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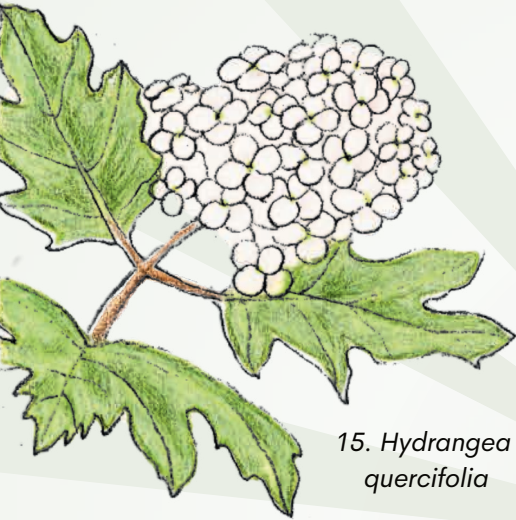
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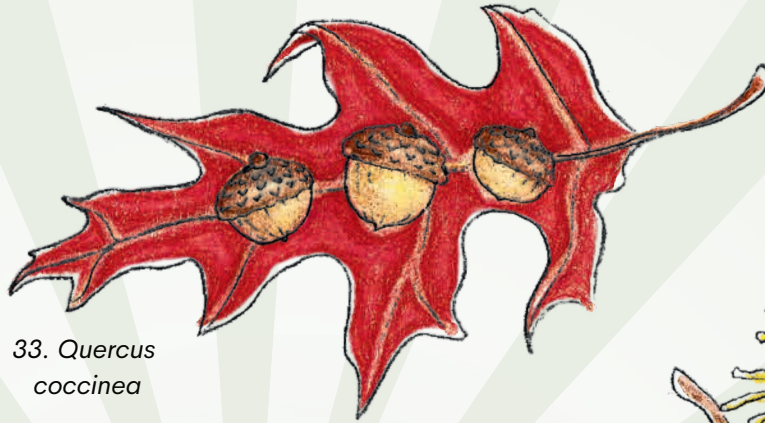
EARTH DAY

Plant Sale

April 19th - 21st, 2024



15. *Hydrangea quercifolia*



33. *Quercus coccinea*



13. *Hamamelis virginiana*

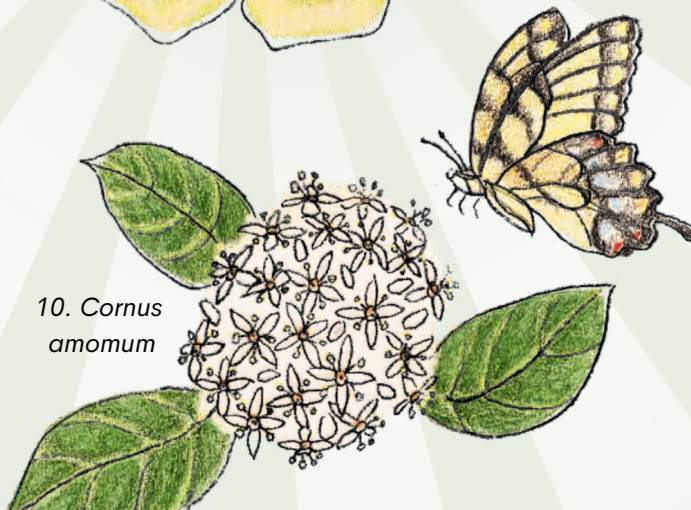


32. *Liriodendron tulipifera*

34. *Asimina triloba*



10. *Cornus amomum*



48. *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*

Goshen Fairgrounds
116 Old Middle St

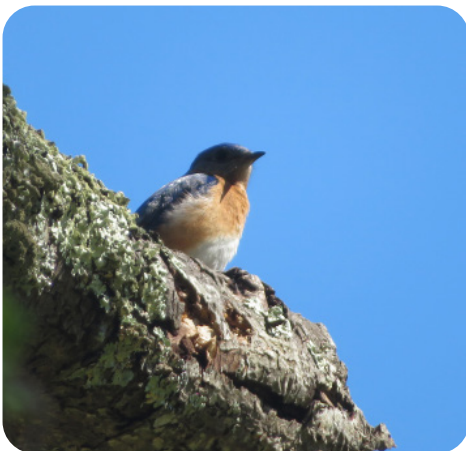
Pre-Order Scheduled Pick Up
nwcd.org/shop Fri - Sun, 9 AM - 4 PM

A GUIDE TO OUR EARTH DAY PLANT SALE

NWCD'S EARTH DAY PLANT SALE: is our annual major educational outreach event. All proceeds support conservation, education and technical assistance for our 34 northwestern Connecticut towns. We are grateful for your continued support!

