Berry and Flower Pond Plants

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Groundcover
Wintergreen (Gaultheria procumbens) – White flowers, dark red berries, Zones 4 to 7
Bearberry (Arctostaphylos uva-ursi) – Small bell-shaped white or pink flowers, large red berries, Zones 2 to 6
Cotoneaster (Cotoneaster spp.) – Pink or white flowers, red berries, Zones 5 to 8
Bunchberry (Cornus canadensis) – Showy dogwoodlike flowers, bright red berries, Zones 2 to 9

Shrubs
Viburnum (Viburnum spp.) – White or light pink flowers, blue-black berries, Zones 2 to 8
Beautyberry (Callicarpa dichotoma) – Pinkish-purple flowers, purple berries, Zones 5 to 8
Oregon grape holly (Mahonia aquifolium) – Yellow flowers, grapelike fruit, Zones 5 to 9
Flowering quince (Chaenomeles speciosa) – Pink flowers, small fruit, Zones 5 to 9
Elderberry (Sambucus spp.) – White flowers, dark blue fruit, Zones 4 to 7
Hypericum (Hypericum spp.) – Yellow flowers, red berries, Zones 5 to 8

Trees
Crabapple (Malus spp.) – Pink or white flowers, orange-red to dark red fruit, Zones 4 to 9
Fringetree (Chionanthus virginicus) – White flowers, blue-black fruit, Zones 3 to 9
Flowering plums (Prunus spp.) – Pink or white flowers, plums smaller than those sold for produce, Zones 5 to 8
Dogwoods (Cornus spp.) – White, pink or red flowers, red berries, Zones 5 to 9
Serviceberry (Amelanchier canadensis) – Small white flowers, red to dark purple fruit, Zones 4 to 7
Washington Hawthorne (Crataegus viridis) – White flowers, Zones 4 to 8, orange-red fruit
Sweetbay magnolia (Magnolia virginiana) – Creamy white flowers, red berry clusters, Zones 5 to 9