

Rolling the dice in your garden?

Announcing 2018 Oklahoma Proven Plants!

Are gardeners also gamblers? Yes, of course! We love the risk of planting a tiny seed or narrow stem and hoping for a beautiful result! Sometimes we do achieve lovely results . . . but sometimes we don't.

Next time you need to replace or select a new planting, improve your odds and check our Oklahoma Proven pages online to find Oklahoma-friendly plants to consider.

Oklahoma Proven is a plant evaluation and marketing program coordinated by the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at Oklahoma State University. Designed to help consumers select the best plants for Oklahoma gardens, these plants are tolerant of the varied and difficult environmental conditions found throughout Oklahoma.

Remember that all plants need special attention during the establishment phase or during periods of environmental extremes which we have been experiencing more of in recent years.

Nothing is guaranteed, but you can improve your odds significantly!

Oklahoma Proven for 2018

Supertunia® Vista Bubblegum®

Petunia 'Ustuni6001'

Supertunia Vista Bubblegum is a vigorous, self-deadheading petunia that requires very little care once established. Their spectacular color can spill over the edge of a container or retaining wall or spread out in a flower bed.

- Exposure: Full sun to part shade
- Soil: Moist, well-drained soil
- Hardiness: Use as an annual



Indian Pink

Spigelia marilandica

Versatile Indian Pink, also called Woodland Pinkroot, is a native species to the Southeastern U.S. It grows in shady gardens or sunny locations. It prefers moist soils and is drought tolerant once established. Use Indian Pink in a woodland garden, perennial border, rain garden, or native garden.

- Exposure: Sun, part shade
- Soil: Moist or dry soils
- Hardiness: USDA Zone 5-9



‘Little Volcano’ and ‘Gibraltar’

Lespedeza thunbergii subsp. *thunbergii*

Bush Clovers are hardy semi-woody, deciduous shrubs reaching 4 to 6 feet high and at least as wide with arching stems. Rosy-purple flowers develop on new wood in late summer to early fall.

- Exposure: Sun to part shade
- Soil: tolerates poor, infertile soil; excellent drainage is essential
- Hardiness: USDA Zone 6-10.



Japanese Zelkova

Zelkova species

Zelkova serrata is a deciduous tree with a vase-shaped habit that typically grows 50-80 feet tall and most often occurs in rich, moist woods and hillsides. It is noted for its graceful shape, clean foliage, attractive bark and resistance to Dutch Elm disease.

- Exposure: Full sun or light shade
- Soil: Tolerates wide variety of soils
- Hardiness: USDA Zone 5-8



Gamble less by reading more! Use the links below to improve your gardening chances!

[To see more information on the above 2018 plants, click this link.](#)

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