

With all the different types of plants and different care requirements, it can sometimes be difficult to know when to prune or even how.

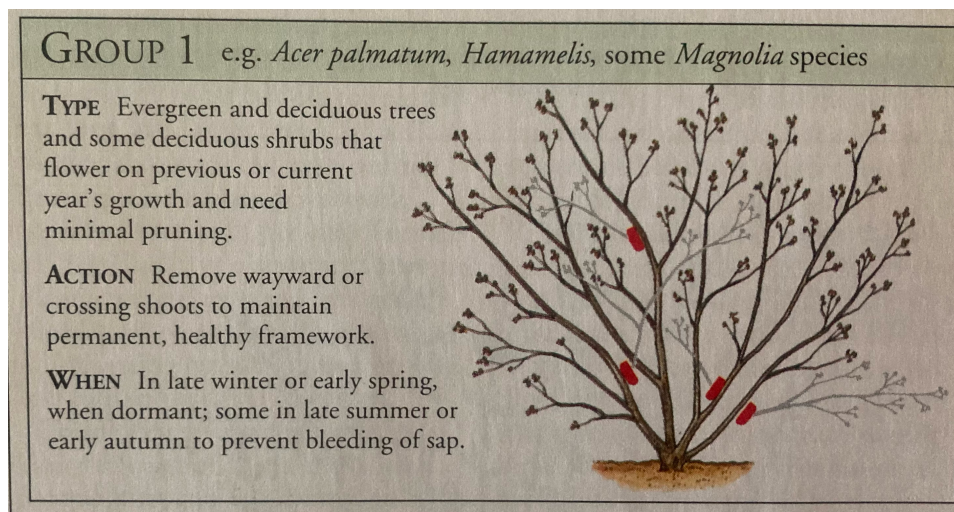
This is a quick reference sheet to assist you in pruning so that you can keep your plants healthy and your beds and yards looking great right across the entire growing season. The real "key" to good pruning however, is ensuring that you have excellent plant hygiene practices - sharp implements, plant disinfectant and clean tools between each cut/plant.

All woody plants that require pruning are assigned to one of the groups outlined below. Please research the relevant genus information on your plants, as one *individual species* may be assigned to a group that is different from the *genus*, or may be assigned to more than one group if it can be grown different ways.

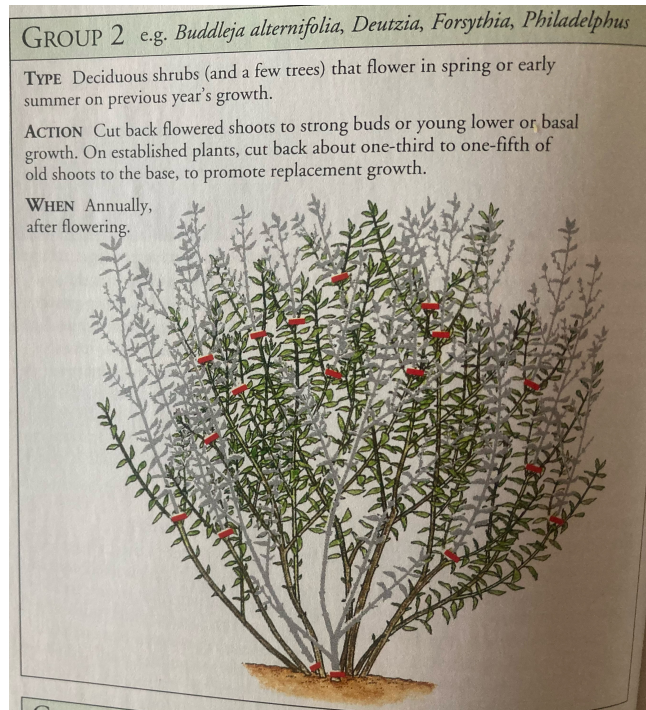
Because all woody plants require routine removal of dead, diseased and/or damaged wood, this is not stated for each group. In groups 10 -13, the correct time to prune depends on the type of flowering wood: (1) plants that flower on *previous* year's growth, usually bloom between early spring and early summer; (2) plants that bloom on the *current* year's growth usually flower after midsummer.