IMPORTANT PRE-ORDER INFORMATION: For our Earth Day Plant Sale, we are continuing a **scheduled PRE-ORDER arrangement**. Orders will be picked up at a designated pick-up time. Time slots are every **30 minutes from 9AM-4PM on Friday April 19th through Sunday April 21st**. When you send in your order form, please give updated **contact information**, and indicate a preferred pick-up time.

When you arrive at the barn, it is **required** that you bring the invoice that will be emailed to you (if you prefer to receive the invoice by mail, check the box on the order form). Please bring your invoice into the barn, where a volunteer will be available to help you. There will be a selection of **Day-of-Sale** perennials and shrubs. A list of **Day-of-Sale** perennials will be available on our website a few weeks before the sale. Perennials cannot be pre-ordered.



Pre-Orders **MUST BE IN** by 11:59PM on **Wednesday April 10th**. Due to limited stock, the order deadline will not be extended.

PLANT DESCRIPTIONS - A GUIDE TO CHOOSING YOUR PLANTS:

Our plant sale selections, listed in order by Latin name, include many important native species, but do not include any non-native invasives.

Our plant descriptions contain information as to where best to grow plants: in sun, part shade or shade, USDA Plant Hardiness 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 include:

- Lady Bird Johnson's <https://www.wildflower.org/plants-main>
- Native Plant Trust database <https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/>
- Missouri Botanical's Plant Finder <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx>



What's the difference between a 'native' and a 'nativar'?

A native plant is a straight species, the type found in the wild. A nativar is a native plant that has been bred to emphasize specific desirable characteristics such as larger fruit, more compact form, color, etc. Therefore, a nativar is a genetic variant of the straight species. Whenever you see a plant name in quotation marks like this 'for example' you know it is not a straight species. Learn more on our website at www.nwcd.org/nativar!



Northwest Conservation District info@nwcd.org

42nd Annual Earth Day Plant Sale * Order Deadline Wednesday April 10, 2024

Scheduled Pick-up at Goshen Fairgrounds, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 19, 20 & 21

Please provide contact information and choose a pick-up time

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Pick Up Time/Date _____

Send my invoice via: email mail Mail this order form or place your order online at www.nwcd.org/shop

NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS

			Gallon size	Price	How many	Total
1	Sweet Emotion Abelia	<i>Abelia mosanensis</i>	3	\$55		
2	Shadblow Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> (clump)	3	\$55		
3	Brilliant Red Chokeberry	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> 'Brilliantissima'	2	\$35		
4	Iroquois Beauty Black Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> 'Iroquois Beauty'	3	\$48		
5	Sweet Azalea	<i>Rhododendron arborescens</i>	2	\$40		
6	Beyond Midnight Bluebeard	<i>Caryopteris x clandonensis</i>	2	\$35		
7	New Jersey Tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	2	\$35		
8	Crimson Comets Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> 'Crimson Comets'	3	\$45		
9	Summersweet	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	2	\$35		
10	Silky Dogwood	<i>Cornus amomum</i>	3	\$45		
11	Ru-bee Wren Low Bush Honeysuckle	<i>Diervilla rivularis</i> 'Ru-bee Wren'	3	\$48		
12	Mountain Witchalder	<i>Fothergilla major</i>	2	\$45		
13	Common Witch-hazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	3	\$45		
14	Haas' Halo Smooth Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Haas' Halo'	3	\$50		
15	Snow Queen Oakleaf Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Snow Queen'	3	\$50		
16	Gemo St John's wort	<i>Hypericum kalmianum</i> 'Gemo'	2	\$35		
17	Densa Inkberry	<i>Ilex glabra</i> 'Densa'	2	\$35		
18	Winter Red Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Winter Red'	2	\$35		
19	Blueberry Delight Juniper	<i>Juniperus communis</i> 'Blueberry Delight'	2	\$40		
20	Pink Charm Mountain Laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i> 'Pink Charm'	3	\$70		
21	Squirt Compact Leucothoe	<i>Leucothoe axillaris</i> 'Squirt'	2	\$40		
22	Northern Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	2	\$35		
23	Northern Bayberry	<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	3	\$50		
24	Independence Rosebay Rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron maximum</i> 'Independence'	3	\$68		
25	Beach Plum	<i>Prunus maritima</i>	2	\$40		
26	Pussy Willow	<i>Salix discolor</i>	2	\$30		
27	Adams Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i> 'Adams'	3	\$40		
28	Nannyberry Viburnum	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	3	\$45		

NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL TREES			Size/ Count	Price	How many	Total
29	Heritage River Birch (clump)	<i>Betula nigra</i> 'Heritage'	3 gallon	\$70		
30	Eastern Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	3 gallon	\$70		
31	Pagoda Dogwood	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	3 gallon	\$70		
32	Tulip Tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	3 gallon	\$70		
33	Scarlet Oak	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	3 gallon	\$70		
HOME GARDEN - FRUITS AND VEGETABLES						
34	Pawpaw	<i>Asimina triloba</i> (Set of two pots)	2 quart	\$50		
35	Pink Champagne Currants	<i>Ribes rubrum</i> 'Pink Champagne'	1 plug	\$20		
36	MacDonald Rhubarb	<i>Rheum rhabarbarum</i>	2 bulbs	\$24		
37	Millennium Asparagus	25 bare-root plants	25 rts	\$20		
38	Nova and Joan J Red Raspberries	5 early- and 5 late-season canes	10 cns	\$30		
39	Blue Jay, Jersey & Northland Blueberries	<i>Vaccinium</i> - Set of 3 potted bushes	2 gallon	\$100		
40	Seascape Strawberries	25 bare root plants	25 rts	\$15		
41	Granny Smith Apple Tree	<i>Malus</i> 'Granny Smith'	7 gallon	\$85		
42	Honeycrisp Apple Tree	<i>Malus</i> 'Honeycrisp'	7 gallon	\$85		
43	Lapins Sweet Dark Cherry Tree	<i>Prunus</i> x 'Lapins'	7 gallon	\$85		
44	Reliance Peach Tree	<i>Prunus</i> x 'Reliance'	7 gallon	\$85		
45	Moonglow Pear Tree	<i>Pyrus</i> x 'Moonglow'	7 gallon	\$85		
GROUNDCOVERS, GRASSES AND FERNS						
46	Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac	<i>Rhus aromatica</i> 'Gro-Low'	2 gallon	\$35		
47	Ground Hug Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> 'Ground Hug'	2 gallon	\$35		
48	Massachusetts Kinnikinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> 'Massachusetts'	1 gallon	\$25		
49	Yellowroot	<i>Xanthorhiza simplicissima</i>	1 gallon	\$25		
50	Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Blonde Ambition'	1 gallon	\$18		
51	Standing Ovation Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> 'Standing Ovation'	2 gallon	\$25		
52	Sweet Fern	<i>Comptonia peregrina</i>	1 gallon	\$20		
IMPORTANT ORDER INFORMATION The Plant Sale is pre-order with designated pick-up times, and will have day of sale stock offered as well.			Mail to: NWCD 1185 New Litchfield Street Torrington, CT 06790 Checks to NWCD, no sales tax.			Total
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide contact information on the front of this order form. • Time-slots are every 30 minutes between 9-4PM Friday April 19th - Sunday April 21st. • When you arrive at the barn, please bring the invoice that will be sent. Any questions, feel free to call (860) 626-7222.						

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NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS

- 1 Sweet Emotion Abelia** **P, S, PSh, Z4-9, Mature 5-8't x 5-6'w**
This shrub emerges in spring with white and pink jasmine-scented blooms, followed by striking seed heads and orange fall foliage. Attractive to butterflies and pollinators, low maintenance, and deer resistant.
- 2 Shadblow Serviceberry** **N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z4-8, Mature 25-30't x 15-20'w**
A vigorous multi-stemmed native and true harbinger of spring with snowy-white April flowers. Blooms change to small purple-red fruits attractive to birds in early summer. Deep green foliage provides a golden yellow to orange color in fall, giving way to clean, gray, muscular bark in winter.
- 3 Brilliant Red Chokeberry** **N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z4-8, Mature 6-10'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 that provide nectar for native bees. Dense bunches of edible glossy red fruit ripen in summer and persist through the winter, providing food for many of our prized bird species. Bright-red autumn foliage.
- 4 Iroquois Beauty Black Chokeberry** **N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-8, Mature 2-3't x 4-5'w**
Showy nativar with fragrant mid-May flowers that attract lots of pollinators and give rise to dark purple to black berries enjoyed by winter birds. Chokeberry thrives even in the least fertile spots and the dark green foliage turns a deep red in the fall. Deer resistant.
- 5 Sweet Azalea** **N, P, PSh, Z4-7, Mature 8-20't x 8-20'w**
Sweetly fragrant white flowers with long red stamens bloom in late spring, attracting butterflies. Drought-sensitive and requires moist, well-drained soils and partially shaded sites.
- 6 Beyond Midnight Bluebeard** **P, S, Z5-9, Mature 24-30"t x 24-30"w**
Attractive to bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, this compact heat and drought-tolerant shrub is a late summer bloomer with deep blue flowers. Long blooming and deer resistant, it needs a sunny spot with very well-drained soil.
- 7 New Jersey Tea** **N, RG, P, S, Z4-8, Mature 3-4't x 3-4'w**
A historic native garden favorite with white flower clusters in late May which fill the garden with sweet fragrance, attracting butterflies and hummingbirds, and serving as a food source for birds. Easy-to-grow and drought-resistant. Thrives in sunny, well-drained soils.
- 8 Crimson Comets Buttonbush** **N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z5-9, Mature 6-10't x 6-10'w**
Superb nectar provider for native pollinators with fragrant, white blooms in late spring that change to round, red fruit that native birds love. Also provides great nesting and cover with beautiful fall foliage. Can be planted in wet soil and along the water's edge.
- 9 Summersweet** **N, RG, P, Sh, Z3-9, Mature 5-7't x 5-6'w**
This native, fragrant, nectar-rich shrub features fluffy bottle brush-like, 3-6" spikes of white flowers. Glossy green leaves change to attractive yellow fall foliage. Good plant for heavily shaded or wet areas.
- 10 Silky Dogwood** **N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z4-8, Mature 6-10't x 6-10'w**
Native, hardy, and deer-resistant with white June blossoms that attract butterflies and honeybees. It is one of the best bird-attracting plants with its porcelain-blue colored fruit. Great in rain gardens.
- 11 Ru-bee Wren Low Bush Honeysuckle** **N, P, S, PSh, Z3-7, Mature 2-3't x 3-4'w**
Tough and drought tolerant, this dense, spreading nativar performs well in sun or partial shade. Showy, crimson foliage emerges in spring followed by nectar-filled yellow flowers that attract hummingbirds and support bees in late June. Its glowing orange fall foliage with songbird-sustaining fruit in fall makes it an eco-friendly alternative to Burning Bush.
- 12 Mountain Witchalder** **N, P, S, PSh, Z4-8, Mature 6-10't x 5-9'w**
Native to the southeastern U.S., easy to grow with fragrant 2" tall bottle-brush flowers in April. Dense foliage offers shelter for birds and other creatures with beautiful yellow, orange, and red fall foliage.

