

Northwest Conservation District Earth Day Plant Sale

April 20, 21, and 22, 2018

Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-4, and Sunday 10-3



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Pollinators
a workshop given by
Emily May
of the Xerces Society for
Invertebrate Conservation.
Saturday, April 21, at 2pm.
Seating is limited.
Bring a fold-up chair.

Goshen Fairgrounds
116 Old Middle Street - Route 63

A GUIDE TO OUR EARTH DAY PLANT SALE



NWCD'S EARTH DAY PLANT SALE is our annual major fundraising event. All proceeds support conservation, education and technical assistance to our 34 northwestern Connecticut towns. We are grateful for your continuing support.

EARTH DAY SALE PLANTS including shrubs, trees, edibles, groundcovers, and evergreen seedlings and plugs CAN BE PREORDERED using the enclosed order form or online at nwcd.org. All pre-orders are carefully assembled and ready for pickup during the sale. Pre-order customers are invited to our early opening on Thursday afternoon, April 19th from 3 to 7PM for the best selection of perennials and all Day-of-Sale selections. Pre-order confirmations, complete with directions to the Goshen Fairgrounds will be mailed mid-April. If you are looking for a plant not on our order form, just call or email us before April 10th.

PERENNIALS AND DAY-OF-SALE PLANTS. At our three-day sale, you will find over 3,500 perennials, both native, natives and non-native, carefully chosen for use in all types of settings, from pollinator and bird gardens to rain and rock gardens. Perennials CANNOT BE PREORDERED, so come early for the best selection. A complete perennial list will be available on our website in early April and will include plant height and width, color and bloom time, and the best place to plant. **DAY-OF-SALE** plants include Pinxterbloom Azalea, Sweet Fern, Blueberry Delight Juniper, Christmas Wintergreen, Keepsake Mountain Laurel, Flowering Almond, Double and Peach Knock-Out roses, Japanese Umbrella Pine, Dawn Redwood, Korean Spice Viburnum, assorted fruit trees, rhubarb crowns, seedless Concord grapes, various groundcovers, grasses and seedlings. Many selections from last year returning for **DAY-OF-SALE** include Berried Treasure Huckleberry, Blue Bird Honeyberry, Russian Cypress and Gro-low Fragrant Sumac.

PLANT DESCRIPTIONS - A GUIDE TO CHOOSING YOUR PLANTS. Our plant sale selections, listed in order by Latin name, include many important native species and no non-native invasives. Our plant descriptions contain mature size and width and information as to where best to grow plants, in sun, part shade or shade, and USDA Gardening Zones. Additional information is supplied regarding their use as rain garden, pollinator or habitat-friendly selections, bloom times and unique attributes. Helpful websites for more in-depth information and identification include Missouri Botanical's Plant Finder at www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder, New England Wildflower Society's "Go Botany" database, www.gobotany.newenglandwild.org and www.abnativeplants.com.

HOW TO TEST YOUR SOIL. The UConn Soil Nutrient Analysis Lab provides soil testing for the home gardener. It's simple and only \$12 for a standard nutrient analysis. The standard nutrient analysis is appropriate for lawns, flowers, vegetables, woody shrubs, fruit trees, agronomic and nursery crops (like Christmas trees) grown in mineral soil. Visit www.soiltest.uconn.edu or call 860-486-4274 for information on how to collect and send samples for testing.

SPECIAL EVENTS.

April 20th - 11AM to 2PM - Larry Rousseau, DEEP service forester and NWCD board member, will be available to give tips for successful planting of bare root and containerized plants.

April 21st- 2PM - Pollinators A workshop given by Emily May of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

PLEASE JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER! Our entire plant sale event, from set-up to break-down, is manned by many wonderful gardening enthusiasts, master gardeners, District friends and supporters and NWCD staff. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the jobs available, from unloading trucks to manning the floor and meeting and welcoming other fellow gardeners, please sign up on the order form, send an email (karengnelson@nwcd.org) or call us at 860-626-7222.

