	long lasting, small, red
	Profusion Ornamental Crab	red
	Harvest Gold Ornamental Crab	golden fruit
	Prairie Fire Ornamental Crab	maroon fruit
	Molten Lava Ornamental Crab	orange fruit
	Diablo Ninebark	red inflated seed pods
	Summer Wine Ninebark	red inflated seed pods
	Center Glow Ninebark	red inflated seed pods
Prunus	Black Cherry	Red to black, edible but with a bitter taste, animals will quickly consume (native)
	Chokecherry	red, edible, astringent or puckery, drupe
	Nanking Cherry	tart edible red berry (drupe)
Ribes	Smooth Gooseberry	edible purple fruit (native)
	Glove Current	edible dark purple black (native)
Rosa	Rugosa Rose	large rose hips, red and orange
	Shrub Roses	many produce colorful, edible rose hips
Sambucus	American Elderberry	small edible purple drupes
	American Red Elderberry	red drupes, not edible to humans
	many other Elderberry cultivars	most if not all have ornamental fruit
Symphoricarpos	Common Snowberry	white drupes
	Magicberry Snowberry	red drupes
	Proudberry Coralberry	large dark pink drupes
	Candy Coralberry	large pink drupes
Viburnum	Northern Burgundy Viburnum	blue to black drupes
	Arrowwood Viburnum	blue to black drupes (native)
	Blue Muffin Viburnum	blue to black drupes
	Cranberry Bush Viburnum	red drupes (native)
	Blackhaw Viburnum	red changing to dark blue drupes
	Doublefile Viburnum	red changing to black
	many other cultivars	with ornamental fruit