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- 13 Common Witch-hazel** **N, RG, S, Z3-8, Mature 15-20't x 15-20'w**
A small native tree or large shrub with fragrant lemon-yellow flowers in Autumn after the leaves have fallen for stunning late-season appeal. Deep green leaves in spring and summer provide lots of cover for a variety of animals.
- 14 Haas' Halo Smooth Hydrangea** **N, P, S, PSh, Z3-9, Mature 3-5't x 3-5'w**
Drought tolerant nativar with large 14" lace cap flowers that attract butterflies and hummingbirds and thick foliage that acts as a haven for birds and other wildlife. Great cut-flower or in dried arrangements.
- 15 Snow Queen Hydrangea** **N, S, PSh, Z5-8, Mature 4-6't x 6-8'w**
Known as Oakleaf Hydrangea, this tall shrub is native to the southeastern U.S. It has pure white flowers that bloom in July with red-bronze fall foliage. Exfoliating bark and orange buds create winter appeal.
- 16 Gemo St John's wort** **P, S, PSh, Z4-9, Mature 2-3't x 2-3'w**
This nativar is more tightly branched than the straight species and blooms longer as well. Butterflies and bees are drawn to the large yellow flowers that bloom from July till September. Unique thin, willow-like foliage. Easy to grow, drought and deer-resistant.
- 17 Densa Inkberry** **N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z5-8, Mature 3-4't x 4-5'w**
This broadleaf evergreen nativar is a versatile plant that tolerates road salt, seaside conditions, and sandy soils. Great for riparian buffers and rain gardens. Habitat friendly, it serves as year-round cover while its black berries provide an excellent food source for birds.
- 18 Winter Red Winterberry** **N, RG, S, PSh, Z3-8, Mature 8-10't x 8-10'w**
This nativar is an excellent bird attracter with its bright red berries in the fall and winter. Good rain garden plant as it is salt tolerant and does well in moist, well-drained soil.
- 19 Blueberry Delight Juniper** **N, S, Z3-7, Mature 18-24"t x 8-12"w**
This evergreen nativar is easy to grow, poor soil tolerant, and deer resistant. Provides excellent cover for wildlife and birds love the deep bluish-purple cones that look like berries.
- 20 Pink Charm Mountain Laurel** **N, P, Sh, Z4-8, Mature 8-10't x 8-10'w**
A nativar of the Connecticut state flower, 'Pink Charm' likes shaded areas and is tolerant of shallower, drier soils once established. Its rounded form and dense deep green foliage provide great cover for birds. Deep pink buds open to strong pink flowers in late May which provide a wealth of nectar for bees.
- 21 Squirt Compact Leucothoe** **P, PSh, Z5-9, Mature 18-24"t x 2-3'w**
Dense and showy nativar 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 low, spreading form is perfect for grouping in shaded areas with moist, well-drained soils and provides year-long shelter for birds and other wildlife.
- 22 Northern Spicebush** **N, RG, P, PSh, Z4-8, Mature 6-10't x 6-10'w**
Named for the spicy scent of its leaves and stems, this native plant is perfect for grouping as a backdrop or screen in any garden in almost any location as it tolerates shadier, moist conditions. One of the first flowers to bloom in spring, its tiny yellow-green flowers provide early-season nectar to native bees and butterflies. Fall brings important red berries for birds and showy yellow foliage.
- 23 Northern Bayberry** **N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-8, Mature 5-6't x 8-10'w**
This native has a long history in the eastern U.S. due to its scent and the use of its essential oil in soaps, candles, and other household products. It is a prime wildlife support plant providing lots of cover for birds and gray, waxy berries in the fall and winter that birds love. It's a very tolerant plant, surviving moist or dry soils, or seaside spray.
- 24 Independence Rhododendron** **N, PSh, Sh, Z4-8, Mature 8-12't x 8-12'w**
A nativar with a big evergreen form which is a perfect cover for wildlife and a great nesting spot for birds. Massive globes of clear pink flowers open up to 6 weeks later than other large-leaf Rhodies and stay spectacular into the second week of July.

25 Beach Plum

N, P, S, Z3-8, Mature 6-7't x 6-7'w

Coastal native provides food for humans and wildlife. Small, white, cherry-like flowers bloom in late April to mid-May. As summer lengthens, an abundant supply of .75 to 1" diameter plums mature from green to dark purple creating an abundant food source for birds and a traditional source of jellies and jams that have been created locally in the northeast since colonial times. Beach Plum will tolerate droughty, sandy, unfertile soils.

26 Pussy Willow

N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-8, Mature 20-25't x 18-20'w

Large native that provides wildlife cover and tolerates most soils. Late winter catkins provide early-season nectar for bees and its buds and leaves are a food source for birds and butterflies.

27 Adams Elderberry

N, RG, P, S, Z3-8, Mature 8-10't x 8-10'w

This nativar has a dense, round form full of deep green foliage, profuse flattened heads of June blooming, creamy white flowers, and piles of small dark blue to black fruit later in the summer. Attracts butterflies, birds, and small mammals both as a food source and cover.

28 Nannyberry Viburnum

N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z2-8, Mature 14-16't x 8-12'w

Native shrub with big, flattened heads of small white flowers in late May followed by a show of blue to black berries in late summer and fall. Reddish fall foliage color. Attracts bees, butterflies, and songbirds. Deer and rabbit resistant and tolerates dry to moist soils.

HARDINESS UPDATE

Northwestern Connecticut has always boasted a distinct chill compared to the rest of the state. But that's changing, showcased by the recent update to the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map. Hardiness zones are based on the average coldest temperature of a region. The entirety of Connecticut has lost its coolest zone, 5b, transitioning fully into 6a. Local gardeners should be cautious, however, as microclimates and individual gardens can still experience colder pockets. Further, zones are averages of temperatures, so isolated cold snaps may still be a threat. Therefore, adding less hardy plants slowly may be wise, and it's encouraged to plant them in sheltered areas (near buildings or other trees and shrubs) that may protect them from cold.

Overall, about half of the country was moved into warmer hardiness zones, about 2.5 °F warmer than the previous map in 2012. The shift is a stark reminder of the ways in which climate change is impacting our region. Warmer winters, while offering new horticultural opportunities, also bring concerns about altered ecosystems. As these zones move, the plant and animal populations that depend on and thrive in them may struggle. For instance, many native plants need a cold winter to go dormant, but if warmer temperatures 'wake up' the plant, it may get injured by a subsequent cold snap. Additionally, certain pests that would otherwise die off in winter may survive year-round, and more invasive species may move north.