Images accompany to provide illustration.

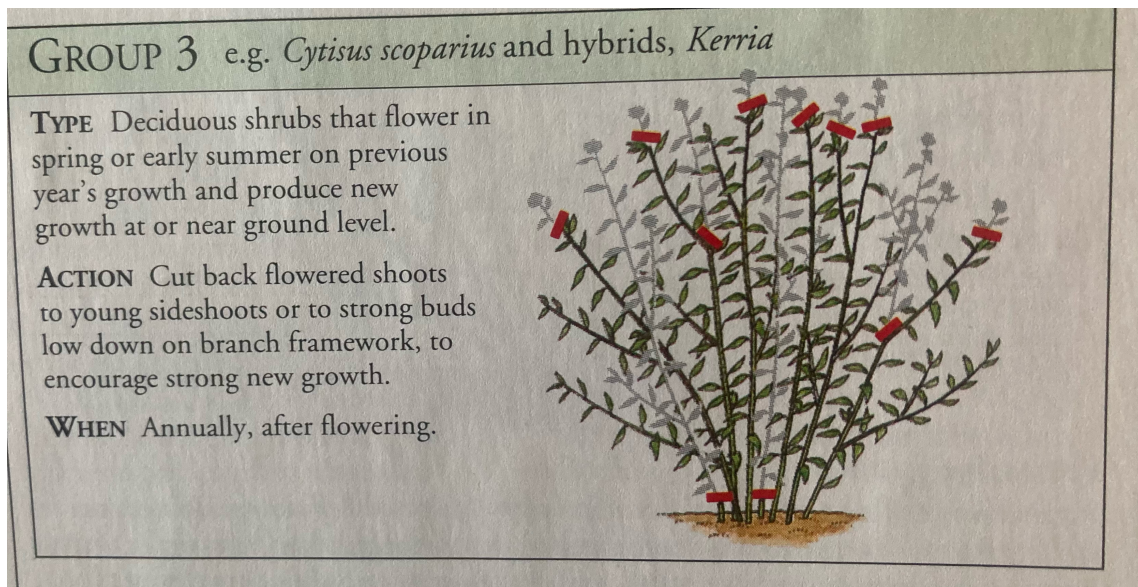
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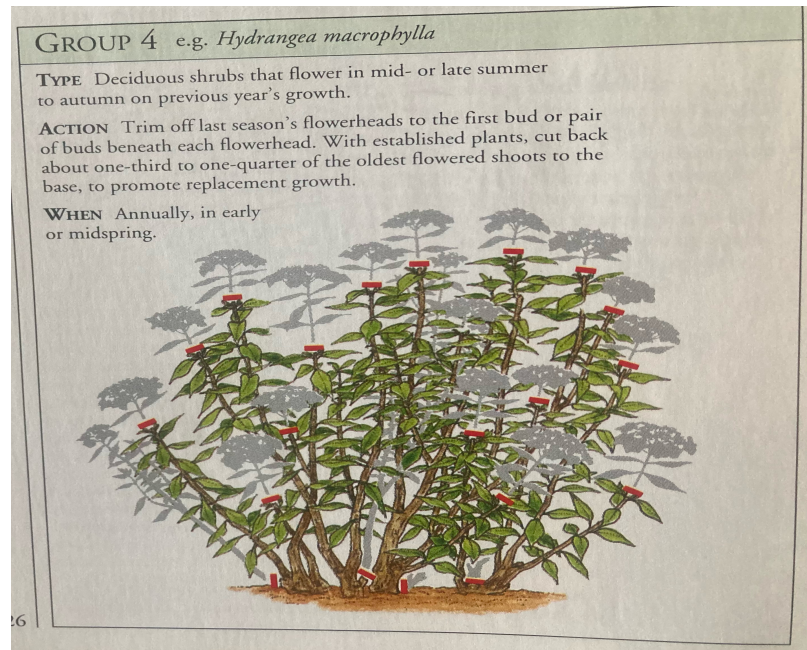
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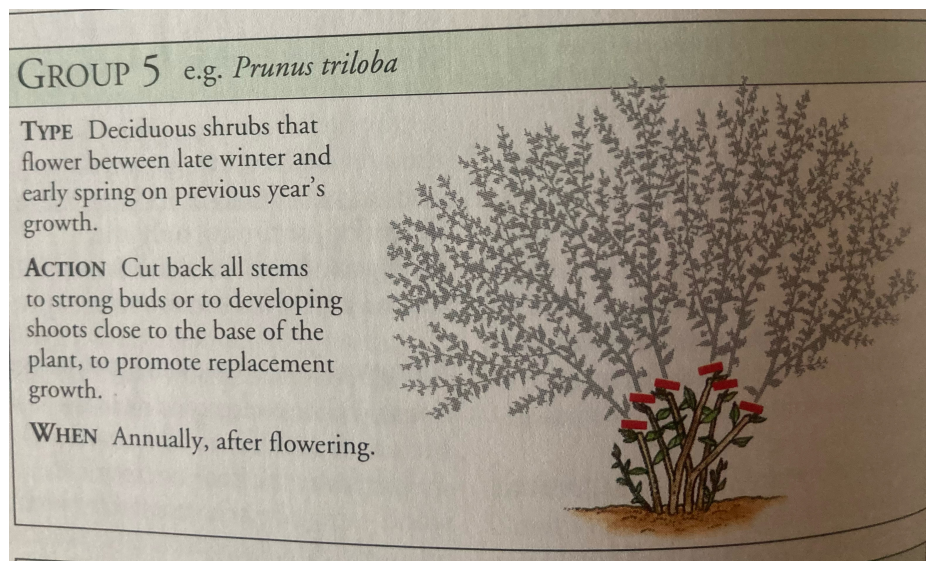
