

Northwest Conservation District  
39th Earth Day Plant Sale  
Pre-Order Only, Scheduled Pick-up  
Goshen Fairgrounds  
116 Old Middle Street  
April 23, 24 & 25, 2021  
Friday through Sunday  
8AM - 4PM



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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtfully committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”  
~ Margaret Mead, original Earth Day supporter



# 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 continued support.

**IMPORTANT PRE-ORDER INFORMATION** Our Earth Day Plant Sale looks a little different this year. In order to be as safe as possible, we are only doing **PRE-ORDERS**. Nothing will be available on pick-up days. Orders will be picked up at a designated pick-up time. Time slots are every **15 minutes from 8-4PM on Friday April 23rd through Sunday April 25th**. When you send in your order form, please give updated **contact information** - your **phone number** is best for easy communication. A NWCD staff member will be in contact with you to choose a pick-time.



Pre-Orders **MUST BE IN** by **Wednesday April 14th**. Due to limited stock, the order deadline will not be extended.



When you arrive at the barn, it is **required** to bring the invoice that will be mailed to you (if you provide an email, it will also be emailed to you). Please stay in your car until directed otherwise, be masked at all times on the grounds, and bring as few people as possible for pick-up. Volunteers will direct you to your order. You are welcome to load your car, but volunteers will be available to help you.

We truly appreciate your cooperation during these unprecedented times. We look forward to having a Plant Sale this year in a safe and respectful manner for our loyal supporters.

## 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 information as to where best to grow plants, in sun, part shade or shade, USDA Gardening Zones, mature size and width, and their use as rain garden or pollinator garden plants. Additional information in the body of the text addresses specific attributes such as shape, bloom color and time, and habitat values. Helpful websites for more in-depth information and identification include Missouri Botanical's Plant Finder at [www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder](http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder), Native Plant Trust <https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/> "GoBotany" database, and Lady Bird Johnson's <https://www.wildflower.org/plants-main>.



## 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 grown in mineral soil.

Visit [www.soiltest.uconn.edu](http://www.soiltest.uconn.edu), fax: 860-486-4562, email [soiltest@uconn.edu](mailto:soiltest@uconn.edu) or call 860-486-4274 for information on how to collect and send samples for testing.

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## 39th Annual Earth Day Plant Sale \* Order Deadline Wednesday April 14, 2021

Scheduled pick-up at Goshen Fairgrounds Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 23, 24 & 25

Please provide contact information - NWCD Staff will be in contact with you to choose a pick-up time.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this order form or place your order online at [www.nwcd.org](http://www.nwcd.org)

NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS AND VINES			Gallon size	Price	How many	Total
1	Bottlebrush Buckeye	<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	1	\$24		
2	Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i> 'Autumn Brilliance'	3	\$42		
3	Brilliant Red Chokeberry	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> 'Brilliantissima'	2	\$31		
4	Viking Black Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> 'Viking'	3	\$40		
5	Pinxterbloom Azalea	<i>Rhododendron periclymenoides</i>	3	\$40		
6	Trumpet Vine	<i>Campsis radicans</i>	2	\$30		
7	Dark Knight Bluebeard	<i>Caryopteris x clandonensis</i> 'Dark Knight'	3	\$35		
8	New Jersey Tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	1	\$22		
9	Hummingbird Summersweet	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> 'Hummingbird'	3	\$36		
10	Gray Dogwood	<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	3	\$40		
11	Yellow Twig Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i> 'Flaviramea'	3	\$40		
12	Ru-bee Wren Low Bush Honeysuckle	<i>Diervilla lonicera</i> 'Ru-bee Wren'	3	\$40		
13	Vernal Witch-Hazel	<i>Hamamelis vernalis</i>	3	\$35		
14	Ruby Slippers Oakleaf Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Ruby Slippers'	3	\$40		
15	Scentlandia Sweetspire	<i>Itea virginica</i> 'Scentlandia'	3	\$40		
16	Densa Inkberry	<i>Ilex glabra</i> 'Densa'	2	\$30		
17	Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	2	\$35		
18	Red Sprite Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Red Sprite'	3	\$35		
19	Keepsake Mountain Laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i> 'Keepsake'	2	\$36		
20	Squirt Coastal Leucothoe	<i>Leucothoe axillaris</i> 'Squirt'	2	\$34		
21	Northern Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	1	\$22		
22	Major Wheeler Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> 'Major Wheeler'	1	\$22		
23	Thunderbolt Box Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera nitida</i> 'Thunderbolt'	3	\$40		
24	Pussy Willow	<i>Salix discolor</i>	2	\$28		
25	Adams Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i> 'Adams'	3	\$38		
26	Double Blue Lilac	<i>Syringa x hyacinthiflora</i> 'Double Blue'	3	\$40		
27	Steeplebush	<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i>	2	\$30		
28	Black Haw Viburnum	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	3	\$40		

NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL TREES			Size/ Count	Price	How many	Total
29	Heritage River Birch (clump)	<i>Betula nigra</i> 'Heritage'	3 gallon	\$58		
30	Eastern Red Bud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	3 gallon	\$58		
31	Spring Fleecing Fringe Tree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> 'Spring Fleecing'	3 gallon	\$58		
32	Temple of Bloom Seven-Son Flower	<i>Heptacodium miconoides</i> 'Temple of Bloom'	3 gallon	\$58		
33	Dawn Redwood	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	3 gallon	\$45		
34	Scarlet Oak	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	3 gallon	\$58		
HOME GARDEN - FRUITS AND VEGETABLES						
35	Pawpaw	<i>Asimina triloba</i> (Set of two pots)	2 quart	\$42		
36	Pink Champagne Currants	<i>Ribes rubrum</i> 'Pink Champagne'	1 plug	\$18		
37	MacDonald Rhubarb	<i>Rheum rhabarbarum</i> 'MacDonald'	2 bulbs	\$20		
38	Millenium Asparagus	25 bare-root plants	25 rts	\$20		
39	Nova and Joan C Red Raspberries	5 early- and 5 late-season canes	10 cns	\$25		
40	Duke, Bluecrop and Bonus	<i>Vaccinium</i> - 3 2-gallon bushes	3 pots	\$60		
41	Seascape Everbearing Strawberries	25 bare root plants	25 rts	\$15		
GROUNDCOVERS, GRASSES AND FERNS						
42	Ground Hug Chokecherry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> 'Ground Hug'	1 gallon	\$20		
43	Barren Strawberry	<i>Geum fragaroides</i>	1 gallon	\$12		
44	Christmas Wintergreen	<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	1 gallon	\$20		
45	Massachusetts Kinnikinnick	<i>Artocostaphylos uva-ursi</i> 'Massachusetts'	1 gallon	\$20		
46	Celtic Pride Siberian Cypress	<i>Microbiota decussata</i> 'Celtics Pride'	2 gallon	\$35		
47	Gro-Lo Fragrant Sumac	<i>Rhus aromatica</i> 'Gro-Lo'	2 gallon	\$40		
48	Yellowroot	<i>Xanthorhiza simplicissima</i>	2 gallon	\$30		
49	Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Blonde Ambition'	1 gallon	\$15		
50	Cape Breeze Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Cape Breeze'	1 gallon	\$15		
51	Standing Ovation Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> 'Standing Ovation'	1 gallon	\$15		
52	Sweet Fern	<i>Comptonia peregrina</i>	1 gallon	\$20		
<p align="center"><b>IMPORTANT ORDER INFORMATION</b></p> <p>The Plant Sale this year is pre-order only at designated pick-up times  Please provide contact information on the front of this order form (A phone number is best)  A NWCD staff member will be contact with you to sign up for a pick-up time.  Time-slots are every 15 minutes 8-4PM Friday April 23rd to Sunday April 25th  When you arrive at the barn, please bring the invoice that will be mailed  (it will be emailed additionally if you provide an email)</p> <p align="center">Any questions, feel free to call 860-626-7222</p>					<p align="center">Total</p>	
				<p align="center">Mail to NWCD  1185 New Litchfield Street  Torrington, CT 06790  Checks to NWCD, no sales tax</p>		

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## NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS AND VINES

