

Bedford County Conservation District Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale

Pick-up Dates – April 20 and 21, 2012

Wintry weather will soon give way to spring and now is the time to make plans for tree and shrub plantings. The Bedford County Conservation District is again offering tree and shrub seedlings to county residents. Pennsylvania native species that offer wildlife food or cover and those which are effective as riparian buffer plantings are emphasized but most have appeal in landscaping as well; as windbreaks, hedging, or as specimen plantings. Proceeds from the seedling sale are used in Bedford County for Conservation District education efforts such as Arbor Day activities and Envirothon events.

Species selected for this sale include several shrubs not offered previously including **buttonbush**, **spicebush**, and **American elderberry**. Many of the trees and shrubs in this year's list are excellent for planting in wet areas, along streams or around ponds including **red osier dogwood**, **buttonbush**, **elderberry**, **chokeberries**, **pin oak**, and **river birch**. Ornamentals for specimen plantings to add beauty to yards and landscapes include **pin oak**, **redbud**, **tuliptree**, **river birch**, and **serviceberry**. And some of our selections produce foods not only of value for wildlife but that can tempt humans as well; among these are **elderberry**, **hazelnut**, and **serviceberry**.

Also note that the Eastern White Pine selection for this sale is a 4-year-old transplant versus a 2- or 3-year-old seedling offered in previous sales and should provide hardier stock.

Orders must be submitted with prepayment to the Bedford County Conservation District office by March 16, 2012. Make checks payable to BCCD and send to:

Bedford County Conservation District
Attn: Tree Seedling Sale
702 West Pitt Street, Suite 3
Bedford, PA 15522

Orders may be picked up Friday, April 20 from 9 AM to 5PM and Saturday, April 21 from 9 AM until 12 Noon. The conservation district will not be responsible for orders not picked up by 1200 Noon on Saturday, April 21. Please call 814-623-8099 if you have any questions.

No refunds for trees that are not picked up on time.

The Conservation District does what it can to assure that your seedlings arrive to you healthy and efforts are made to avoid root stress in handling. The District cannot guarantee successful planting of bare-root seedlings, just as our suppliers cannot guarantee seedling survival.

Description of Seedlings Available

Conifers

Eastern White Pine 12" - 20" 4 year old transplant (2-2), PA origin, fast-growing (12"+/year with adequate moisture), stately, tall (to 100'), long soft needles, ideal for single plantings, windbreaks

Deciduous Shrubs and Trees

Red Osier Dogwood 24" – 36" seedling, grows to 15' tall, large shrub dogwood with bright red stems showing well against winter snow, gray-white berries at maturity preferred by bluebirds and gamebirds, red autumn foliage

Red Chokeberry 12" – 18" seedling, grows to 6' to 15' tall, excellent shrub for borders and mass plantings, bright white flowers in May, brilliant red berries in fall, bright red fall foliage, does well in wet soil

Black Chokeberry 12" – 18" seedling, grows to 3' – 6" tall, adaptable shrub, shade tolerant, produces purple fruit in fall, high in antioxidants, used in juice production, prefers wet soils, valuable source of wildlife food in autumn and winter

Buttonbush 3' – 4' seedling, grows to 6' – 12' tall, multi-stemmed shrub, native to Eastern US thriving in wet and low-lying areas, blooms in July with striking globular white to cream-colored flowers developing into nutlet type fruits, valuable for wildlife cover and food

American Hazelnut 18" – 24" seedling, large shrub/small tree to 20' tall, multi-stemmed, foliage dark green turning bright yellow in autumn, nuts known as filberts

Spicebush 12" – 18" seedling, grows to 12', often found as understory shrub in moist to wet woodlands, leaves and twigs emit spicy fragrance when crushed or scraped, blooms very early, often in late winter, bright red fruits in late summer/early autumn eaten by wildlife

Northern Bayberry 18" – 24" seedling, grows to 15', excellent shrub for ornamental or conservation use, attractive glossy leaves, deciduous or semi-evergreen depending on climate, produces fruit that are heavily coated with wax used for candles

American Elderberry 24" – 36" seedling, grows to 12', large spreading multi-stemmed shrub with large, flat-topped white flowers in June-July followed by purple-black berries, used for jellies, pies, and wines, grows in any soil type, wet areas, very hardy, attracts birds

Arrowwood Viburnum 12" – 18" seedling, grows to 10', small shrub that is last of native viburnums to bloom in mid to late spring, creamy white flowers becoming bluish purple drupes in autumn, fruit quickly eaten by birds, yellow to red fall foliage

Blackhaw Viburnum 12" – 18" seedling, grows to 12' – 15', plump floral buds in winter, white blooms in May, glossy summer foliage and fruit changing from pink to bluish black with red foliage in autumn, very adaptable as specimen or hedge planting

Shadblow Serviceberry 12" – 18" seedling, grows to 20' tall, upright, multi-stemmed shrub/small tree excellent as landscape plant or in wetlands. White blooms early in spring producing red-purple fruit, sweet and edible

River Birch 18" – 24" seedling, grows to 70' tall, native to river bottoms, prefers deep, rich, acidic soils but does well in many soils, grows rapidly, widely planted as an ornamental with flaky orange, gray, pink, to cream bark, reaches greatest heights when single trunk, multi-trunked specimens to 50'

American (Eastern) Redbud 18" – 24" seedling, grows to 20' tall, showy lavender-pink flowers encrust branches in mid-spring before leaves appear, often multi-trunked with an open crown, prefers moist, well-drained organic soils, heart-shaped leaves turn yellow in autumn

Pin Oak 24" – 36" seedling, grows to 75' - 80' tall, popular street and ornamental tree, fast-growing tree with grayish bark and bright green leaves turning yellow to radiant red in autumn, symmetrical pyramidal head with slightly drooping branches, generally prefers moist acidic soils

Yellow Poplar/Tuliptree 18" – 24" seedling, grows to over 100' tall, tallest tree of Eastern forests, showy flowers and leaf silhouette resemble tulips, related to magnolias, poplar name refers to fluttering of leaves like poplars, fast-growing but long-lived, yellow autumn foliage,

2012 Tree Seedling Sale Order Form

Name _____ **Date** _____
Address _____ **Phone** _____
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

all prices include state sales tax

Seedling Variety	Quantity/bundle	Price/bundle	# bundles ordered	Subtotal
Eastern White Pine	10	\$10.00		
Red Osier Dogwood	10	\$10.00		
Red Chokeberry	10	\$10.00		
Black Chokeberry	10	\$10.00		
Buttonbush	10	\$10.00		
American Hazelnut	10	\$10.00		
Spicebush	10	\$10.00		
Northen Bayberry	10	\$10.00		
American Elderberry	10	\$10.00		
Arrowwood Viburnum	10	\$10.00		
Blackhaw Viburnum	10	\$10.00		
Shadblow Serviceberry	10	\$10.00		
River Birch	10	\$10.00		
American Redbud	10	\$10.00		
Pin Oak	10	\$10.00		
Yellow Poplar/Tuliptree	10	\$10.00		
Total amount enclosed				

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Do you have any suggestions for future seedling sales? _____

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2012 TREE SEEDLING ORDER FORM

Current Resident or:

Reasons to plant native trees and shrubs:

Wildlife habitat and food

Riparian filter strips

Increased property values

Natural windbreaks

Erosion control

Living snow fences

Landscaping aesthetics

Native plants are better adapted for climate and soils