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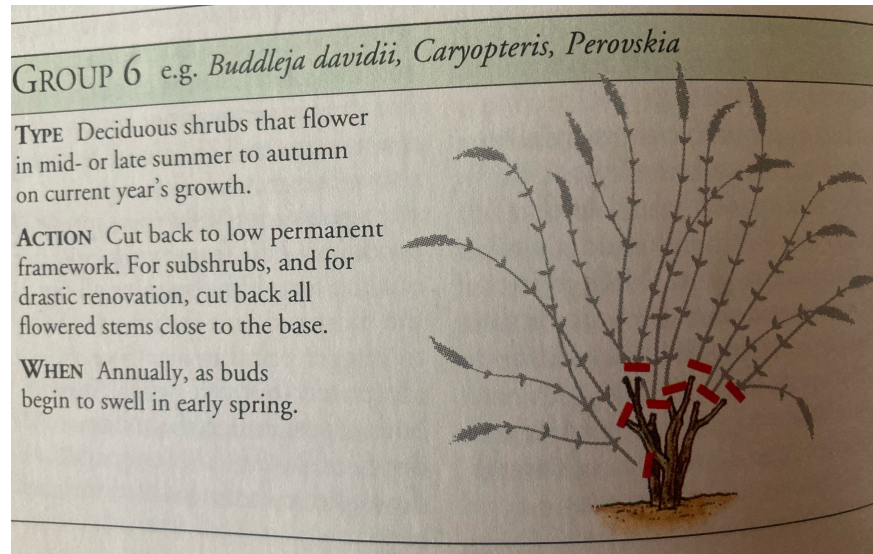
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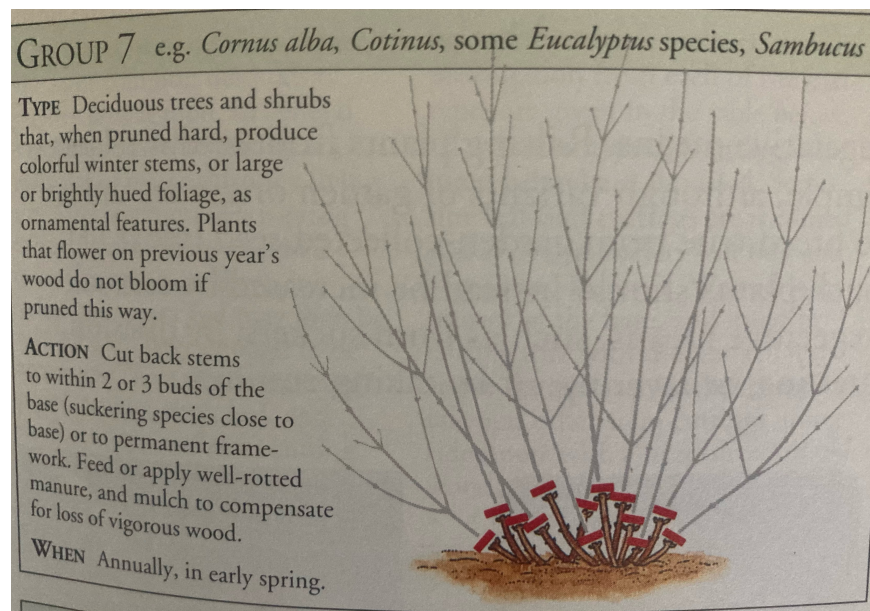