- 1 Bottlebrush Buckeye** N, S, PSh, Z-5, Mature 8-10' t x 8-10' w  
Shrub form of a vigorous, deer-resistant native, great for a dappled shade garden. Large, pyramidal, white, habitat-friendly flower clusters in summer give way to glossy, inedible fruits (buckeyes). Attractive shades of fall color. Prefers moist, well-drained soils.
- 2 Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry (clump)** N, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 20-25' t x 18-20' w  
A small deciduous multi-stemmed understory tree with a spreading form. Pure white spring blooms that support the early nectar needs of pollinators are followed by bird-attracting edible fruit. Bronze-tinged leaves emerge in spring, followed by summer dark blue-green leaves that turn brilliant bright red in fall. Great in a formal or natural landscape.
- 3 Red Chokeberry** N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 6-8' t x 3-5' w  
A versatile buffer/rain garden nativar that tolerates wet soils and offers dark, shiny foliage with profuse white flowers in May, providing nectar for native bees. Dense bunches of glossy red fruit ripen in summer and persist through the winter, providing food for birds for many of our prized bird species. Bright-red autumn foliage.
- 4 Viking Black Chokeberry** N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 3-5' t x 4-6' w  
Showy, fragrant mid-May flowers give rise to flattened heads of green fruit that turn black in late summer. Its edible nutrient rich fruit provides food for native birds and wildlife and can be used in preserves, jams, fruit drinks and even wine to take full advantage of its great taste and strong health benefits. Deep green foliage turns fiery red as the weather cools. Thrives even in the least fertile, roughest landscape spots.
- 5 Pinxterbloom Azalea** N, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 6-8' t x 6-8' w  
Fragrant, late-April bloom fill the air with sweet honeysuckle scent. Rounded clusters of pink to white flowers provide a great early-spring nectar source for hummingbirds and butterflies. Prefers well-drained soils in areas of dappled sun or high, open shade
- 6. Trumpet Vine** N, P, S, Z4, Mature 20-30' t x 20-30' w  
An easy-to-grow native vine providing an abundance of reddish-orange flowers that attract hummingbirds and supply food for a variety of native bees and insects. Its big expansive, thick growth provides cover and essential nesting areas for a many native songbirds. A larval host for the Trumpet Vine Sphinx Moth.
- 7 Dark Knight Bluebeard** P, S, Z6, Mature 2-3' t x 2-3' w  
Deep-blue, fragrant, long blooming flowers provide late season color and nectar sources for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Mounding and compact with aromatic, dark green glossy foliage. Prefers well-drained soil and full sun.
- 8 New Jersey Tea** N, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 3-4' t x 3-4' w  
A historic native garden favorite with white flower clusters in late May filling the garden with a sweet fragrance, attracting butterflies and hummingbirds and serving as a food source for birds. Easy to grow and drought resistant.
- 9 Hummingbird Summersweet** N, RG, P, PSh, Sh, Z4, Mature 2-4' t x 3-5' w  
A shade-loving, dense nativar perfect for woodland gardens. Fragrant white flower spikes in late summer attract native bees, hummingbirds and butterflies. Lustrous deep green foliage and yellow fall foliage.
- 10 Gray Dogwood** N, RG, S, PSh, Z5, Mature 6-8' t x 10-12' w  
A great native pioneer adaptable to difficult spots and tolerant of wet, poor soils. Great in masses, this wide spreader is disease-free, has good red-purple fall color, and tons of white berries in the fall that many birds love.
- 11 Yellow Twig Dogwood** N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z2, Mature 6-8' t x 7-9' w  
This tough, adaptable nativar with bright yellow twigs adds color to any cold, snowy space. Tiny, fragrant, late-spring flowers give way to clusters of white-bluish fruit, attractive to migrating birds. Great for massing in poor soils or moist areas and as a bi-color winter partner to Red Twig Dogwoods.
- 12 Ru-bee Wren Low Bush Honeysuckle** N, P, S, PSh, Z2, Mature 2-3' t x 3-4' w  
Tough and drought tolerant, the dense spreading nativar performs well in sun or partial shade. Showy crimson foliage emerges in spring followed by nectar-filled yellow flowers attracting hummingbirds and bees in late June. Its glowing orange fall foliage with songbird-sustaining fruit makes it an environmentally friendly alternative to Burning Bush.