Northwest Conservation District Info@nwcd.org

36th Annual Earth Day Plant Sale * Order Deadline Wednesday April 11, 2018

Pick up at Goshen Fairgrounds on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 20th, 21st and 22nd

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Mail this order form or place your order online at www.nwcd.org

NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS

Gallon size Price How many Total

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1	Saskatoon Juneberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	3	\$40		
2	Shadblow	<i>Amelanchier canadensis (clump)</i>	3	\$40		
3	Red Chokeberry	<i>Aronia arbutifolia 'Brilliantissima'</i>	3	\$35		
4	Viking Black Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa 'Viking'</i>	3	\$35		
5	Swamp Azalea	<i>Azalea viscosum</i>	2	\$32		
6	Beyond Midnight Bluebeard	<i>Caryopteris clandonensis 'Beyond Midnight'</i>	2	\$28		
7	New Jersey Tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	3	\$44		
8	Sugar Shack Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis 'Sugar Shack'</i>	3	\$35		
9	Hummingbird Summersweet	<i>Clethra alnifolia 'Hummingbird'</i>	3	\$38		
10	Cayenne Silky Dogwood	<i>Cornus amomum 'Cayenne'</i>	3	\$38		
11	Mountain Witch-Alder	<i>Fothergilla major</i>	2	\$32		
12	Common Witchhazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	3	\$35		
13	'Haas' Halo' Smooth Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea arborescens 'Haas' Halo'</i>	3	\$38		
14	Snow Queen Oakleaf Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia 'Snow Queen'</i>	3	\$38		
15	Pumpkin St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum inodorum 'Pumpkin'</i>	2	\$28		
16	Densa Inkberry	<i>Ilex glabra 'Densa'</i>	3	\$38		
17	Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	3	\$40		
18	Pink Charm Mountain Laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia 'Pink Charm'</i>	3	\$40		
19	Coastal Leucothoe	<i>Leucothoe axillaris</i>	2	\$28		
20	Northern Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	3	\$40		
21	Northern Bayberry	<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	2	\$28		
22	Beach Plum	<i>Prunus maritima</i>	2	\$28		
23	Independence Rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron maximum 'Independence'</i>	2	\$32		
24	Pussywillow	<i>Salix discolor</i>	2	\$26		
25	York Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis 'York'</i>	3	\$30		
26	Primrose Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris x 'Primrose'</i>	3	\$40		
27	Winterthur Witherod Viburnum	<i>Viburnum nudum 'Winterthur'</i>	3	\$40		
28	Pollinator Garden-In-A-Box	Collection of 16 shrubs and perennials.	ONE	\$52		

NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL TREES				Size/Count	Price	How many	Total
29	Autumn Flame Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Autumn Flame'		7 gallon	\$98		
30	Heritage River Birch (clump)	<i>Betula nigra</i> 'Heritage' (clump)		7 gallon	\$98		
31	Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>		3 gallon	\$42		
32	Manchurian Siberian Crabapple	<i>Malus baccata</i> 'Manchurian'		7 gallon	\$98		
33	Swamp White Oak	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>		7 gallon	\$95		
HOME GARDEN FRUIT TREES, BERRIES AND EDIBLES							
34	Jonamac Apple Tree	<i>Malus domestica</i> 'Jonamac'		7 gallon	\$56		
35	Honeycrisp Apple Tree	<i>Malus domestica</i> 'Honey Crisp'		7 gallon	\$56		
36	Moorpark Apricot Tree	<i>Prunus armeniaca</i> 'Moorpark'		5 gallon	\$56		
37	Lapins Sweet Dark Cherry Tree	<i>Prunus x</i> 'Lapins'		7 gallon	\$56		
38	Flavortop Nectarine Tree	<i>Prunus x</i> 'Flavortop'		7 gallon	\$56		
39	Redhaven Peach Tree	<i>Prunus x</i> 'Redhaven'		7 gallon	\$56		
40	Moonglow Dwarf Pear Tree	<i>Pyrus x</i> 'Moonglow'		5 gallon	\$56		
41	Patriot, Bluecrop & Jersey Blueberries	<i>Vaccinium</i> - Set of 3 potted bushes - 1 early-, 1 mid- and 1 late-season		2 gallon	\$58		
42	Blue Belle Honeyberries	<i>Lonicera caerulea</i> 'Blue Belle'		2 gallon	\$42		
43	Mara Des Bois Strawberries	25 bare-root plants		25 rts	\$15		
44	Boyne and Caroline Red Raspberries	5 early- and 5 late-season canes		10 cns	\$30		
45	Pacific Purple Asparagus	25 bare-root plants		25 rts	\$26		
GROUNDCOVERS							
46	Massachusetts Kinnikinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> 'Massachusetts'		1 gallon	\$20		
47	Pachysandra Groundcover	Flat with 100 well-rooted plants		100 rts	\$30		
48	Periwinkle Groundcover	Huge bundle of 100 bare-root plants		100 rts	\$60		
EVERGREEN SEEDLINGS AND PLUGS							
49	White Spruce <i>Picea glauca</i>	25 seedlings	3-year seedlings 8-16 inches		\$30		
50	Scotch Pine <i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	25 seedlings	3-year seedlings 8-16 inches		\$30		
51	Fraser Fir <i>Abies fraseri</i> 'Mt Rogers'	1 plug	1-year plug 6-10 inches		\$3		
52	Colorado Blue Spruce <i>Picea pungens</i>	1 plug	2-year plug 6-10 inches		\$3		
<p align="center">Volunteers needed!</p> <p>Be part of the area's largest Earth Day celebration. Join other gardeners and volunteers to support local conservation.</p> <p>Many jobs available from Monday, April 16 through Sunday, April 22</p> <p>YES, I can help for a couple of hours. The best day/time for me is: or contact karengnelson@nwcd.org</p>				<p>Order early for best selection.</p> <p>Mail to NWCD 1185 New Litchfield Street Torrington, CT 06790 Checks to NWCD, no sales tax</p>			Total

