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Landscape Plants and Perennial Plants for Ohio

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One of the major OSU Extension Nursery Landscape and Turf Team (ENLTT) projects in 2004 was the team's partnership with the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association (ONLA) in the development of two popular ONLA publications:

- *Landscape Plants for Ohio*
- *Perennial Plants for Ohio*

These new publications include hundreds of pictures taken and plant descriptions written by the authors listed with this

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report, with Bill Hendricks providing the most images, Tim Malinich doing exemplary and exhaustive photo editing and computer image management work, and Jennifer Gray providing her ever-professional editorial touches in working with the printers.

Jane Martin, Pam Bennett, Jack Kerrigan, Erik Draper, and Jim Chatfield provided plant descriptions and other written text for the publications. We learned a great deal about the supremacy of digital photography (Pam Bennett was right — again) and about how many things have to go right to get the image you want. And we greatly improved our plant knowledge with the many days needed to make this project work. Special thanks to Jane Martin for her professionalism, expert photography, and endless time dedicated to this project.

Check out a few of the hundreds of images from *Landscape Plants for Ohio* and *Perennial Plants for Ohio* which are shown on the cover of this Special Circular. Read all about plants such as:

Cornus kousa
KOUSA DOGWOOD Zone 5

Small (15- to 20-foot) tree with showy white flower bracts; appealing multicolored bark of grays, browns, and

tans; stratified horizontal branching pattern; attractive dark green leaves (red-purple fall color), and colorful roundish oversized raspberry-like fruits. Vase-shaped plant grows rounded with age. Prefers sunny moist soils, but better adapted to drought than *C. florida*. Flowers three weeks later and has blossoms elevated above foliage by short flower stalks.

There are many cultivars with white and pink flower forms, foliage variegation, and other features. 'Satomi' is one popular cultivar with pink floral effects. 'Milky Way' is a cultivar of *C. kousa* var. *chinensis*, and has greater numbers of flowers and fruits than the species. Rutgers hybrids are crosses of *C. kousa* and *C. florida* with

intermediate characteristics and improved disease resistance over some *C. florida* cultivars. One example is 'Rutcan' (Constellation™) with exceptional flowering.

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