



# EARTH DAY

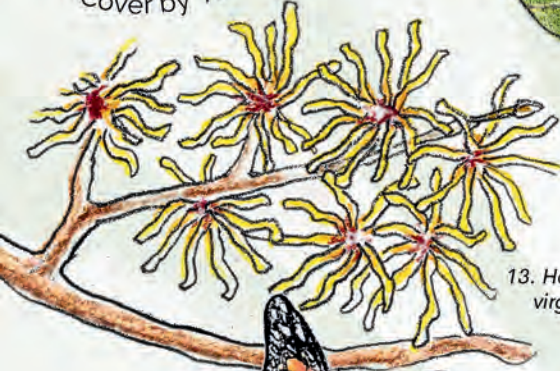
# Plant Sale

April 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**NORTHWEST  
CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT**

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13. *Hamamelis virginiana*



9. *Cornus racemosa*



34. *Asimina triloba*



20. *Kalmia latifolia*



47. *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*



16. *Hypericum kalmianum*



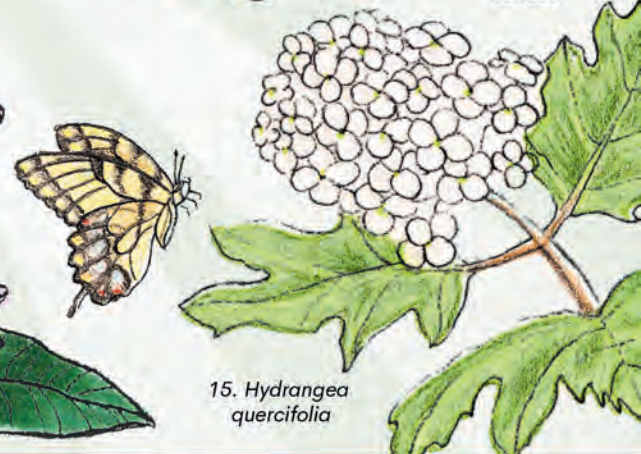
4. *Calycanthus floridus*



8. *Clethra alnifolia*



24. *Rhododendron maximum*



15. *Hydrangea quercifolia*

Goshen Fairgrounds  
116 Old Middle St

**Orders Due by April 16**

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Fri - Sun, 9 AM - 4 PM

# NWCD's EARTH DAY PLANT SALE

The Northwest Conservation District is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that relies largely on grants, municipal contributions, fee-for-service work, and this plant sale to continue our work. The Earth Day Plant Sale is our annual major education event. All proceeds support conservation, education and technical assistance for the 34 northwestern Connecticut towns we serve. We are grateful for your continued support!

## Pre-order:

- We are continuing to **schedule** pick-up times for **PRE-ORDERS** at the **Goshen Fairgrounds**. Time slots are every **30 minutes from 9AM-4PM on Friday April 25th through Sunday April 27th**.
- When you send in your order form, please give updated **contact information**, and indicate a preferred pick-up time.
- Pre-Orders **MUST BE RECEIVED** by 11:59PM on **Wednesday April 16th**. Due to limited stock, the order **deadline will not be extended**.
- Pre-orders may also be placed online at [www.nwcd.org/shop](http://www.nwcd.org/shop). Check the website for online-exclusives!
- When picking up pre-orders, please bring the invoice that will be emailed to you. A volunteer will be available to help you at the barn entrance.



## Day-of-Sale:

- There will be a wide selection of beneficial perennials, shrubs and trees available to purchase during the sale **9AM-4PM on Friday April 25th through Sunday April 27th!**
- You do not have to pre-order to come to the sale. However - we cannot guarantee the availability of any plants. Pre-ordering is the only way to guarantee what plants are available to you.
- Some perennials will be available **only Day-of-Sale**, and cannot be pre-ordered. A list of these plants will be available on our website a few weeks before the sale.

## This Order Form:

- Our plant sale selections, listed in order by Latin name, include many important native/nativar species.
- 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 potential for 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.

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

A native plant is a 'straight' or 'wild-type' species, the type found in nature. 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.