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- 13 **Vernal Witch-hazel** N, RG, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 8-10' t x 10-15' w  
Earliest flowering shrub in spring, this tough, adaptable native blooms from January to early April with yellow fragrant flowers followed by fall seed for birds. Large growing and open in habit, it provides nesting sites for many different birds. Excellent fall foliage, great buffer, and rain garden plant.
- 14 **Ruby Slippers Oakleaf Hydrangea** N, PSh, Z5, Mature 3-4' t x 4-5' w  
An aggressive grower 8-10" tall pyramids of white flowers exploding into bloom in July against the backdrop of deep green foliage. Flowers age from pink to a showy ruby-pink color by September. Burgundy-colored fall foliage with brick red peeling bark.
- 15 **Scotlandia Sweetspire** N, RG, S, PSh, Z5, Mature 2-3' t x 2-3' w  
Sweetspire is a much-beloved garden favorite known for its sweetly scented summer blooms followed by outstanding fall color. This petite nativar not only works with any size landscape, but its flowers are larger, last longer, are more fragrant, and more cold tolerant than any other variety. Shade tolerate and will thrive in wet soils.
- 16 **Densa Inkberry** N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z5, Mature 3-4' t x 4-5' w  
This tough, durable broadleaf evergreen is a versatile plant that tolerates many landscape situations, ranging from sandy soils, places prone to exposure to road salt or seaside conditions, riparian buffers and rain gardens. Habitat friendly, it serves as year-round cover and an excellent food source with its black berries for many native birds. Great alternative to boxwood as well as being an invasive alternative to Japanese Barberry and Privet.
- 17 **Winterberry** N, RG, S, PSh, Sh, Z3, 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. Tolerates most sunny or partly shaded spots with moist or wet soils. Great rain garden and riparian buffer plant as well as being a native alternative for many invasive plants including Burning Bush, Japanese Barberry, Multiflora Rose and Autumn Olive.
- 18 **Red Sprite Winterberry** N, RG, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 3-4' t x 4-5' w  
A dwarf carefree winterberry nativar with long lasting huge red berries on dense compact branching providing food for overwintering birds. Slow growing with an upright, rounded habit and glossy medium green leaves; perfect for rain gardens.
- 19 **Keepsake Mountain Laurel** N, S, PSh, Sh, Z4, Mature 4-5' t x 5-6' w  
A Connecticut state flower nativar with shiny deep green foliage, a dense, rounded form, and a superb spring flower show that starts deep pink in bud and opens to a pleasing yet strong pink color by early June. Serves as great cover source for woodland birds and its flowers provide a wealth of nectar for native bees.
- 20 **Squirt Coastal Leucothoe** N, PSh, Sh, Z5, Mature 1-2' t x 2-3' w  
Dense and showy with rich mahogany and copper-toned new growth against glossy, green leaves. Nectar laden, white, bell-shaped May flowers attract native bees and butterflies. This compact nativar's low, spreading form is perfect for grouping in shaded areas with moist well-drained soils and provides shelter for birds and other wildlife.
- 21 **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. Foliage and stems are aromatic when crushed. Fall brings important red berries for birds and showy yellow foliage.
- 22 **Major Wheeler Trumpet Honeysuckle** N, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 20-30' t x 20-30' w  
Masses of long, tubular, bright-red trumpet flowers provide neighborhood hummingbirds and butterflies a great source of flower fragrance and nectar late May through summer. Dark green, lustrous and mildew-free foliage. Non-aggressive and non-invasive, this twining trumpet nativar is an **Invasive Alternative** for Oriental Bittersweet.
- 23 **Thunderbolt Box Honeysuckle** S, PSh, Z5 Mature 3-5' t x 3-5' w  
Flashy chartreuse foliage in an improved, dense, midsize frame makes this a great boxwood hedge replacement in part sun landscapes. Can be left to naturally cascade for focal interest or shaped to taste. Small, white fragrant flowers appear in spring. If left untrimmed, blue-purple berries attractive to birds emerge in summer/late spring.

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- 24 Pussy Willow** N, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 6-15' t x 4-12' w  
A true New England native, big in size and appreciated by birds, butterflies and humans. Late winter catkins provide early-season nectar for native bees, and its buds and leaves are a food source for native birds and butterflies.
- 25 Adams Elderberry** N, RG, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 6-10' t x 8-10' w  
A great nativar with clusters of small, fragrant white flowers in spring followed by a large cluster of dark-blue, late-summer fruit that serves as a food source for birds through the fall. The fruit is edible for humans as well as wildlife. Last year's selection 'York' does well paired with 'Adams'.
- 26 Double Blue Lilac** S, Z 2, Mature 6'-8' t x 6-8' w  
Color, fragrance, and reliability are what make lilacs such an endearing garden plant and hyacinthiflora lilacs possess all three. Cool purple blooms take on a blue tone, each one full of double florets for a delicate seashell-like effect. A heavy bloomer with excellent disease resistance in an appealing shape with exceptional fragrance to help create happy memories of spring.
- 27 Steeplebush** N, RG, P, S, Z3, Mature 3-6' t x 3-6' w  
A native habitat-rich shrub with upright pinkish-lavender flowers from July to September and attractive to a crowd of native insects and butterflies. Its rounded form provides cover and nesting for critters and birds. Yellow fall foliage.
- 28 Black Haw Viburnum** N, S, PSh, Z3 Mature 8-10' t x 12-14' w  
Bold and aggressive, a native shrub with deep-green foliage emerging in early spring to provide a backdrop for 4-5" diameter flattened heads of creamy white flowers in mid-May. Blossoms are followed by bluish-black berries, a prized late summer through winter food source, and favorite nesting spot for birds and small mammals. Foliage turns attractive shades of purple and red in fall.

## NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL TREES

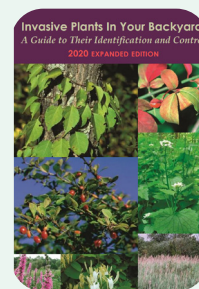
- 29 Heritage River Birch (clump)** N, RG, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 35-40' t x 30-35' w  
Tawny-white exfoliating bark and yellow fall foliage provide for year-round interest. This multi-stem native cultivar is disease and insect resistant while providing shelter and nesting for birds. A great specimen tree for a rain garden.
- 30 Eastern Red Bud** N, P, S, Z4, Mature 8-10' t x 10-12' w  
This easy-grow native offers big heart-shaped leaves and one-of-a-kind reddish-purple spring bloom. Its dense rounded form provides shelter and nesting for birds and foliage for caterpillar food.
- 31 Spring Fleecing Fringe Tree** N, P, S, PSh, Z5, Mature 12-18' t x 8-10' w  
Considered one of the most beautiful North American native trees because of its outstanding floral display. Delicate, lightly fragrant, creamy white flowers appear in spring attracting a variety of bees. 'Spring Fleecing' is a male tree, with showier flowers than a female plant but no fall berries. A suitable pollinator for a female tree.
- 32 Temple of Bloom Seven-Son Flower** P, S, PSh, Z5, Mature 6-10' t x 6-10' w  
A beautiful, easy-to-grow, small tree which simply can't be matched for year-round beauty. Handsome, dramatically veined leaves emerge in spring, growing larger and developing long twisting tips during the summer. In August, big clusters of long lasting, fragrant, white flowers emerge attracting hummingbirds, bees and butterflies. As flowers fall to the ground in fall, vivid red, fan-like bracts emerge giving the appearance of a second bloom. As winter arrives and leaves drop, light-tan, peeling bark is revealed. Heat tolerant and low maintenance.
- 33 Dawn Redwood** S, Z5, Mature 80-100' t x 30-40' w  
Considered extinct until rediscovered in China in 1941, this large-growing conifer is perfect as a specimen or in large windbreaks. Fern-like green foliage turns a stunning orange to red-brown before dropping in fall. Magnificent!  
For details, Visit <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=a396>
- 34 Scarlet Oak** N, S, Z4, Mature 50-70 t' x 40-80'w  
Year-round, "scarlet" color begin when early-spring leaves unfurl with a red hue. Big, deeply-lobed, green leaves and a big rounded open habit make this a widely used species throughout parks, in large yards and along streets for both shade and color. Vibrant red fall leaves often hang on through the first snow, giving winter a touch of much-needed color. Scarlet oak acorns are an important food source for many large songbirds, wild turkeys, grouse, and squirrels.

