

# **Oklahoma Proven Selections for 2017**

Once again, the faculties in landscape architecture and horticulture at Oklahoma State University have provided us with recommendations on plants well adapted for use across Oklahoma. Here are their favorites.

## **2017 Collector's Overall Choice – Jujube or Chinese Date**

A small to medium sized tree with shiny green foliage in summer and yellow leaves in fall. A naturally dropping tree is graceful, ornamental and often thorny with branches growing in a zig zag pattern. Grows 15 to 30 feet with red to reddish/brown edible fruit.



## **2017 Tree – Fringetree**

A deciduous, native shrub or small tree with a spreading rounded shape that grows 12-20 feet tall. The name refers to the slightly fragrant, spring flowers which feature airy, terminal, drooping clusters of fringe-like, creamy white petals.



## **2017 Shrub –Dwarf Palmetto**

Dwarf palmetto is the only palm native to Oklahoma. It's very slow growing, ground-hugging and produces pale green or bluish evergreen leaves reaching 4 to 6 feet high or more. Flowers are yellowish-white in late spring followed by edible black, BB-sized fruits that taste like dates.



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## **2017 Perennial – Milkweed**

Butterfly milkweed has bright orange to yellow-orange flowers on upright stems growing 1 to 3 feet tall. They are grown in average, dry to medium, well-drained soils in full sun and are very drought tolerant and have no serious pest problems.



## 2017 Annual – Firecracker Flower

A tropical evergreen subshrub that grows 1-3 feet tall. Flowers are apricot to salmon pink in color and form in terminal stalks. Plants bloom throughout the summer and attract pollinators. Leaves are shiny dark green. Prefers light, organically rich, medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun or part shade, but will tolerate bright full shade. Plants thrive in warm, humid weather and have no serious insect or disease problems.



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