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NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS

- 1 Saskatoon Juneberry** P, PSh, Z2, 12-14' t x 8-10' w
Hardy and easy to grow upright edible shrub/small tree with cloud like plumes of white flowers in late April followed by delicious blueberry-like fruit starting in June. This delicious unusual fruit, high in antioxidants, can be used fresh in pies and jams and dried for cereals and trail mix and is equally attractive to wildlife.
- 2 Shadblow Serviceberry** N, P, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 15-20' t x 8-12' w
A vigorous native buffer plant with snowy white, April flowers attractive to pollinators followed by deep green foliage. Showy edible fruit matures in late summer; great for birds and humans alike. Golden yellow to orange fall color.
- 3 Red Chokeberry** N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 6-10' t x 3-5' w
This versatile buffer/rain garden nativar tolerates wet soils and offers dark, shiny foliage with profuse white flowers in May, providing nectar for native bees. Brilliant red, edible berries are a delicacy for many of our prized bird species.
- 4 Black Chokeberry** N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 5-6' t x 5-6' w
Showy fragrant spring flowers in mid-May give rise to flattened heads of green fruit that turn jet black in late summer. Deep green foliage turns fiery red in fall. Edible, nutrient rich fall fruit provides food for native birds and wildlife.
- 5 Swamp Azalea** N, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 8-10' t x 6-8' w
A deciduous native perfect for grouping on edges of wooded, open-shaded areas. Mid-June to July, white to pink colored flowers exude a sweet clove-like scent while attracting native butterflies. Great reddish-orange fall foliage.
- 6 Beyond Midnight Bluebeard** P, S, Z5, Mature 2-3' t x 2-3' w
Compact and drought tolerant, this late blooming shrub with dark glossy foliage and deep blue flowers, adds much needed color to the late summer landscape. Attracts bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Deer resistant.
- 7 New Jersey Tea** N, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 3-4' t x 3-4' w
A historic native garden favorite with white flowers clusters in late May filling the garden with sweet fragrance and attracting butterflies and hummingbirds. Easy to grow and drought resistant. Thrives in sunny, well-drained soils.
- 8 Sugar Shack Button Bush** N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 3-4' t x 3-4' w
A **Proven Winner** nativar in a petite size with glossy green foliage and red fruit. Tiny, white, fragrant June blooms attract bees, hummingbirds and butterflies. Spent blooms form into 1" diameter balls for fall interest.
- 9 Hummingbird Summersweet** N, RG, P, Sh, Sh, Z4, Mature 3-4' t x 3-4' w
A shade-loving, dense, compact nativar perfect for woodland gardens. Fragrant white flower spikes in late summer attract native butterflies and bees. Dark-green glossy foliage and yellow fall foliage. Tolerates wet soils.
- 10 Cayenne Silky Dogwood** N, RG, P, Sh, Sh, Z4, Mature 6-8' t x 8-10' w
Year round interest with fresh green, disease resistant foliage followed by late-summer porcelain blue berries, vivid red-orange fall color and showy bright red stems in winter, Excellent food source for birds. Tolerates wet soils.
- 11 Mountain Witch-Alder** N, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 4-5' t x 4-5' w
This easy-to-grow, disease-resistant native is noted for its aromatic bottlebrush-like spring flowers, quality summer foliage and great fall color. Early nectar source for native insects and shelter for native birds and garden critters.
- 12 Common Witchhazel** N, B, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 15-20' t x 15-20' w
Trouble free, this native shrub/small tree grows quickly, providing substantial landscape beauty. Large bluish-green foliage tinged with bronze turns stunning bright yellow in fall. Unique strap-like, lemon-yellow blooms in October have a spicy scent. Distinct gray bark and tight form give shelter for numerous bird species. A great buffer plant!
- 13 'Haas' Halo' Smooth Hydrangea** N, P, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 3-5' t x 3-5' w
An easy-to-grow, lace cap nativar offering 14" white blooms against thick bluish-green foliage. Drought tolerant and fast growing. A host and nectar source for the hydrangea sphinx moth and shade garden haven for birds and wildlife.