Just like our ecosystems, gardeners will have to adapt to the changes we're experiencing in our climate. The plant sale will have Master Gardeners volunteering to assist with plant selection and other questions you may have!



NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL TREES

- 29 Heritage River Birch (clump)** **N, RG, S, Z4-8, Mature 40-70't x 40-60'w**
'Heritage' is a fast-growing nativar with layers of brown bark peeling back to reveal white inner bark. Glossy, light green leaves turn yellow in fall and distinctive bark that starts reddish-pink and fades through cinnamon to a creamy tan-white with age, and which peels in thickly curled strips.
- 30 Eastern Redbud** **N, P, S, PSh, Z4-8, Mature 20-30't x 25-35'w**
The native Redbud tree's big, heart-shaped leaves and dense, rounded form are perfect for providing shelter and nesting area for many birds while its foliage provides caterpillar food. Reddish-purple flowers in late April.
- 31 Pagoda Dogwood** **N, S, PSh, Z4-8, Mature 20-25't x 20-25'w**
This native tree has fragrant small white flowers that bloom from late May into June. Native insects love the bloom and birds love the fruit that follows in fall that starts green, turns red, and matures to black. Yellow to purple-red fall foliage color.
- 32 Tulip Tree** **N, P, S, PSh, Z4-9, Mature 60-90't x 30-50'w**
The Tulip Tree has a straight trunk with big yellow-orange flowers in May - June. The blooms resemble a cross between tulips and lilies. Nectar from these flowers attracts bees. Native Americans used the bark of Tulip trees to make their homes since it was smooth, straight, and peeled off easily in big sheets.
- 33 Scarlet Oak** **N, S, Z4-9, Mature 50-70't x 40-80'w**
Scarlet Oak has big, deeply lobed leaves and a big rounded open habit. An excellent lawn or street tree - just be sure to give it the room to handle its mature size. Attracts butterflies and songbirds and the acorns are eaten by many birds and mammals. The common name refers to the brilliant fall foliage.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GARDEN PLANTS

- 34 Pawpaw** **N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z5, Mature 20-25't x 20-25'w**
Often called "North America's tropical fruit" with its mix of mango and banana flavors, Pawpaw is the largest indigenous edible fruit in the United States. Deep brownish-purple flowers bloom from April to May followed by long, tapered green leaves. Excellent food source for wildlife too! Sold in pairs for best results. Set of 2 plants.
- 35 Pink Champagne Currants** **S, Z3-7, Mature 3-5't x 3-5'w**
This is a popular currant for fresh eating as it is less acidic and pungent than red or black currants. Vigorous upright bush, free of leaf diseases, with beautiful translucent pink fruit. Easy to grow, bears fruit 1 year after planting.
- 36 MacDonald Rhubarb** **S, Z4-8, Mature 3't x 3'w**
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 a 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.
- 37 Millennium Asparagus** **S, Z3-8, Bundle of 25 large one-year-old bare-root plants**
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.
- 38 Nova and Joan J Red Raspberries** **S, Z3, Five plants will fill a 12-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, with firm, bright berries and rich, intense flavor. Joan J is a fall-bearing, high-yielding thornless plant with large, easy-to-pick red berries great for freezing.
- 39 Blueberries** **N, S, RG, P**
This is a set of three 2-gallon potted plants, one of each variety listed above. Known for their fruit's taste and nutritional value, blueberry bushes are great rain garden plants.
- Blue Jay** - Rounded form, easy to grow, sizable, deep blue berries in August, great planted alone or in groups. Tolerates dry acidic, poor soils and partial shade. **Z4-8, Mature 5-7't x 5-7'w**
- Jersey** - Large, burly, and productive. Small to medium-sized, sweet dark blue fruit. Consistent late-season producer. **Z4-8, Mature 6-7't x 6-7'w**
- Northland** - One of the hardiest Highbush blueberries. Very compact, dense, rounded bush. High yield of fruit. Tolerates dry, acidic, poor soils, and grows well even in partial shade. **Z3-8, Mature 3-5't x 4-5'w**

