

# Five Frosty Favorites For Your Winter Garden

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Jack Frost may not be nipping at your plants much this year, but evergreen plant selections with silvery or blue-gray foliage do create a cool effect in your winter garden. Best of all, these five beauties stay gorgeous in a thirst-inducing summer season, too.

Their frosty appearance is often due to tiny “hairs” and waxy coatings which are adaptations to help prevent water loss. Pro tip for the next time you’re shopping for plants: If a plant is fuzzy, has small leaves, blue-gray leaves or is succulent, it’s probably drought-tolerant.

**Artemisia ‘Powis Castle’** – Lacy leaves add a silvery look to your landscape that feels frosty in winter and cool even in summer. Aromatic and evergreen, its feathery leaves make it a good choice to add winter interest and it’s freeze-hardy.

**Artichoke agave** – This small, elegant agave features cool blue-gray leaves and dark purple spines. Situate it carefully within your landscape for an arresting visual.

**Pale-leaf yucca** – Enchanting bluish foliage almost makes you shiver and you’ll want to leave space for its rosette to grow without spiking anyone. The cream-colored blooms in late spring practically stop traffic and are great for pollinators.

**Gray santolina** – This Mediterranean groundcover is not only fragrant, it is also freeze-hardy and deer repellent. I’m not sure why, but the loveliness of its yellow blooms always surprises me.

**Jerusalem sage** – Delightfully silver-lined and fuzzy, the leaves of this deer-resistant Mediterranean native are evergreen so you can enjoy them all winter long. Then the spring show starts with a profusion of yellow blossoms that attract butterflies and hummingbirds.