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- 14 Snow Queen Oakleaf Hydrangea** N, P, PSh, Z5, Mature 4-8' t x 4-6' w
All season nativar with pure white flowers in July, large, dark-green, oak-like leaves with rigid stems and red-bronze fall color. Exfoliating bark and orange buds create winter interest. Provides shelter for nesting and critter cover.
- 15 Pumpkin St. Johnswort** S, PSh, Sh, Z4, Mature 2-3' t x 2-3' w
Yellow flowers in spring and glowing orange fall berries great in cut arrangements. Rust resistant and easy to grow.
- 16 Densa Inkberry** N, RG, P, PSh, Sh, Z5, Mature 3-4' t x 4-5' w
Tough, evergreen nativar buffer/pollinator plant provides year-round cover and black berries for our native birds.
- 17 Winterberry** N, RG, S, PSh, Sh, Z4, Mature 7-8' t x 7-8' w
Quintessential native with dark green lustrous foliage, upright rounded form for bird habitat and bright red berries for a fall food source for native birds. Easy to grow, all season rain garden plant. Pollinators available day of sale.
- 18 Pink Charm Mountain Laurel** N, S, PSh, Sh, Z4, Mature 8-10' t x 8-10' w
Dense, rounded form, strong pink buds May to June. Tolerates dry, shallow soils. Connecticut State Flower cultivar.
- 19 Coastal Leucothoe** N, PSh, Sh, Z6, Mature 3-6' t x 3-6' w
Deer resistant, shade loving native choice prefers moist, well-drained soil. Mounding fountain-like form with fascinating foliage ranging from bronze at flush, summer green to purple-red in winter. May white catkin-like flowers.
- 20 Northern Spicebush** N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 6-10' t x 6-10' w
Oval, upright native buffer plant with early-April yellow blooms providing early-season nectar to bees and butterflies. Host plant to Spicebush Swallowtail butterfly. Fall brings important red berries for birds and showy yellow foliage.
- 21 Northern Bayberry** N, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 5-6' t x 8-10' w
A truly talented native, surviving sun or partial shade, moist or dry soils, great conditions or seaside spray with ease, all while providing loads of cover for birds and a supply of gray, waxy berries in the fall and winter that birds love.
- 22 Beach Plum** N, P, S, Z4, Mature 6-7' t x 6 x 7' w
Coastal native with an upright, rounded habit. Small, white, cherry-like flowers April to May are a nectar source for native insects. Summer plums create an abundant food source for native birds and traditional jellies and jams.
- 23 Independence Rosebay Rhododendron** N, PSh, Sh, Z4, Mature 8-12' t x 8-12' w
A spectacular nativar offering huge, clear-pink flowers in mid-summer, cover for wildlife and nesting spots for song birds. Thrives in shady, wooded areas and borders. Other color, size and bloom time rhodos available day of sale.

INVASIVE PLANTS IN YOUR BACKYARD? CONSIDER THESE ALTERNATIVES

NWCD partners with many organizations in Connecticut hard at work preventing the spread of invasive species. Here are a few alternatives for the most common invasive garden plants. For more information, visit, www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies and cipwg.uconn.edu/invasive_plant_list.

INVASIVE

ALTERNATIVES

Burning Bush (<i>Euonymus alatus</i>)	Chokeberry, Gray Dogwood, Highbush Blueberry, Witchhazel
Japanese Barberry (<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>)	Bayberry, Inkberry, Summersweet, Winterberry
Multiflora Rose (<i>Rosa multiflora</i>)	Chokeberry, Highbush Blueberry, Summersweet, Winterberry
Autumn Olive (<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>)	Bayberry, Chokeberry, Inkberry, Winterberry
Tree of Heaven (<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>)	Eastern Redbud, Flowering Dogwood, Shadblow
Japanese Knotweed (<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>) ...	Buttonbush, Elderberry, Pussy Willow, Spicebush
Purple Loosestrife (<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>)	Bee Balm, Hyssop, Coneflower, Joe-Pye Weed, Milkweed
Garlic Mustard (<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>)	Creeping Phlox, Foam Flower, Lady Fern, Wild Ginger