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- 40 Seascape Everbearing Strawberries** **S, Z4, Spread 24”t x 36”w, Fruit late summer and fall**
A highly successful plant for northeastern growers for summer and fall. Large firm berries are considered to have the best flavor of any of the everbearers. Self-pollinating. Planting instructions included.
- 41 Granny Smith Apple Tree** **Semi-dwarf, S, Z5-8, Mature 15-20’t x 15-20’w**
One of the best cooking apples, Granny Smith has crisp, tart, and juicy fruit with a good balance of acids and sugars. Also popular for fresh eating. Medium-sized apples have pale to medium green skin with distinctive whitish dots. Granny Smith has a late picking season and a long shelf life.
- 42 Honeycrisp Apple Tree** **Semi-dwarf, S, Z4-8, Mature 12-16’t x 10-15’w**
This sweet-flavored late-season apple retains its crispness even after seven months of storage!
- 43 Lapins Sweet Dark Cherry Tree** **Semi-dwarf, S, Z5-8, Mature 15-20’t x 15-20’w**
The Lapins cherry tree is a hybrid tree that was created at the Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre in British Columbia, Canada. It is a cross between the Stella cherry tree and the Van cherry tree. The tree gets its name from Dr. Charles Lapins, a pioneer in the world of hybrid cherry trees.
- 44 Reliance Peach Tree** **Semi-dwarf, S, Z4-8, Mature 10-12’t x 10-12’w**
Self-fertile and one of the hardiest peaches, ripens mid to late August with greenish-yellow coloring and a slight blush of red. Reliance peaches are mild and sweet. Firm and freestone, great for eating fresh, canning, and baking.
- 45 Moonglow Pear Tree** **S, Z5-8, Mature 15-18’t x 10-12’w**
One of the best Pears for the home garden, ‘Moonglow’ is easy to grow with its disease-resistant nature and dwarf, compact form. It also is one of the best producers in the backyard orchard with medium to large-sized, dull yellow brushed pink fruit that features the least gritty white flesh of any Pear.

GROUNDCOVERS, VINES, GRASSES AND FERNS

- 46 Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac** **N, S, PSh, Z4-8, Mature 1-2’t x 5-6’w**
Low-growing and fast spreading, this nativar plant is a great low-ground cover for erosion control on steep banks, groupings, and poor soil areas. Fragrant yellow flowers bloom in April attracting butterflies, followed by red fruit relished by birds. Showy orange-red fall color. Deer tolerant, frost tolerant.
- 47 Ground Hug Chokeberry** **N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-9, 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 out standing red foliage. Tolerant of many soil conditions, serves to keep down weeds and stabilize soil.
- 48 Massachusetts Kinnikinnick** **N, P, S, PSh, Z2-6, Mature 6-12”t x 4-6’ spread**
This nativar groundcover does best in poor, sandy soil. Its small, lustrous green foliage hugs its branches, providing a spreading carpet of lushness. Native bees are attracted to its small, showy pink flowers, and birds, small critters, and even bears are attracted to its ample supply of plump red berries in late summer and fall.
- 49 Yellowroot** **N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-9, Mature 1-3’t x 2-4’w**
A woody, native groundcover that easily spreads to form a 1-3’ tall dense carpet that provides cover for a wide range of wildlife. Small spring purple flowers produce star-shaped fruits eaten by birds and other small animals. Great for stream banks and erosion control and a perfect plant to use as a transition between sun and shade, and wet to dry.
- 50 Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass** **N, S, Z4-9, Mature 30-36”t x 30-36”w**
Great nativar ornamental grass with profusion of flag-like, chartreuse flowers held horizontally above leaves. Resilient stems stay upright through winter. Attracts butterflies and birds, deer-resistant, cold hardy, and drought tolerant.
- 51 Standing Ovation Little Bluestem** **N, P, S, Z3-8, Mature 3-4’t x 10-12”w**
Bluish-green, upright foliage changes to a beautiful display of orange, red, yellow, and purple foliage in fall. Seed heads are prized by songbirds, and stems provide winter landscape interest and cover for wildlife. Thrives in poor, dry soil.
- 52 Sweet Fern** **N, P, S, PSh, Z2-8, Mature 2-4’t x 4-8’w**
Although considered a colonizing groundcover, Sweet Fern is an upright woody shrub native to all of the eastern United States. Great for sandy dry areas, its sweet-scented, fern-like green foliage is a habitat garden “star” for its role as a larval host for a wide variety of moths and butterflies.

Pollinators - Promoting Diversity and Resilience

In pollination, or sexual reproduction, male pollen is moved from the anther of the flower to the stigma, allowing for the transfer of genetic material. Pollination promotes diversity and resilience within species. Asexual reproduction allows plants to regrow from roots, stems, or leaves, producing clones but not genetic diversity.