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GARDEN PLANTS

- 35 Pawpaw** N, P, S, PSh, Z5, Mature 20-25' t x 20-25' w  
 A native understory tree with deep brownish-purple flowers from April to May followed by long, tapered green leaves, a food source for the zebra swallowtail caterpillar. Sometimes called "the custard-apple," the pawpaw ranks as the largest indigenous edible fruit in the United States. Deer avoid its leaves and branches but possums, foxes, squirrels, raccoons, and birds are all known to enjoy pawpaw fruit. Sold in pairs for best results.
- 36 Pink Champagne Currants** S, Z3, Mature 3-5 t x 3-5 w  
 This is the tastiest currant on the market for fresh eating! Pink Champagne currant is a vigorous upright bush, free of leaf diseases, with a beautiful translucent pink fruit. Pink Champagne is easy to grow, produces fruit of high quality and good flavor. A cross between white and red currants, high yielding and good for preserves, jams and jellies.
- 37 MacDonald Rhubarb** S, Z-4, Mature 3' x 3' t  
 This rhubarb variety is known for its excellent production for commercial growers and home gardeners. This very vigorous, upright growing strain produces large, tender stalks and has an acceptable red color. Shows resistance to root-rot problems. Rhubarb bears a light harvest in the 2nd year and a full harvest in the 3rd year.
- 38 Millenium Asparagus** S, Z3, Bundle of 25 one-year-old plants. Plant 18-24" apart.  
 Superior all-around performer with high quality spears, tender, and with good flavor. Successful in a wide range of soil types. 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. Soil testing is encouraged.
- 39 Nova and Joan C Red Raspberries** S, Z 4, Five plants will fill a 10-foot row  
 This award-winning combo of 5 mid-summer and 5 late-season winter-hardy bushes will extend your eating enjoyment. Nova is highly productive, producing firm bright berries with rich, intense flavor. Joan C is a fall-bearing, high yielding, thornless plant with large, easy-to-pick red berries great for freezing.
- 40 Blueberries** Set of three 2-gallon potted blueberry bushes  
 DUKE - Zone 4, early ripening, high-yielding, delicious, sweet-tasting, slightly tart large berries. Mature 5-6' t x 5-6' w  
 BLUECROP - Zone 4, midseason with large great tasting fruit. Upright, open-growing bush. Mature 5-6' t x 5-6' w  
 BONUS - Zone 3, mid-to-late season producing extra large, light blue fruit that is both sweet and tasty.  
 Bears the first part of August. Berries nearly the size of a grape! Very high frost resistance. Mature 4-5' t x 3-6' w  
 Known for their fruit's taste and nutritional value, blueberry bushes are great rain garden plants, a pollinator and food source for many birds and bees and finish with fiery-red fall color. Plants need acidic soils with ph of 4.5 to 4.8
- 41 Seascape Everbearing Strawberries** S, Z4, Spread 24" x 36", Fruit late summer and fall.  
 A highly successful everbearing plant for northeastern growers for summer and fall. Large firm berries considered to have the best flavor of any of the everbearers. Self-pollinating. Planting instructions included.

### INVASIVE PLANTS IN YOUR BACKYARD? CONSIDER THESE ALTERNATIVES.....

For more information on invasive alternatives, visit, [www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies](http://www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies), [cipwg.uconn.edu/invasive\\_plant\\_list](http://cipwg.uconn.edu/invasive_plant_list) and [https://www.conservect.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Invasives\\_guide\\_2020\\_web.pdf](https://www.conservect.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Invasives_guide_2020_web.pdf)



#### INVASIVE

#### ALTERNATIVES

Burning Bush ( <i>Euonymus alatus</i> ) .....	Chokeberry, Gray Dogwood, High Bush Blueberry, Witch-hazel
Japanese Barberry ( <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> ) .....	Inkberry, Winterberry, New Jersey Tea, Summersweet
Multiflora Rose ( <i>Rosa multiflora</i> ) .....	Chokeberry, Highbush Blueberry, Summersweet, Winterberry
Autumn Olive ( <i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i> ) .....	Chokeberry, Inkberry, Winterberry
Japanese Knotweed ( <i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i> ) ...	Elderberry, Pussy Willow, Spicebush
Common Buckthorn ( <i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> ).....	Serviceberry, Chokeberry, Witch-hazel, Spicebush, Viburnum
Princess Tree ( <i>Paulownia tomentosa</i> ) .....	Serviceberry, Red Bud, Spicebush



N=Native/nativar RG=Rain garden P=Pollinator S=Sun PSh=Part Shade Sh=Shade Z=Zone