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- 24 Pussy Willow** N, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 20-25' t x 18-20' w
A true New England native, big in size and appreciated by humans, birds and butterflies. Early flower catkins provide early-season nectar for native bees, and its buds and leaves are a food source for native birds and butterflies.
- 25 Primrose Lilac** S, PSh, Z4, Mature 12-15' t x 8-12'
Spring clusters of creamy yellow flowers with a light fragrance are attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds. Hardy multi-stemmed, upright grower is great in the garden or in hedges.
- 26 York Elderberry** N, RG, P, PSh, Z4, Mature 8-10' t x 8-10' w
A great nativar with lovely white spring blooms followed by heavy crops of extra-large fruit clusters. An important food source for fruit-eating birds like robins and Cedar Waxwings. Great rain garden plant and partner for 'Adams'.
- 27 Winterthur Witherod Viburnum** N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z5, Mature 7-8' t x 5-6' w
Cherished by birds everywhere for its dense, rounded form that provides cover and nesting areas. Big, fragrant, white colored April-May flower heads are followed by late summer dark blue to black edible berries for native birds.
- 28 POLLINATOR GARDEN-IN-A-BOX** - Native pollinator collection - Planting information included. Handmade reusable native pine box sized to hold 4 shrubs in a 1 qt.- size pot and 12 perennials in a plug starter size. Designed to attract and sustain pollinators. Included are plant descriptions and theme-specific information. *Species include Redbud, Steeple Bush, Canada Lily, Red or White Oak, Flat Top Aster, Hyssop, Boneset, Black eye Susan, Gray Goldenrod, Rattlesnake Master, Ironweed and Bush Clover.* **Bird Garden-In-a-Box available day of sale.**

NATIVE PLANTS ... WHY DO WE ENCOURAGE THEIR USE?

To sum up, in the words of our friend Liza from Earthtones and co-creator of a "Pollinator Garden-In-A-Box", "Natives flourish without synthetic pesticides, rarely need watering once established, provide food and habitat for wildlife, contribute to biodiversity, connect us to our home places, help us celebrate the things that make our regions unique, teach us about the world of nature, of course.. **THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL!**"

NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL TREES

- 29 Autumn Flame Red Maple** N, RG, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 45-50' t x 35-40' w
Earliest flowering of native maples with small, deep-red flowers opening in early to mid-April and providing early nectar sources for native bees and butterflies. Medium green, trident shaped leaves and blazing fall foliage color.
- 30 Heritage River Birch (clump)** N, RG, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 35-40' t x 30-35' w
Tawny-white exfoliating bark and yellow fall foliage provide for year-round interest. This multi-stem native cultivar is disease and insect resistant while providing shelter and nesting for birds. A great specimen tree for a rain garden.
- 31 Eastern Red Cedar** N, RG, P, S, Z4, Mature 25-30' t x 10-12' w
An upright evergreen providing year-round cover and nesting sites for many birds, including Cedar Waxwings, and fall fruit for over 80 bird species. Dark-green, fragrant foliage and host plant for the Olive Hairstreak butterfly.
- 32 Manchurian Siberian Crabapple** P, S, Z4, Mature 20-25' t x 15-25' w
Spring perfumed white flowers followed by large, multi-colored fruit that stays through the winter; a favorite of ruffed grouse, pheasant, and woodpeckers. Countless other birds rely on it for seed, buds, nectar, and flowers for food. Autumn golden foliage is a gorgeous backdrop for persistent bright red and yellow fruit. A pollinator for apple trees.
- 33 Swamp White Oak** N, P, S, Z4, Mature 60-70' t x 60-70' w
A rounded, thick-growing head covered in lustrous, dark green, heavily toothed foliage with a silver backing that gives this plant a unique, two-toned look. Provides a magnificent nesting area for birds and small mammals along with prodigious amounts of acorns as a food source. Tolerates a broad range of soils - moderate to quick growing



POLLINATORS - THINKING BEYOND THE HONEY BEE...

Too often, people only think of the honey bee as the main pollinator for our food sources. In fact, many birds, bats, beneficial insects such as butterflies and native bees, as well as other creatures play important roles in our environment by pollinating our fruit and vegetable crops and controlling pest insects, which prey upon our crops. Many overlooked insects, such as ground-dwelling native bees and wasps, are busily working all spring, summer and fall, providing useful services for soil health and biodiversity. These “ecosystem services” enhance our backyard gardens and farms. As part of our plant selections, we identify pollinator plants, many which have multiple functions including beauty, aroma, wildlife habitat, herbal/culinary uses, and soil enhancement. Many pollinator plants also provide food for migrating birds and birds that stay around in the winter.