# Northwest Conservation District [info@nwcd.org](mailto:info@nwcd.org)

**43rd Annual Earth Day Plant Sale** \*Order Deadline Wednesday April 16, 2025

Scheduled Pick-up at Goshen Fairgrounds, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 25, 26 & 27

Please provide contact information and choose a pick-up time (time slots every 30 minutes from 9am-4pm)

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

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## NATIVE AND BENEFICIAL SHRUBS

			Gallon size	Price	How many	Total
1	Dutchman's Pipe	<i>Aristolochia macrophylla</i>	1	\$32		
2	Brilliantissima Red Chokeberry	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> 'Brilliantissima'	2	\$35		
3	Iroquois Beauty Black Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> 'Iroquois Beauty'	3	\$48		
4	Pinxterbloom Azalea	<i>Azalea periclymenoides</i>	3	\$64		
5	Sweet Shrub	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	3	\$45		
6	Dark Knight Bluebeard	<i>Caryopteris x Cland</i> 'Dark Knight'	3	\$40		
7	New Jersey Tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	2	\$35		
8	Summersweet	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	2	\$35		
9	Gray Dogwood	<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	3	\$45		
10	Cardinal Red Twig Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i> 'Cardinal'	3	\$48		
11	Magical Moonlight Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> 'Magical Moonlight'	3	\$45		
12	Copper Low Bush Honeysuckle	<i>Diervilla lonicera</i> 'Copper'	2	\$38		
13	Common Witch-Hazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	3	\$45		
14	Smooth Hydrangea (Pinky Pollen Ring)	<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Pinky Pollen Ring'	3	\$50		
15	Oakleaf Hydrangea (Alice)	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Alice'	3	\$50		
16	Gemo St John's wort	<i>Hypericum kalmianum</i> 'Gemo'	2	\$38		
17	Densa Inkberry	<i>Ilex glabra</i> 'Densa'	2	\$38		
18	Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	2	\$38		
19	Blueberry Delight Juniper	<i>Juniperus communis</i> 'Blueberry Delight'	2	\$42		
20	Keepsake Mountain Laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i> 'Keepsake'	2	\$45		
21	Coastal Leucothoe	<i>Leucothoe axillaris</i>	2	\$40		
22	Northern Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	1	\$28		
23	Northern Bayberry	<i>Myrica pennsylvanica</i>	3	\$50		
24	Independence Rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron maximum</i> 'Independence'	3	\$68		
25	Pussy Willow	<i>Salix discolor</i>	2	\$32		
26	York Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i> 'York'	3	\$42		
27	White Meadowsweet	<i>Spiraea alba</i> var. <i>latifolia</i>	3	\$45		
28	Black Haw Viburnum	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	3	\$48		

NATIVE AND BENEFICIAL TREES				Size/ Count	Price	How many	Total
29	Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>		3 gallon	\$70		
30	Sweet Birch	<i>Betula lenta</i>		3 gallon	\$70		
31	Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>		3 gallon	\$70		
32	Sourwood Tree	<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>		3 gallon	\$70		
33	White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>		3 gallon	\$70		

## HOME GARDEN - FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

34	Pawpaw	<i>Asimina triloba</i> (Set of two pots)		2 quart	\$60		
35	Pink Champagne Currants	<i>Ribes rubrum</i> 'Pink Champagne'		1 plug	\$20		
36	MacDonald Rhubarb	<i>Rheum rhabarbarum</i> 'MacDonald'		2 bulbs	\$25		
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	\$40		
39	Duke, Patriot & Jersey Blueberries	<i>Vaccinium</i> - Set of 3 potted bushes		2 gallon	\$100		
40	Seascape Strawberries	25 bare root plants		25 rts	\$15		
41	Mcintosh Apple Tree	<i>Malus x</i> Mcintosh		7 gallon	\$86		
42	Pink Lady Apple Tree	<i>Malus</i> 'Pink Lady Apple'		7 gallon	\$86		
43	Redhaven Peach Tree	<i>Prunus persica</i> 'Redhaven'		7 gallon	\$86		
44	Stella Sweet Cherry Tree	<i>Prunus avium</i> 'Stella'		7 gallon	\$86		
45	Bosc Pear Tree	<i>Pyrus X Bosc</i>		7 gallon	\$86		

