





The Value of Foliage



- Primary ornamental feature
- Additional asset or feature
- Textural contribution
- Foil for neighbors
- Extended window of interest

The Value of Texture

- Variable texture offers visual interest and is an essential element in creating successful plant combinations.
- Combining different textures is as important as combining colors!





Foliage Considerations



- Seasonal transitions?
- Best lighting for optimum coloration
- Insect or disease problems
- Fall Color?



xHeucherella 'Sweet Tea'



Geranium sanguineum

Foliage Characteristics


- Color
- Glossiness
- Pubescence
- Seasonal shift?
- Texture
 - Visual weight
 - Tactile?



Alchemilla



Safe to Assume...



- Our perennial selection should include considering foliage that isn't prone to browning, diseases, insect problems, browsing or other negative inputs.

A close-up photograph of a plant's foliage, showing some signs of damage or discoloration, possibly from insect activity or disease. The text "Safe to Assume..." is at the top, and a bullet point is to the right.

Maximum "Window of Appeal"

- Foliage that offers color independently of the bloom window will provide extended interest during the "off bloom" period but should also be a nice feature in tandem with the blooms as well.

A photograph of a purple flowering plant, likely a Salvia species, showing its dense, upright growth habit and vibrant purple blossoms. The text "Maximum 'Window of Appeal'" is at the top, and a bullet point is to the left.



Heliopsis 'Lorraine Sunshine'



Iris pallida 'Albo-Variegata'



Iris pallida 'Aurea-Variegata'



Tradescantia 'Sweet Kate'



Phlox 'Shockwave'



Amsonia hubrichtii





coral bells (*Heuchera*)



Heuchera 'Caramel'



Heuchera 'Mocha'



Heuchera 'Cherry Coke'



Fallopia japonica 'Variegata'



Brunnera 'Jack Frost'



Brunnera 'Looking Glass'



Pulmonaria 'Diana Clare'



Pulmonaria 'Raspberry Splash'



Epimedium x rubrum





Aruncus aethusifolius



Dicentra 'Goldheart'

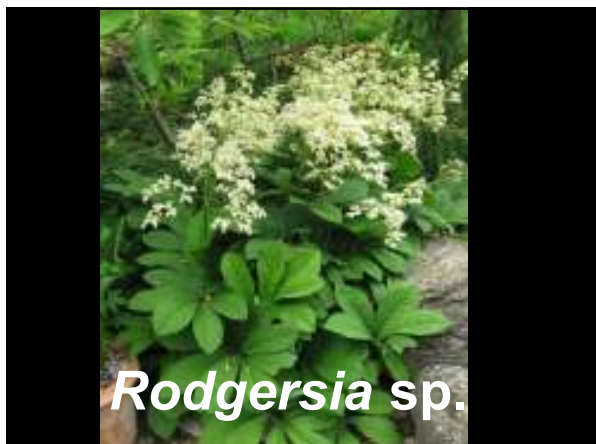


Ligularia przewalskii



Kirengeshoma sp.







Athyrium niponicum 'Silver Falls'



Miscanthus 'Variegatus'



Miscanthus 'Gold Bar'



Panicum amarum 'Dewey Blue'



Panicum 'Shenandoah'