This year has been named the **Year of the Bird** by the National Audubon Society in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the most powerful and important bird-protection law ever passed. We are partnering with the Litchfield Hills Audubon Society in support of this nationwide event. Visit their website <http://www.lhasct.org> and check out their newsletter “Chickadee Chatter” to see how you can take part in **Year of the Bird** programs being offered for bird enthusiasts of all ages.

As part of our plant choices every year, we choose many native plants that provide food and habitat for native migratory birds. To name a few: Spicebush, Chokeberry, Elderberry, Viburnums, Bayberry, Shadblow, Highbush Blueberries, Dogwood, and Winterberry. We encourage everyone to support the **Year of the Bird** and **THINK BEYOND THE HONEY BEE** in your choices of backyard plants.

HOME GARDEN FRUIT TREES, BERRIES AND EDIBLES

- 34 Jonamac™ Apple Tree** Semi-dwarf, S, Z3, Mature 12-15' t x 12-15' w
Vigorous, hardy and heavy fruiting, this cross between a McIntosh and Jonathan provides a tasty fruit with firm flesh perfect for fresh eating, cooking or preserves. A superb selection for the northern edible garden.
- 35 Honeycrisp™ Apple Tree** Semi-dwarf, S, Z3, Mature 12-15' t x 12-15' w
Fast becoming a New England orchard favorite, this sweet-flavored late season selection retains its crispness even after seven months of storage. Best pollinators include Cortland or CrimsonCrisp apples or white flowering crabapples.
- 36 Moorpark Apricot Tree** Semi-dwarf, S, Z4, Mature 15-20' t x 15-20' w
An old time apricot from the early 1900's with excellent hardiness and heavy production of large, yellow fleshed, freestone fruit. Late season harvest. A great home garden choice. Self pollinating.
- 37 Lapins Sweet Dark Cherry Tree** Semi-dwarf, S, Z5, Mature 15-20' t x 15-20' w
Showy white flowers in spring. A bumper crop of extra-large, delicious, sweet, dark mahogany fruit, ready for harvest in late July and early August, are produced on this self-pollinating tree. Perfect for a beginner's backyard garden!
- 38 Flavortop Nectarine Tree** Semi-dwarf, S, Z5, Mature 10-12' t x 10-12' w
Pinkish-purple flowers in late April and early May are followed by large, firm yet juicy nectarines with yellow flesh and cheery red skin in mid to early July. Sweet fruit is perfect for fresh eating, baking and preserves. Self-pollinating
- 39 Redhaven Peach Tree** Semi-dwarf, S, Z5, Mature 15-20' t x 15-20' w
Heavy-bearing, well-formed vigorous tree with medium-sized, round fruit in late July. Firm, creamy-textured yellow flesh under an almost fuzzless, red and golden skin. Cold and disease resistant, and self-fertile - a home garden must.
- 40 Moonglow Dwarf Pear Tree** Semi-dwarf, S, Z5, Mature 15-18 t x 10-12' w
Easy to grow, compact and disease-resistant nature. Medium to large sized, dull-yellow, brushed pink fruit matures in mid- August and features the least gritty white flesh of any pear. Sweet, juicy taste makes it ideal for fresh eating or canning. Can be pollinated by any other non-Asian Pear.

- 41 Blueberries** Set of three 2-gallon potted blueberry bushes
 Patriot - Z3, best early-season producer with massive yields in a dense, rounded package. Mature 4-5' t x 4-5' w.
 BlueCrop - Z4, mid-season with large and great-tasting fruit. Mature 5-6' t x 5-6' w.
 Jersey - Z4, late-season with dark-blue, medium-sized berries in a tall, well-shaped habit. Mature 6-8' t x 5-7' w.
 Known for their fruit's taste and nutritional value, blueberry bushes are great rain garden plants, a pollinator and food source for birds and bees, and finish with fiery-red fall color. Plants need acidic soils with pH of 4.5 to 4.8.
- 42 Blue Belle Honeyberries** S, Z2, Mature 4-5' t x 4-5' w
 An upright, vigorous shrub offering small, white flower blooms along its branches in April, followed by oodles of dark-blue, oblong, almost blueberry-tasting berries that mature in June. Fruit is perfect for fresh eating by the handful. Loves full sun and well-drained soil. For best pollination and fruit set, plant with another selection, (Blue Bird) nearby.
- 43 Mara Des Bois Strawberries** S, Z3 Considered a specialty variety for home gardeners,
 Produces small to medium fruit with the highest flavor and fragrance of any ever-bearer. Berries have an attractive red color with a high gloss. Planting instructions included.
- 44 Boyne and Caroline Red Raspberries** S, Z 3/4, Five plants will fill a 10-foot row
 This award-winning combo of 5 early- and 5 late-season winter-hardy bushes will extend your eating enjoyment. Boyne (Zone 3), consistently produces deep-red, medium-sized sweet berries great for freezing and jams
 Caroline (Zone 4) is highly productive with large berries with rich and intense flavor. Both great for home gardens.
- 45 Pacific Purple Asparagus** S, Z3, Bundle of 25 large one-year-old plants. Plant 18-24" apart.
 High performing with higher yields than many green varieties. Holds its deep purple color through the season. Very tender, large-sized spears with a sweet flavor, distinctive from green varieties. Recommended planting is 8 inches apart rather than the usual 12 inch spacing. An asparagus patch is a long term investment that will continue to yield abundantly for 20 years or more if given proper planting and care. Test and adjust your soil before you plant as asparagus requires sweet soil with a pH of 7.2. Lime may be needed.