## GROUNDCOVERS, GRASSES AND FERNS

- 42 Ground Hug Chokecherry** N, P, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 8-14" t x 30-36" w  
Tough nativar shrub that naturally grows as a dense groundcover. In spring, dainty white flowers nestle among the glossy green foliage. If left untrimmed, dark purple berries attractive to birds, appear in summer followed by outstanding red foliage. Tolerant of many soil conditions, serves to keep down weeds and stabilizes soil while beautifying difficult areas. Aka UConn UCONNAM012'
- 43 Barren Strawberry** N, S, Z3, Mature 4-6" t x 12-18" w  
A small scale, native, dense groundcover that thrives in tough soil while looking fresh and colorful year round. Dainty, single yellow flowers from April to July, three lobed, strawberry-like dark green foliage with bronze winter color.
- 44 Christmas Wintergreen** N, PSh, Sh Z3, Mature 3-6" t x 6-12' w'  
An attractive, dense, hardy evergreen groundcover that saves its best show for fall and winter. Fall red-tinged, dark green foliage combines with an outstanding display of large red persistent berries that provide a winter food source for wildlife such as pheasant, grouse, and squirrels. Dried leaves can be used to make tea. Tolerates deep shade.
- 45 Massachusetts Kinnikinnick** N, P, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 6-12" t x 4-6' w  
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.
- 46 Celtic Pride Siberian Cypress** S, PSh, Z2, Mature 1-3' t x 4-5' w  
A tough, winter hardy, evergreen groundcover that tolerates light shade, dry conditions and is deer resistant. Pretty fern-like green foliage takes on a russet-purple tone in winter. This variety is known for its uniform growth and resistance to the tip dieback that often plagues conventional varieties of Siberian Cypress.
- 47 Gro-Lo Fragrant Sumac** N, P, S, PSh, Z4, Mature 1-2' t x 5-6' w  
Low-growing, fast spreading and totally non-poisonous, Grow-Lo is a great groundcover for banks, groupings, and poor soil areas. Fragrant yellow flowers bloom in April attractive to butterflies are followed by red fruit relished by birds. Showy orange-red fall color.
- 48 Yellowroot** N, P, S, PSh, Z3, Mature 1-3' t x 2-4' w  
A native woody groundcover that easily spreads to form a 1-3' tall dense carpet. Small spring purple flowers produce star-shaped fruits eaten by birds and other small animals. A perfect plant to use as a transition between sun and shade, and wet to dry. Outstanding fall color.
- 49 Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass** N, P, Z4, Mature 30-36" t x 30-36" w  
Great native ornamental grass with a profusion of big, flag-like, chartreuse flowers held horizontally above the leaves. Resilient stems stay upright through the winter. Attracts butterflies and birds, Deer resistant, extremely cold hardy and drought tolerant.
- 50 Cape Breeze Switchgrass** N, P, S, Z4, Mature 24-30" t x 20-24" w  
This drought tolerant, compact nativar grows in an upright habit that won't need staking. Airy, pink-tinged flower spikes rise about a foot or two above the foliage earlier than other varieties and can be used in fresh or dried arrangements. A host plant for many species of butterflies and provides fall seed for ground-feeding songbirds.
- 51 Standing Ovation Little Bluestem** N, P, S, Z3, Mature 3-4' t x 12" w  
Bluish-green, upright foliage changes to a display of fiery colored foliage in fall. Its seed heads are prized by native songbirds and its stems provide winter landscape interest and cover for birds and other native critters. Thrives in poor, dry soil.
- 52 Sweet Fern** N, P, S, PSh, Z2, Mature 2-4' t x 3-4' w  
Although considered a colonizing ground cover, Sweet Fern is an upright woody shrub native to all of eastern United States. Great for sandy dry areas, its sweet scented, fern-like green foliage (hence the name), is a habitat garden "star" for its role as a larval host for a wide variety of moths and butterflies.

## NATIVE PLANT USES IN AGRICULTURE

Native plants make great additions to home gardens, but how can these plants be integrated into land used for production agriculture? Pollinator gardens and riparian buffers can be created on farms to provide ecosystem benefits and increase agricultural productivity.

About 35% of food crops depend on animal pollinators (USDA-NRCS). Crops like apples, squash, blueberries, tomatoes and more require an insect pollinator. Planting pollinator strips in fields provides necessary habitat and additional food source for bees, butterflies, beetles and other beneficial insects. Encouraging this ecosystem service on your farm land will benefit your crops and the pollinators that are important for food production. Some native plants that are recommended for pollinator gardens include varieties of Chokeberry (*Aronia*), Honeysuckle (*Lonicera*), and Summersweet (*Clethra*) to name a few.

Riparian buffers are strips of trees and shrubs that help clean water runoff and limit erosion. When agricultural fields are adjacent to moving water, there is opportunity for excess nutrients and sediment to enter the water. During times of excess rain, fields may become subject to erosion and flooding. Riparian buffer plantings will help mitigate these negative impacts by filtering the runoff before it reaches the water source. The roots from the plants will hold the soil in place, decreasing erosion. Some native plants that are recommended for riparian buffer plantings include Dogwoods (*Cornus*), Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis*) and Winterberry (*Ilex*). For more information, contact Sarah Ammirato at [saraha@nwcd.org](mailto:saraha@nwcd.org)



