

Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) 2016 Tree, Shrub and More Sale

The District's Annual Tree, Shrub and More Sale is a spring tradition. This sale helps to generate funds to support the Conservation District's many programs.

Trees, shrubs and berries are all bare-root so will need to be planted right away.

For further information please contact Nanci McGuire at the RNRCD office 775-8034 (ext. 117) anytime.

Visit our website www.vacd.org/rcd

Orders will be taken until April 15, 2016. Order early as supplies of some plants are limited.

Pick up of stock will be on Saturday, April 30, 2016 in Rutland (location to be determined).

PLEASE mark your calendars NOW. A postcard reminder will be mailed one week before the Sale.

The hours of pick up will be between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on April 30.

The District reserves the right to refund money for stock that becomes unavailable.

No refunds will be made on any orders not picked up at the designated site on April 30, 2016.

Conifers

Conifers have year around foliage that offers shelter and nesting sites, as well as seeds/cones that will attract many bird species.

Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*) An evergreen coniferous tree also known as the White Cedar, which is native to the northeast of the United States and the southeast of Canada, but widely cultivated as an ornamental plant. Mature Height 40-50 feet. Zones 3-7.

Balsam Fir (*Abies balsamea*) A longtime favorite Christmas tree. Soft, deep green aromatic needles. Likes sun and cool, moist, well-drained soil conditions. Balsam fir is used for nesting by many bird species, especially robins and mourning doves and its seeds are eaten by several birds. Mature height 40-60 feet. Does not tolerate road salt. Zones 3-5.

Colorado Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens*) A well known landscape ornamental, sometimes used as a Christmas tree. Plant in full sun. Prefers moist, well drained soil. It is readily used as a nest site, especially by the robin, mockingbird, chipping sparrow, and purple finch. Mature height 60-100 feet. Fast growing, sometimes as much as a foot a year. Tolerates road salt. Zones 2-7.

Canaan Fir (*Abies balsamea* var. *phanerolepis*) Canaan fir is an attractive medium-sized tree generally reaching 40-55 feet in height and 20-25 feet in width. While Canaan fir will tolerate soils with less than perfect drainage, it performs best in deep, well-drained loam with ample moisture. Some sources indicate that Canaan fir grows well in wet, poorly drained soils. In recent years, considerable interest has developed in using Canaan fir as a Christmas tree species. Zones 4-7

Fraser Fir (*Abies fraseri*) Used extensively for ornamental and Christmas tree purposes. Buds later than Balsam Fir and thus more tolerant of early spring frosts. Grows 30-40 feet high, 20-25 feet wide. Zones 4-7.

Eastern Hemlock (*Tsuga Canadensis*) The eastern hemlock is a gracefully pyramidal evergreen conifer with horizontal to drooping branches. Hemlocks prefer rich, moist, well-drained soils somewhat on the acid side. Among the few trees that will grow in full shade, they will have a nicer, denser appearance in light shade to full sun. They can be pruned to any size, from low hedges to tall screens. Zones 3-8.

Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobus*) Fast growing to 100 feet, excellent for screen. Grows in normal moisture conditions but can tolerate wet, swampy areas. Zones 3-8.

Hardwoods

Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*) One of the finest shade and lawn trees that has colorful fall foliage that varies from red, orange and yellow. Prefers moist rich soils. Maples produce paired, winged fruit "samaras" that attract grosbeak, purple finch and pine siskin. Does not tolerate road salt or compacted soils. Mature height 75-100 feet. Zones 3-8.

Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*) The black walnut is a large deciduous tree attaining heights of 50-75 feet.

Black walnut thrives in deeper, well drained, neutral soils. Black walnut is a shade intolerant species, and must have direct sunlight to grow optimally. Black walnut is found naturally growing from Vermont to Minnesota, south to Florida and Texas. Zones 4-9.

Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*) The black cherry has beautiful white flowers in late May. The black cherries, lasting summer to fall, are enjoyed by numerous birds and mammals. Grows in a variety of sites, resistant to drought and heat but tolerant to shade and flooding. Highly prized wood, known for its rich tone. Mature height 50-60 feet high and 20-30 feet wide. Prefers full sun to partial shade. Zones 3-9.

Wildlife/Songbird Shrubs and Trees

Any of the following shrubs, trees and bushes are a good choice for attracting many bird species and other wildlife to your back yard.

Lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*) Also known as the Common Lilac. 8-12 foot shrub, with fragrant lavender flowers in mid-May. Lilacs attract many species of butterflies. Zones 3-7.

Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus Stolonifera*) Fruit eaten by cardinal and ruffed grouse. Prefers sandy to clay soils, does well on moderately wet soils. Grows 7-10 feet tall and 6-8 feet wide. Zones 2-7.

Fruit Trees (All apple trees are semi-dwarf) Mature height 14-16 ft.

Apples

RubyMac - Ripens early September and is excellent for the packing line or roadside marketing. A great eating apple and for applesauce. They have a tart-sweet flavor and are a beautiful red apple all shined up. Zones 3-8.

Royal Court - Ripens in early October. An improved red strain of Cortland discovered in a Nova Scotia orchard. Zones 3-8.

Honeycrisp - Ripens in late September to late October. An exceptionally crisp and juicy apple with mildly sweet flavor. Very crisp flesh. Red colored apple over yellow background. Excellent eating and keeping qualities and stores well. Rated superior to McIntosh and Delicious for fresh eating. Keeps up to five months in common storage. Hardy to Zone 3.

Pears (Mature height 15-25 ft.)

Bartlett (European) - A large, heavy-bearing variety, with excellent quality. Long considered one of the top canning varieties. A favorite for all uses. Its skin is yellow blushed with brownish red, pyriform in shape. Ripens off the tree. Can keep up to 3 months. Ripens mid-August to mid-September. Zone 5-8.

Bosc - This is an old variety that ripens late. The fruit is large with an attractive russet over a dark yellow background. The flesh is white-tinged, tender and very juicy. Tree is hardy and productive. Zones 5-8.

Peach

Sweet Breeze - The fruit is very large and firm with good color and excellent quality. An excellent variety for direct market growers looking for a large, high-quality peach. Zone 5.

Sweet Cherry

Black Gold - This self-fertile black sweet cherry is one of the most dependable for colder areas. Trees yield big crops of large, firm, black-red flavorful fruits. Fruit ripens in late July. Zones 5-7.

Berries

Raspberry

Nova – Nova is an excellent choice for the upper midwest and northern regions, where high yields and dependability are required. Berries are firm, bright-red, medium to large in size, and have good shelf life. Canes are vigorous, growing upright with light spines. An excellent choice for northern locations. Zones 3-8.

Caroline (everbearing) – Caroline raspberry is a very vigorous variety with a large red berry and rich, full, and intense raspberry flavor. It is a very vigorous variety. Caroline is widely adapted, growing everywhere from the East Coast to the West Coast. Zones 4-7.

Jewel (black) - Released from the Cornell Small Fruit Breeding Program in Geneva, New York. Jewel is our most popular black raspberry variety. It produces excellent yields of superb quality berries. The fruit is glossy black in color, a large size, and has a rich raspberry flavor. It is an excellent choice for use in jams and jellies. Jewel is winter hardy and a very reliable choice. Zones 5-8.

Blueberry

Unless you have existing blueberry plants these must be purchased in pairs for fruit production. Prefer full sun and light, well drained, acidic soils (pH 4.5-5.5) with high humus content.

Blucrop – is the most widely planted mid-season cultivar in the world. It produces high yields of medium sized, firm fruit with good flavor. It is winter hardy and can be machine harvested. It has very good disease resistance. Zones 4-8.

Patriot - is an early variety released by the University of Maine, where growing seasons are short and winter hardiness is a must. This variety is vigorous and grows upright to a height of 4 to 6 feet. Patriot adapts to many different soil types and has performed better in heavier soil than some other varieties. The fruit is large and has very good flavor. Zones 3-7.

Strawberry Plants

Honoeye - (Mid-season) Honoeye is a foolproof strawberry plant; it combines winter hardiness, high productivity, good appearance and color, together with an excellent, firm, large-sized berry. The large berries are easy to pick, and produce high yields over a long fruiting season, making it our most consistent berry producer. It is an excellent choice for the home gardener who will also appreciate its excellent freezing quality. Zones 3-8.

AC Valley Sunset - (Late) AC Valley Sunset was bred by Andrew Jamieson in Nova Scotia. This strawberry is a late season variety that shows good vigor with no apparent foliage disease concerns. Berries are lighter red, shiny and large-sized. Flavor and yield are very good. Zones 4-7.

Other

Asparagus – One of the New Jersey hybrids, an all-male variety, Jersey Knight is extremely vigorous, has large, succulent spears, and quickly attracts a loyal following. The flavor is excellent, and the plant is resistant to rust, crown rot and fusarium. It also performs equally well in heavy, clay-like soils. Zones 3-8.

Bluebird Houses

Bat Houses

Plantskydd Deer Repellant (1 qt. spray bottle)

Blue X Tree Tubes/Protectors - Protects seedlings, accelerates growth and maximizes survival.