## GROUNDCOVERS AND GRASSES

46	Ground Hug Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> 'Ground Hug'		2 gallon	\$38		
47	Massachusetts Kinnikinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> 'Massachusetts'		1 gallon	\$25		
48	Christmas Wintergreen	<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>		1 gallon	\$28		
49	Barren Strawberry	<i>Geum fragaroides</i>		1 gallon	\$16		
50	Yellowroot	<i>Xanthorhiza simplicissima</i>		1 gallon	\$28		
51	Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Blonde Ambition'		1 gallon	\$18		
52	Standing Ovation Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> 'Standing Ovation'		2 gallon	\$28		
53	Sweet Fern	<i>Comptonia peregrina</i>		1 gallon	\$25		

## EVERGREEN SEEDLINGS

54	Eastern White Pine <i>Pinus strobus</i>	25 seedlings	2-year old seedlings 7-10 inches	\$25		
55	Colorado Blue Spruce <i>Pinus pungens</i>	25 seedlings	2-year old seedlings 9-15 inches	\$25		

## NWCD DONATION

Please consider including a donation to the Northwest Conservation District with your order to help fund conservation projects, programs, and services. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that relies largely on grants, municipal contributions, fee-for-service work, and this plant sale to continue our work.

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<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>IMPORTANT ORDER INFORMATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide contact information on the front of this order form.</li> <li>• When you arrive at the barn, please bring the invoice that will be sent.</li> <li>• There will be other plants available for purchase during the sale.</li> </ul> <p style="margin: 0;">Please call (860) 626-7222 or email <a href="mailto:info@nwcd.org">info@nwcd.org</a> with any questions.</p>	<p>Mail to: NWCD 1185 New Litchfield Street Torrington, CT 06790</p> <p>Checks to NWCD, no sales tax.</p>	<p><b>Total</b></p>
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## NATIVE AND BENEFICIAL SHRUBS

<b>1</b>	<b>Dutchman's Pipe</b>	<b>N, P, S, PSh, Sh, Z4-8</b>	<b>Mature 10-30't x 4-10'w</b>
	Named for its flowers' resemblance to Dutch smoking pipes, this old-fashioned native vine is grown for its large heart-shaped, glossy green leaves and rapid growth. It is a larval host plant for the Blue and Black Pipevine Swallowtail butterfly, thriving in moist well-drained soils in full sun to heavy shade.		
<b>2</b>	<b>Brilliantissima Red Chokeberry</b>	<b>N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z4-8</b>	<b>Mature 6-10't x 3-5'w</b>
	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 bird species. Bright-red autumn foliage.		
<b>3</b>	<b>Iroquois Beauty Black Chokeberry</b>	<b>N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-8</b>	<b>Mature 2-3't x 4-5'w</b>
	Showy nativar with fragrant mid-May flowers attracts lots of pollinators. Dark purple to black berries are important for, and 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.		