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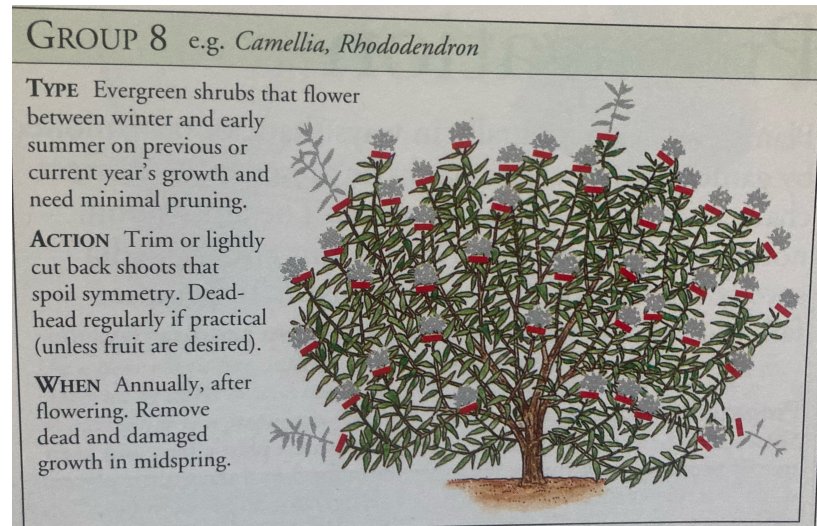
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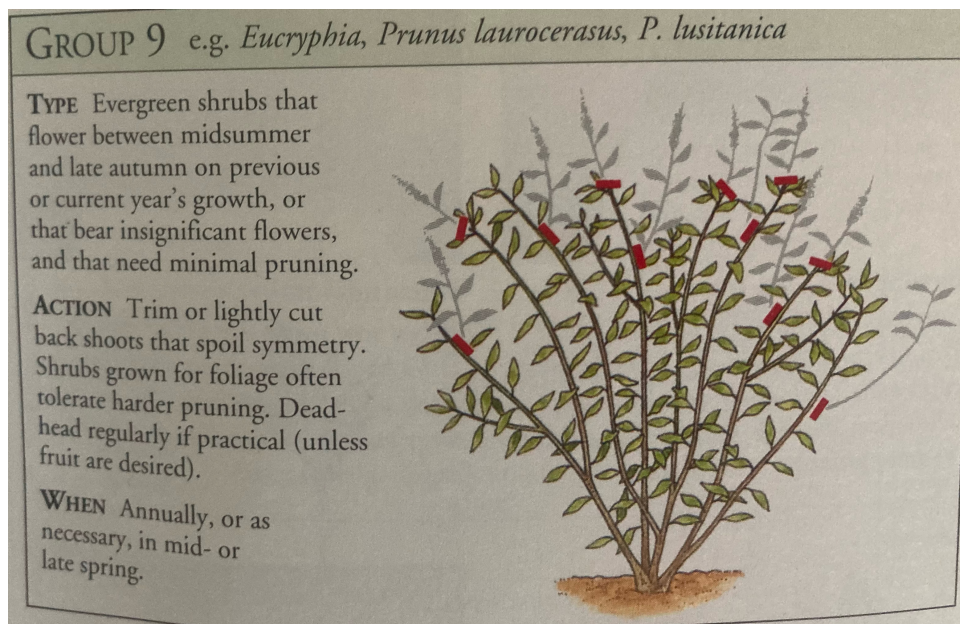
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GROUP 10