Pollination varies between plant types and can occur through wind, water, animals e.g. bats and insects which pollinate plants during their normal activities of foraging for food. Butterflies and bees are well-known groups performing this role. Pollination benefits the plants and the insects. While insects forage for food, their bodies get covered with pollen that is then transferred to other plants thus helping the plants to reproduce.

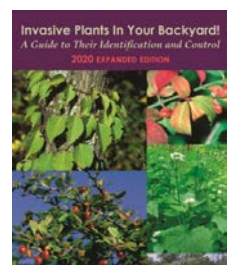
Insects and other animals are essential to effective pollination in food producing crops, many of which are designed for sexual reproduction but not as easily from asexual reproduction. Appropriate habitats must be available to ensure our insect friends can survive. The best are those with a variety of flowering plants, both woody and herbaceous plant species of varying heights and bloom times. Reducing lawn area in favor of flowering plants is a good way to support pollinator insects and provide beauty and interest in the landscape as well. Or, allowing non-grass flowering plants, often considered weeds, to grow in lawns supports much needed early spring foraging. Many wild bees are ground-nesting types, so leaving some unplanted or unmulched soil is important for these species to find overwintering habitat.

Visit Pollinator Pathways CT website (<https://www.pollinator-pathway.org/pollinator-pathways>) for information on pollinator habitat in your area and ideas for creating pollinator habitat near you.



In honor of Earth Day, please join us on NWCD / Partner 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>
- **HomeGrown National Park®** is a call-to-action for a collective effort of individual homeowners, property owners, land managers, farmers, and anyone with some soil to plant in...to start a new HABITAT by planting native plants and removing most invasive plants. Co-founder Doug Tallamy's message is a SOLUTION BASED ACTION - small efforts by many people. To join and learn how to be part of the solution, visit <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/>
- **White Memorial Conservation Center** in Litchfield CT, where 'everyday is Earth Day'! To learn more about their events and to explore their Environmental Education Center and Nature Museum located in the heart of the 4,000 acre White Memorial Foundation, visit <https://whitememorialcc.org/calendar/>
- **Woodbury Earth Day Festival** is scheduled for Saturday April 20, 2024 - this family-friendly event encourages people to adopt earth-friendly practices. Visit <https://www.woodburyearthday.org/programs>
- **Removing Invasives from your Backyard** - Consider alternatives linked below:
 - * www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies_cipwg.uconn.edu/invasive_plant_list
 - * www.conservect.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Invasives_guide_2020_web.pdf



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NWCD 2024 Scholarship Applications due April 15, 2024

NWCD is now accepting applications for our 2024 Scholarships for graduating seniors. This year we are offering two scholarships to any high school senior attending a high school located in our district (the towns listed to the left). These scholarships are to honor the work of Jacolyn "Jackie" Mott, Dick Leavenworth and Reverend Ledlie Laughlin Jr.



To learn more and apply, visit nwcd.org/scholarships

Eligibility:

- Intending to pursue agriculture, environmental sciences or natural resources as a major
- Plan to attend a two or four-year college in fall 2024
- Current to high school seniors attending a high school located in our district

NWCD is participating in **Give Local**, an online 36-hour give-a-thon on givelocalccf.org, hosted by the **Connecticut Community Foundation (CCF)**. This year, donations to NWCD will benefit our Scholarship initiative. All donations via **Give Local** will be boosted by bonus funds from the **Connecticut Community Foundation** and their sponsors.



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2024 SPRING CONSERVATION CALENDAR

March

- 14 CT Compost Conference ctcompostalliance.org/2024conference
- 22 World Water Day, ourwaterct.org

April

- 4 The Lowdown on Low Impact Development, Cynthia Rabinowitz, as a part of the Conservation in our Community Series whitememorialcc.org/calendar/
- 10 Plant Order Deadline for our 42nd NWCD EARTH DAY PLANT SALE
- 15 NWCD Scholarship application deadline, nwcd.org/scholarships
- 19-21 NWCD EARTH DAY PLANT SALE PICK-UP, Goshen Fairgrounds, 116 Old Middle St., Route 63, Goshen, Order Form inside or order online at nwcd.org
- 22 Earth Day 2024, Theme - 'Planet vs. Plastics'
- 24-25 Give Local, Greater Waterbury & Litchfield Hills - donate to NWCD or many other amazing non-profits at www.givelocalccf.org



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