GROUNDCOVERS

- 46 Massachusetts Kinnikinnick** N, P, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 6-12" t with a 4-6' spread
 This native cultivar groundcover does best in poor, sandy soil. No more than 12" high, its small, lustrous green foliage hugs its branches, providing wildlife food and shelter. Native bees are attracted to its small, showy pink flowers, and birds, small critters and even bears are attracted to its ample supply of late-summer-to-fall berries.
- 47 Pachysandra Groundcover** PSh, Sh, Z3, Mature 6-8" tall and widely spreading
 12 x 14" flat of 100 well-rooted plants. Best groundcover for deep shade, singularly beautiful. Avoid sites exposed to full sun and wind. Clear weeds and prepare soil before planting. (Native pachysandra available day of sale.)
- 48 Periwinkle Groundcover** S, PSh, Z4, Mature 6-8" t and widely spreading
 Huge burlap-wrapped bundle of 100 bare-root plants. Small, shiny evergreen leaves with charming, violet-blue flowers in the spring. Grows well in shade or sun, valuable to cover hard-to-mow banks or under trees. Plant 1' apart. Clear weeds and prepare soil before planting.

RAIN GARDENS – CLEANING UP RUNOFF ONE YARD AT A TIME

Rain gardens are a simple and attractive solution for runoff from footing and roof drains, driveway drains, and even from lawns laden with pesticides and fertilizer. Rain gardens work best in well-drained soils and are the most common type of Low Impact Development (LID) system used to clean up polluted stormwater runoff created in residential areas. They also provide a opportunity to add habitat for birds, butterflies and other wildlife year-round. Careful planning is an important step in ensuring the success of a residential rain garden.

For more information regarding sizing, design, installation and soils,
 visit nemo.uconn.edu/raingardens/.

A homeowner can determine a property's soil drainage class on the website by using the "Checking Soils" link.

**** A demonstration rain garden with literature listing rain garden plants will be at the Plant Sale.

EVERGREEN SEEDLINGS AND PLUGS

Secrets of Success: Seedlings and plugs are fragile and need to be planted ASAP. Keep your plants COOL and their roots MOIST until planting. Controlling weeds and vigilant, regular watering are essential for a good start.

- 49 White Spruce** *Picea glauca* N, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 30-60' t x 10-20' w
Hardy all-around pyramidal-shaped tree providing shelter, nesting sites and food for many kinds of wildlife.
- 50 Scotch Pine** *Pinus sylvestris* S, Z3, Mature 30-60' t x 20-30' w
Year-round, deep green color. Hardy, with great needle retention and habitat friendly. Adaptable to many sites.
- 51 Fraser Fir** *Abies fraseri* 'Mt Rogers' N, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 45-60' t x 20-25' w
Native, popular Christmas tree choice. Dark-green color, long-lasting needles, pleasing fragrance and habitat friendly.
- 52 Colorado Blue Spruce** *Picea pungens* S, PSh, Z3, Mature 45-60' x 20-26' w
Year-round, unique silvery, green-blue color. Winter hardy and long lived, providing food and shelter for native birds.
Norway Spruce and Colorado Blue Spruce seedlings available day of sale. Call for large quantity quotes.

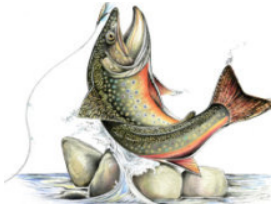
PERENNIALS & GRASSES - COLORFUL, LONG LASTING & ENDURING..... AND A GREAT WAY TO MAKE YOUR GARDEN HABITAT FRIENDLY

At our sale in April, you will find a selection of over 3,500 perennials, from spring ephemerals and grasses to hardy species that bring fall color to fading gardens. Our choices include great native varieties that not only provide nectar sources for butterflies and other pollinators, but are a source of food and shelter for birds and beneficial insects, and alternatives for habitat-unfriendly invasives. Habitat notes have been added to our perennial selections as well as some old-fashioned names. Our spring ephemerals include Blood Root, Jack-in-the Pulpit, May Apple, Trilliums, and Virginia Bluebells. Grasses include Sedge, Carex and Big and Little Blue Stem.