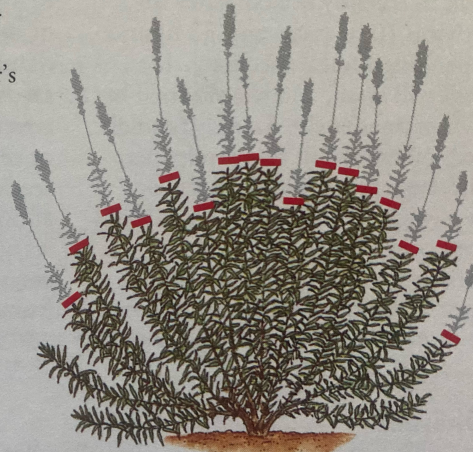
GROUP 10 e.g. *Calluna*, *Erica*, *Lavandula*

TYPE Evergreen shrubs that flower on previous year's growth in spring or early summer, or on current year's growth in late summer or autumn.

ACTION Cut back flowered shoots to within $\frac{1}{2}$ –1in (1.5–2.5cm) of previous year's growth.

WHEN Annually:

- after flowering, if flowering on previous year's growth.
- in early or midspring, if flowering on current year's growth.



GROUP 11

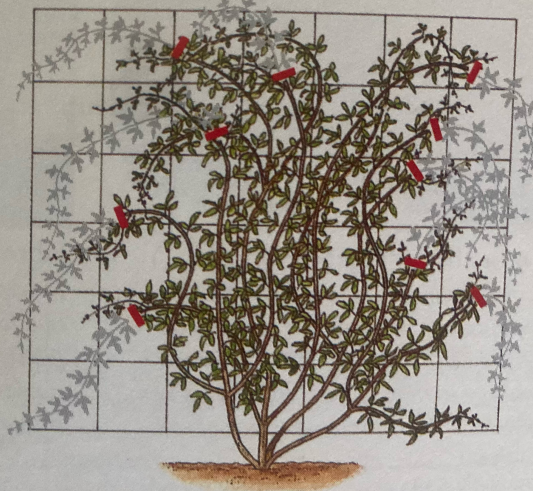
GROUP 11 e.g. *Akebia*, *Clematis montana*, *Fallopia baldschuanica*

TYPE Vigorous, deciduous and evergreen climbers that flower on previous or current year's growth and need no regular pruning.

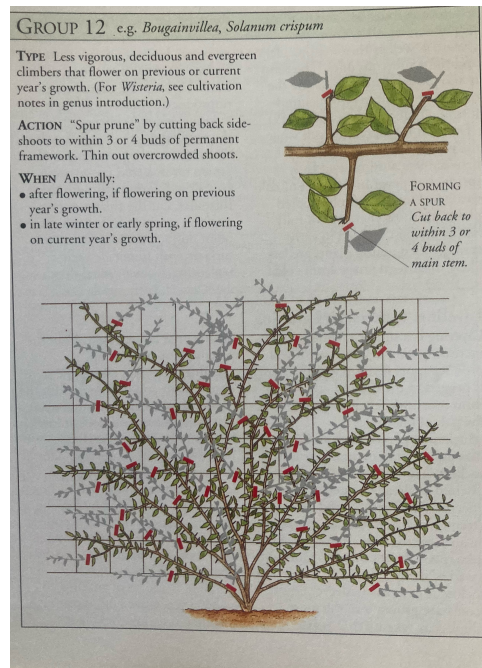
ACTION Trim to fit available space; carry out renovation pruning as needed (see p.25).

WHEN Annually, or as needed:

- after flowering, if flowering on previous year's growth.
- from late winter to spring, if flowering on current year's growth.



GROUP 12



GROUP 13

