Golden Currant
Ribes aureum

**Description:** Deciduous, upright shrub 4-6 ft. tall. Produces clusters of fragrant, trumpet-shaped yellow flowers in spring followed by small berries that turn from red to black in summer. Light green, glossy leaves are lobed and turn red in the fall before dropping.

**Habitat:** Grows in sandy soil and full sun but will tolerate damp soil in partial shade. Drought-tolerant.

**Landscape Uses:** As an upright shrub. Will work well as a clump planting or hedgerow. Plant in a prominent place since it is colorful from spring through fall. Hummingbirds and butterflies are attracted to the flowers. Birds eat the berries.

**Caution:** Like most currants, it is an alternate host for the white pine blister rust.

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Red-Flowering Currant
*Ribes sanguineum*

**Description:** Deciduous, upright shrub 6-9 ft. tall. Showy, drooping clusters of pink-red flowers in the spring followed by ¼ in. black berries in the summer. Dark green leaves are lobed and distinctively textured. Flowers are fragrant.

**Habitat:** Grows in well-drained soil with regular moisture in a sunny location. Will tolerate some shade.

**Landscape Uses:** Gorgeous plant for middle or back of a border or at the forest edge. Allow adequate space since its spread is almost equal to its height. A favorite of hummingbirds and birds will eat the berries.

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