

Oklahoma Proven 2019 Selections

What is an Oklahoma Proven Selection?

In 1999, the faculty of Oklahoma State University's Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture began the Oklahoma Proven Program - a program designed to evaluate, recommend and market plants best suited for our challenging Oklahoma climate and soil conditions.

Every year since, winning selections are released in the four categories - tree, shrub, perennial and annual - just in time for planting! Read on for descriptions of the 2019 winners...and see the [links at the end of this article](#) for more information on previous years' selections!

Oklahoma Proven 2019: Tree

'Vanderwolf's Pyramid', Limber Pine

Pinus flexilis

Named for the flexibility of its branches, the Limber Pine is a low maintenance, pine wilt disease-resistant North American native, offering beautiful and dense silvery-blue texture in full sun to light shade. In pyramidal habit, this tree grows 20-30 feet tall and 10-15 feet wide in a variety of soil types. USDA Hardiness zones 4-7.

Oklahoma Proven 2019: Shrub

Double Take™ series, Flowering Quince

Chaenomeles speciosa

The bold double flowers on this fruitless, thornless shrub open before the leaves emerge in early spring and are similar to camellia. Once these scarlet, peach, orange or pink flowers give way to the glossy dark green summer foliage, this dense shrub may be lightly pruned if needed, reaching a mature size of 4-5 feet high and wide. The Flowering Quince requires sun to part shade, and although it prefers well-drained soil, it is drought tolerant once established, and it may be planted in a variety of soil conditions. USDA Hardiness zones 5-9.

Oklahoma Proven 2019: Perennial

Rattlesnake Master

Eryngium yuccifolium

At home in borders, native gardens, or xeriscapes, this tall grass prairie native sports blade-like leaves up to 3 feet long, like yucca. Densely arranged and small (1" diameter), the thistle-like flower heads attract insects for an environmentally and wildscape-friendly planting. Rattlesnake Master performs best in full sun, and although it prefers dry and sandy soil, will tolerate rocky or clay soil. USDA Hardiness zones 4-10.

Oklahoma Proven 2019: Annual

Graffiti® series, Star Flower

Pentas lanceolata

Looking for a long summer bloomer for flower beds and containers? What about flowers for cutting? Look no further than the Pentas, or Star Flower. Growing 16 inches high and 12 inches wide, Pentas produces a versatile variety of colors like white, pink, purple, red and rose. These bloomers are happy in moderately moist soil and full sun - hot Oklahoma conditions - and will produce nectar to keep hummingbirds and butterflies happy, too! Hardiness: Annual in Oklahoma.

20 Years and Counting!

For 20 years now, the Oklahoma Proven program has been recommending the very best-adapted plants for Oklahoma gardens. From trees to flowering shrubs, to annuals and perennials...consider not only the 2019 selections for your garden, but those winners from previous years...all the way back to 1999!

Oklahoma Proven Resources

[Oklahoma Proven: Selections for 2019](#)

[OSU Fact Sheet E-1052: Plant Selections For Oklahoma](#)