<b>4</b>	<b>Pinxterbloom Azalea</b>	<b>N, P, S, PSh, Z4-8</b>	<b>Mature 6-8't x 6-8'w</b>
	Fragrant, late-April bloom fills the air with its 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.		
<b>5</b>	<b>Sweet Shrub</b>	<b>N, S, PSh, Z4-9</b>	<b>Mature 6-9't x 6-9'w</b>
	An easy-to-grow, trouble-free hardy deciduous native shrub perfect for borders. Deep red-maroon colored, frilly May flowers smell like a combination of pineapple, strawberry, and banana. Attracts pollinators, butterflies and beetles.		
<b>6</b>	<b>Dark Knight Bluebeard</b>	<b>P, S, Z5-9</b>	<b>Mature 2-3't x 2-3'w</b>
	'Dark Knight' Bluebeard is a beautiful and easygoing deciduous shrub that welcomes butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds to your garden all summer. It displays showy, fragrant, deep blue blooms from July to September. Ovate to lance-shaped, dull green leaves (to 1.5" long) are silvery below. A low maintenance shrub for full sun.		
<b>7</b>	<b>New Jersey Tea</b>	<b>N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z4-8</b>	<b>Mature 3-4't x 3-4'w</b>
	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.		
<b>8</b>	<b>Summersweet</b>	<b>N, RG, P, PSh, Sh, Z3-9</b>	<b>Mature 5-7't x 5-6'w</b>
	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.		
<b>9</b>	<b>Gray Dogwood</b>	<b>N, RG, P, S, PSh, Sh, Z4-8</b>	<b>Mature 6-8't x 10-12'w</b>
	A great native pioneer adaptable to difficult spots and tolerant of wet, poor soils. Great in masses, this wide spreader is disease-free, has excellent red-purple fall color, and tons of white berries in the fall that many birds love.		
<b>10</b>	<b>Cardinal Red Twig Dogwood</b>	<b>N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-8</b>	<b>Mature 6-8't x 9-10'w</b>
	An upright and spreading nativar provides year-round delight. Tiny fragrant white flowers May-July give way to clusters of bluish-white drupes in summer, attractive to birds. Purple-red fall color and stunning red color in winter.		
<b>11</b>	<b>Magical Moonlight Buttonbush</b>	<b>N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z5-9</b>	<b>Mature 5-8't x 4-6'w</b>
	A compact nativar with perfectly round, dove-white fragrant spring flowers that serve as a nectar source for hummingbirds, butterflies and bees. Has rich glossy green foliage. Likes wet soils – great for rain gardens.		
<b>12</b>	<b>Copper Low Bush Honeysuckle</b>	<b>N, P, S, PSh, Z3-8</b>	<b>Mature 2-3't x 3-4'w</b>
	Tough and tolerant, this dense compact nativar has coppery-red foliage. In late spring to early summer, nectar-filled trumpet-shaped yellow flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Dry fruit capsules attract birds in the fall / winter.		
<b>13</b>	<b>Common Witch-Hazel</b>	<b>N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-8</b>	<b>Mature 15-20't x 15-20'w</b>
	A small native tree or large shrub with fragrant lemon-yellow flowers in Autumn after the leaves have fallen, providing a stunning late-season appeal. Deep green leaves in spring and summer provide lots of cover for a variety of animals.		

