



## Landscaping with fruits (and veggies)

Have you ever had anyone ask you for a serviceberry because they want a fruit tree? How about Junipers because they want to start distilling Gin?



In our niche of the "Green" industry we often do not think about a landscape as having the dual purpose of producing beauty and tasty accompaniments to our three meals a day!

Although a number of plants that we commonly use are edible, there is a bounty of edible plants that are underused and make excellent landscape plants. What about Blueberries? They are so nice in foliage and flower that they work as a foundation planting.

Raspberries? There is a new one ('Raspberry Shortcake') that forms a nice 3'x3' dense shrub. Need a vine? How about hardy Kiwi? Not only do they produce tasty fruit, but also the plant itself has a nice layered effect - and you can get them with white and pink variegated leaves! Need a specimen tree? How about an espaliered Apple or Pear.



Now, I'm not recommending you replace that boxwood hedge with a row of corn, but maybe underplant it with some thyme. (It is a must in any Chicken Recipe).



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