- Achillea (Yarrow)
- Agastache (Hyssop and loved by hummingbirds)
- Alcea (Hollyhock)
- Alchemilla (Lady's Mantle)
- Allium (Onion)
- Anemone (wind flowers for spring and fall interest)
- Aquilegia (Columbine and loved by hummingbirds)
- Armeria (Sea Thrift)
- Aruncus (Goat's Beard)
- Asarum (Wild and European Ginger)
- Asclepias (Milkweed and important species for our Monarch Butterfly population.
- Asters (spring and fall bloomers and friends to birds and butterflies)
- Astilbe
- Baptisia (Blue False Indigo and pollen and nectar source for native bumblebees)
- Bellis (English Daisy)
- Bergenia
- Calamintha (Catmint)
- Campanula (Bell-flower)
- Centaurea
- Cerastium
- Chelone (Turtle-head and a valuable source for Baltimore Checkerspot butterflies and hummingbirds)
- Cimicifuga
- Clematis
- Chrysogonum
- Coreopsis (Tickseed and food source for native bees, butterflies and beetles.
- Dianthus (Grandma's "Pinks")
- Dicentra (Bleeding Heart)
- Doronicum
- Echinacea (Cone-flower and loved by birds, bees, and butterflies)
- Epimedium
- Eupatorium (Joe-Pye Weed and important species for our Monarch Butterfly population.
- Euphorbia (Spurge)
- Lady Fern
- Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)
- Geranium
- Helenium
- Heliopsis (False Sunflower)
- Helleborus
- Heuchera (Coralbells)
- Heucherella
- Hibiscus
- Hosta (loved by hummingbirds)
- Iris versicolor
- Lavandula (English-Lavender)
- Leucanthemum (Daisy)
- Ligularia
- Lobelia (Cardinal Flower and loved by bees, butterflies and birds)
- Wild Blue Lupine (sole food source for the endangered Karner blue butterfly's caterpillar.
- Monarda (Bee Balm for bees and butterflies)
- Nepeta (Catmint for your feline friends)
- Oenothera (Evening Primrose and evening dwelling spot for native moths and butterflies)
- Paeonia (old fashioned Peonies to soothe one's soul).
- Penstemon (Beard-tongue for butterflies)
- Phlox for butterflies and bees and scent.
- Physostegia (Obedient Plant)
- Polenemonium (Jacob's Ladder)
- Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan and bee, and bird favorite)
- Salvia
- Sedum (Stonecrop)
- Tiarella (Foam Flower)
- Verbena (Vervain)
- Vernonia (New York Ironweed and pollen source for insects and butterflies)
- Veronicastrum (Culvers Root)
- Viola (everyone's favorite)
- Zizia (Golden Alexander)

SEE A FULL PERENNIAL & GRASS LIST ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.NWCD.ORG IN APRIL

2018 Spring Trout Stocking Sale - Adult Rainbow & Brook Trout



Stock your pond with 9-to-11" trout raised in Connecticut and delivered to your pond or stream on April 14th. Trout are rewarding to feed and observe, catch and release, or enjoy as delicious fresh fish. Order deadline is March 30. We will obtain all DEEP liberation permits for you and provide order confirmation. The minimum order of 50 fish is \$325 with a delivery charge of \$50. You can also purchase 25 additional fish for \$150. Delivery times are set by the hatchery. Call 860-626-7222 for more information.

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**Bringing Back the Legend:
Cougar Recovery in
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**Christopher Spatz, President
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register online at nwcd.org**

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2018 SPRING CONSERVATION CALENDAR

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April

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20-22 NWCD EARTH DAY PLANT SALE

Goshen Fairgrounds, 116 Old Middle St., Route 63, Goshen

Earth Day Plant Sale Order Form inside or order online at nwcd.org

April 22nd - EARTHDAY 2018. The first Earth Day, in 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and by the end of 1970, led to the creation of the Clean

Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts. The fight is far from being over when it comes to clean air and clean water for all of our earth's precious creatures. In the words of Margaret Mead, a famed anthropologist and an original Earth Day supporter, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtfully committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

All of us at the Northwest Conservation District thank you for all that you do!

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