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<b>14</b>	<b>Smooth Hydrangea (Pinky Pollen Ring)</b>	<b>N, P, S, PSh, Z3-8</b>	<b>Mature 4-5't x 4-5'w</b>
	This easy-to-grow nativar is a pollinator magnet with clouds of pastel pink, lace-cap flowers appearing on stiff, upright stems, surrounded by bluish-green foliage. Blooms on new wood and is shade tolerant.		
<b>15</b>	<b>Oakleaf Hydrangea (Alice)</b>	<b>PSh, Z5-8</b>	<b>Mature 6-8't x 6-8'w</b>
	An easy-care nativar with huge 14" flowers in July with arching cones of white blooms. Disease-resistant foliage turns scarlet and burgundy in fall with rich copper-brown exfoliating bark, all providing shelter for nesting and critter-cover.		
<b>16</b>	<b>Gemo St John's wort</b>	<b>P, S, PSh, Z4-9</b>	<b>Mature 2-3't x 2-3'w</b>
	This nativar is more tightly branched than the straight species and blooms longer. Butterflies and bees drawn to the large yellow flowers that bloom July - September. Easy to grow, drought and deer-resistant. Native to the Great Lakes region.		
<b>17</b>	<b>Densa Inkberry</b>	<b>N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z5-8</b>	<b>Mature 3-4't x 4-5'w</b>
	This broadleaf evergreen nativar is a versatile plant that tolerates road salt, seaside conditions, and sandy soils. Great for buffers and rain gardens. Provides good year-round cover and its black berries provide an excellent food source for birds.		
<b>18</b>	<b>Winterberry</b>	<b>N, RG, S, PSh, Z3-8</b>	<b>Mature 7-8't x 7-8'w</b>
	Quintessential native with dark green lustrous foliage, upright rounded form for bird habitat and bright red berries for a fall food source. Tolerates most sunny or partly shaded spots with moist or wet soils. Great rain garden and buffer plant.		
<b>19</b>	<b>Blueberry Delight Juniper</b>	<b>N, S, Z3-7</b>	<b>Mature 18-24't x 8-12'w</b>
	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.		
<b>20</b>	<b>Keepsake Mountain Laurel</b>	<b>N, PSh, Sh, Z5-9</b>	<b>Mature 4-5't x 5-6'w</b>
	Raspberry-red buds open into burgundy flowers edged in white. As flowers fade, lush bronzy-red foliage erupts from the stems and matures to an interesting bluish sheen. Tolerates poor soils. Serves as a great cover for woodland birds.		
<b>21</b>	<b>Coastal Leucothoe</b>	<b>RG, P, PSh, Sh, Z6-8</b>	<b>Mature 3-6't x 3-6'w</b>
	A mounding native pollinator friendly shrub with a fountain like appearance offering a range of foliage colors from bronze at flush, green in summer to purple-red in winter. Loves shade, moist well-drained soils. Deer resistant.		
<b>22</b>	<b>Northern Spicebush</b>	<b>N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z4-9</b>	<b>Mature 6-10't x 6-10'w</b>
	Named for the spicy scent of its leaves and stems, this native plant is perfect for grouping as a backdrop or screen in almost any location as it tolerates shadier, moist conditions. Fall brings red berries for birds and showy yellow foliage.		
<b>23</b>	<b>Northern Bayberry</b>	<b>N, RG, P, PSh, Z4-8</b>	<b>Mature 6-10't x 6-10'w</b>
	This native has a long history due to its scent and the use of its essential oil in soaps, candles, and other products. Prime wildlife support plant that provides cover for birds and waxy berries in the fall and winter that birds love.		
<b>24</b>	<b>Independence Rhododendron</b>	<b>N, P, PSh, Sh, Z4-8</b>	<b>Mature 8-12't x 8-12'w</b>
	A nativar with a big evergreen form which is perfect cover for wildlife and a great nesting spot for birds. Massive globes of clear pink flowers open up 6 weeks later than other large-leaf Rhodies and stay spectacular into mid-July.		
<b>25</b>	<b>Pussy Willow</b>	<b>N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-8</b>	<b>Mature 20-25't x 18-20'w</b>
	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 caterpillars.		
<b>26</b>	<b>York Elderberry</b>	<b>N, RG, S, Z4-8</b>	<b>Mature 8-10't x 8-10'w</b>
	A great nativar with lovely white spring blossoms followed by heavy crops of extra-large fruit (drupe) clusters. Blooms attract hummingbirds and butterflies, and fruit is an important nutrient-rich food source for birds.		
<b>27</b>	<b>White Meadowsweet</b>	<b>N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-7</b>	<b>Mature 2-4't x 2-4'w</b>
	A multi-use native that sweetens meadow landscapes in mid-summer with cone-shaped spires of tiny pinkish-white flowers attractive to butterflies. Deer resistant, ideal for rain gardens. A larval host for the Spring Azure Butterfly.		
<b>28</b>	<b>Black Haw Viburnum</b>	<b>N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-9</b>	<b>Mature 12-15't x 6-12'w</b>
	A native shrub with deep green foliage emerges in early spring to provide a backdrop for 4-5" diameter creamy white flowers in mid-May. Blossoms are followed by bluish-black berries, a prized late summer through winter food source.		

