Fruit that Rocks in the Landscape
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Many homeowner want to grow fruit but disease, insect and BIRD pressure makes low input fruit difficult in Maryland.
Prunus maritima, the beach plum,[2] is a species of plum native to the East Coast of the United States, from Maine south to Maryland.[3][4]

If you were from New England you might recognize this native fruit.
Beach plum - end of August ripens

Flowers late - mid May
From Minae down to Virginia beach
Stark’s beach plum – From Stark brother Company

Purple Varieties available from Seaberry farm, Federalsburg, MD – check website
Edible Landscape Nursery and Raintree Nursery
Yellow and Red skin beach plums available from Seaberry Farms in Federalsburg, MD
Methley plum mid-July – very sweet and excellent plum to grow
Red heart Plum – August ripening
Here is something Interesting- Oriental Persimmons- Diospyrus kaki

Astringent and Non - Astringent- your choice

Problem: winter hardiness. Not all oriental persimmons work in Maryland because of cold winters
Non Astringent Persimmons

Gwang Yang – from Korea – brought over by Preston and Shanks (USDA, Beltsville and Univ of MD in 1970s)
Sweet flavor – basically seedless and very winter hardy
Similar to apricot flavor
Jiro (longer) shape is different from Gwang Yang and Matsumoto (wider fruit)
Wase Fuyu - also called Matasuma

Very high sugars
Spreading growth habit
Often bears 4 year after planting
Zone 6
Gwang Yang in September starts to show some color
Seven year old tree at our Orchard
Vigorous growth and bears crop within 5 years after planting

10 year Gwang Yang Persimmon at Bill Preston’s orchard in Calvert County
Relatively easy to grow and Sweet flavor—well worth trying in the home orchard
Chinese dates

- *Ziziphus jujuba* Mill.
- *Rhamnaceae family*
- **Common Names:** Jujube, Chinese Date, Tsao.
Origin: The jujube originated in China where they have been cultivated for more than 4,000 years and where there are over 400 cultivars. The plants traveled beyond Asia centuries ago and today are grown to some extent in Russia, northern Africa, southern Europe, the Middle East and the southwestern United States.
Adaptation: The jujube can withstand a wide range of temperatures; virtually no temperature seems to be too high in summertime. Winter dormancy allows it to withstand temperatures to about -28°F, yet it requires only a small amount of winter chill in order for it to set fruit. The plant revels in summer sun and heat, with the lack of either limiting fruit production more than winter cold.
○ **Early Ripening**

○ **Li** Large, round fruit up to 3 ounces in mid-August. May be picked at the yellow-green stage. Tree is many-branched, yet narrow and upright. Best eaten fresh. Best first tree to have. **Mid Season**

○ **Ed Hegard** Very similar to the Lang and Thomless.

○ **GA-866** An outstandingly sweet selection out of the Chico Research program. Large, elongated fruit.

○ **Jin** An excellent elongated fruit. Very chewy when allowed to dry on the tree.

○ **Globe** A new, Chinese introduction.

○ **Honey Jar** Another new, Chinese introduction.

○ **Lang** Large, pear-shaped fruit which must be fully colored to be best eating. This fruit is best to let dry on the tree. Tree is upright and virtually spineless
Currants
Currants—native to temperate parts of central and northern Europe and northern Asia

Pollination

Currant and gooseberry varieties are self-fruitful and do not need pollen from another variety to produce good crops. In large plantings, however, it is advisable to place honeybees in the planting to ensure adequate pollination.
Currants like it cool

Red currants
Black currants
White currants

Black currants are prized for their distinctive flavor in juice, jam, jelly, pies and other desserts. They are also rich in Vitamin C. Red currants are used fresh eating and mainly for jelly or jam. White currants are milder than black and red currants. White more virus prone
Best currants

- Jonkheer van Tets is a red currant introduction from Holland, this early variety is known for its highly rated flavor and fruit size. Jonkheer van Tets will outperform other early varieties. Being early,

- Rovada is a red currant with very large fruit on extremely long strings. This combination produces a heavy crop that is easy to pick. The plant is very free of mildew and other leaf diseases. Its late flowering escapes frost. Later harvest than Jonkheer van Tets.
Black currants

Ben Sarak – Best for disease resistance
Blackberries-
April - planted in early March
After first year of establishment
Older Varieties of thornless black berry

Ripens in July and early August

Dirksen (hero of the plant breeder Hull)
Black Satin
Hull (named after plant breeder)
Chester – one of the best

All grow on a biennial system. Vegetative primocane.
Bear on this cane in second year.
Always new primo canes coming up each year.
New breeding work by University of Arkansas
John Clarks - in charge of breeding program at Arkansas University

Natchez – introduced in 2009 – early and slightly tart flavor – good yields
Ouachita – very sweet, high yields, best of the new introductions
Arkansas thornless blackberry introductions:

- Prime - Ark Freedom and Prime Ark 45 (holds up longer)
- Flowers in August, crop in September and early October
- Primocane thornless
- Blackberry
- Best for fresh market -
How about Citrus in Maryland?
Lemon Frost

A cross between Tangerine and Lemon with round yellow fruit and a true tart Lemon flavor. Fragrant, creamy white flowers bloom in spring against green foliage. Grows 8 to 12 feet tall and 6 feet wide.

**Hardiness Zone:**
USDA Z9 - Cold Hardy to 20 to 30(F)

**Sun Exposure:**
Sun
This small, spreading tree has glossy, dark evergreen foliage. White spring and summer flowers have a heavy fragrance of orange. In winter produces juicy, nearly seedless, easy peeling fruit. Grows to 8 to 12 feet or 6 feet in a container.

**Hardiness Zone:**
USDA Z8 - Cold Hardy to 10 to 20(F)
This fruit tree has fragrant white flowers in spring and summer. Seedless fruit ripens in winter to early spring and boasts a sweet-tart flavor. Grows 10 to 12 feet tall in the ground and 5 to 7 feet tall in a container.

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Want to really treat yourself? coming up in Sept and Oct of 2016

- May 21 – Farm to table at MacBride and Gill Falcon Ridge Farm 5:00 – dark.
- Chefs – Mark Mills of Chocolate and Tomato farm and Nany MacBride – master baker
- Using local vegetables, fruit and meat with beer and hard cider tasting from Ruhlman brewery and Millstone Cider Farm.
- Location: 3811 Back Woods Road Westminster, Maryland
- Information on Falcon Ridge Farm Facebook page
- Limited to first 30 People to sign up $50 per person.