## ENERGY UPDATE 2021

We are pleased to report that since our last newsletter, the conditions for solar installation in Connecticut have taken a turn for the better. The federal tax credit on solar (called ITC, for “Investment Tax Credit”), which as we reported was scheduled to ratchet downward, has instead been extended for two years at the present 26% level. As well, programs proposed to replace our state’s consumer-friendly net metering policy (which ends after 2021) are far more generous than had been discussed in the past and offer future solar customers sensible choices. For more details, we recommend the CT Mirror article “A Shocker in the Plan to Finally Update Residential Solar Rates: No Complaints,” published 1/29/21. <https://ctmirror.org/2021/01/29/ashocker-in-the-plan-to-finallyupdate-residential-solar-rates-no-complaints/>

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## A NOTE FROM NWCD STAFF

This time last year, as we prepared to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the original Earth Day, April 22, 1970, and birth of the modern environmental movement, we had to cancel our Earth Day Plant Sale annual plant sale in Goshen, because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Instead, we retreated to our homes to work and learn how to communicate via Zoom and other virtual platforms to continue NWCD’s mission of conserving land and water resources for the future through education and technical assistance.

This year, despite our growing optimism that the pandemic is subsiding, we chose the road of safety in our selection of a pre-order, drive-through event. WE WILL MISS YOU! Our event had become more than a yearly fundraiser with plants for sale but a 3-day educational and sharing “happening”.

In honor of Earth Day, we are asking you to join us on several NWCD/partnership initiatives  
*National Audubon’s mission to protect birds and bring birds to your home by growing native plants in your backyard.*

VISIT <https://www.audubon.org/PLANTSFORBIRDS>  
*Pollinator Pathway Northeast’s mission to establish pollinator friendly habitats in your backyard.*

VISIT <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/>  
*Take part in a local No-Mow-May-campaign by leaving your lawn alone until June to help save bees.*

Follow our links on the back page for more information!

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## 2021 Spring Trout Stocking Sale - Adult Rainbow & Brown Trout Order Deadline - April 2

Trout play an important role in balancing a healthy stream, pond or lake ecosystem. As a top predator, trout control and stabilize aquatic ecosystems, which is why populating your local areas with trout can be so helpful!

Stock your pond with 9-to-11" Connecticut raised trout, which are rewarding to feed and observe, catch and release, or enjoy as delicious fresh fish. We will obtain all DEEP liberation permits for you and provide order confirmation.

The **minimum order** of 50 fish is \$350 with \$50 delivery charge. You can also purchase 25 additional fish for \$175. Delivery date is April 10th, with the specific time set by the hatchery.



**Call 860-626-7222 or email [karengnelson@nwcd.org](mailto:karengnelson@nwcd.org) for more information.**

NWCD participates in **Give Local**, an online 36-hour give-a-thon, hosted by the

### **Connecticut Community Foundation.**

NWCD is working with our Community Partners to address food resiliency in our 34 District towns.

All donations via **Give Local** will be boosted by bonus funds provided by **Connecticut Community Foundation** and their **Give Local** sponsors!





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GO GREEN! For ONLY electronic communications, request at  
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# 2021 SPRING CONSERVATION CALENDAR

## April

- 2 Spring Adult Trout Stocking Order Deadline. See inside back cover for order details
  - 10 NWCD Spring Trout Delivery
  - 14 Plant Order Deadline for our NWCD EARTH DAY PLANT SALE
  - 20-21 Give Local Greater Waterbury & Litchfield Hills - donate to NWCD or many other amazing non-profits at [www.givelocalccf.org](http://www.givelocalccf.org)
  - 22 Earth Day Evening Walk at Wigwam Brook Sanctuary, for more information:  
<https://www.lhasct.org/www.lhasct.org/Calendar.html>
  - 23-25 NWCD EARTH DAY PLANT SALE PICK-UP ONLY, Goshen Fairgrounds, 116 Old Middle St.,  
Route 63, Goshen, Earth Day Plant Sale Order Form inside or order online at [nwcd.org](http://nwcd.org)
- Woodbury Earth Day Festival: For April events visit <https://www.woodburyearthday.org/programs>



## Online Resources

Benefits of Native Plants Storymap: <https://nwcd.org/storymaps/>  
CT Compost Virtual Web Series: To view, search RC&D compost conference on YouTube  
Follow the Forest StoryMap: Created by HVA, learn about Core Forest at  
<https://hvatoday.org/connecting-forest-corridors/>

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