## NATIVE AND BENEFICIAL TREES

<b>29 Red Maple</b>	<b>N, P, S, PSh, Z3-8</b>	<b>Mature 40-70't x 30-50'w</b>
The red maple is an outstanding provider of cover and nesting. Its brilliant red fall foliage color is a showstopper and its early spring bloom attracts all kinds of pollinators. Native birds love to eat its seeds and insect-eating birds visit the tree to feed on pollinators.		
<b>30 Sweet Birch</b>	<b>N, P, S, PSh, Z3-8</b>	<b>Mature 40-50't x 30-40'w</b>
Sweet Birch is a fast and easy to grow native specimen with attractive brown bark and fall color. Great attractor of birds and insects. Easy to grow, tolerant of wet areas and partial shade.		
<b>31 Eastern Red Cedar</b>	<b>N, P, S, Z2-9</b>	<b>Mature 30-65't x 8-20'w</b>
Eastern Red Cedar is a native, upright growing evergreen that can tolerate a wide range of soils. It is easy to grow and attracts birds and butterflies.		
<b>32 Sourwood Tree</b>	<b>N, P, S, PSh, Z5-9</b>	<b>Mature 25-30't x 15-20'w</b>
Deep green, peach-like foliage forms the background for small, white, lily of the valley-like fragrant flowers on long, terminal, drooping strings in July and August. Flowers are a magnet for bees and butterflies. Outstanding deep crimson fall foliage. Easy to grow with a narrow form perfect for residential landscapes.		
<b>33 White Oak</b>	<b>N, P, S, PSh, Z3-9</b>	<b>Mature 50-80't x 50-80'w</b>
White Oak is a slow growing shade tree with excellent purple to red fall color. The White oak will slowly grow into a stately rounded, irregular growth. Many forms of wildlife feed on the acorns during the fall and winter including: Red-headed woodpeckers, turkey, deer, quail, chipmunks and even ducks. It is a larval food source for a number of Hairstreak butterflies.		

## Rain Gardens - A Natural Solution to Stormwater Pollution

Rain gardens are a simple and natural solution for treating polluted stormwater runoff from footing, roof and driveway drains, and from lawns and parking lots in both urban and suburban settings. Runoff directed into a rain garden is slowed down, filtered and cleaned before being released into groundwater, drinking water aquifers and other valuable water resources. Rain gardens work best in well-drained soils and are the most common type of Low Impact Development (LID) system used in both residential and non-residential settings. They can provide an opportunity to add habitat for birds, pollinators and other wildlife year-round by choosing native vegetation that tolerates both wet and dry soils.

Careful planning is essential to success. Suitable soil types (well drained soils) are an important component for proper infiltration. Not every site has suitable soils and even if an area does, not every location is ideal for installing rain gardens. Rain gardens are NOT water gardens or wetlands. Placing rain gardens in poorly drained soils may lead to slow infiltration and unwanted long term ponding. These structures should not be installed over a septic system, reserve area site or close to a drinking water well.

A homeowner can determine their property's soil drainage class by visiting the <https://nemo.uconn.edu/raingardens/sizing.htm> website under "Checking Soils". For more regarding sizing, siting, cost, etc., visit <https://nemo.uconn.edu/raingardens/installation.htm>.

If you are considering a rain garden in your backyard, you can find information regarding sizing, siting, design, installation, maintenance and cost, by visiting [nemo.uconn.edu/raingardens/](https://nemo.uconn.edu/raingardens/).



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## HOME GARDEN - FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

<b>34</b>	<b>Pawpaw (Set of 2 plants)</b>	N, P, S, PSh, Z5	Mature 15-30't x 15-30'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.		
<b>35</b>	<b>Pink Champagne Currants</b>	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.		
<b>36</b>	<b>MacDonald Rhubarb</b>	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.		
<b>37</b>	<b>Millennium Asparagus</b>	S, Z3-9, 25 one-year-old bare-roots	Mature 4't x 12-24" w
	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 can yield abundantly for 20 years or more if given proper care.		
<b>38</b>	<b>Nova and Joan J Red Raspberries</b>	S, Z4-8, Five plants will fill a 12-foot row	Mature 3-4't x 3-4'w
	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.		
<b>39</b>	<b>Blueberries</b>	N, RG, P, S	
	This is a set of three 2-gallon potted plants, one of each variety listed below. Known for their fruit's taste and nutritional value, blueberry bushes are great rain garden plants.		
	<b>Duke</b> - 'Duke' is a highbush cultivar that flowers late but fruits early, often producing an abundant crop of blueberries. Berries have a mildly sweet flavor. <b>Z5-8, 5-7't x 5-7'w</b>		
	<b>Patriot</b> - A highbush blueberry cultivar with waxy, bell-shaped, white flowers appear in May. <b>Z5-8, 5-8't x 5-8'w</b>		
	<b>Jersey</b> - Large, burly, and productive. Small to medium-sized, sweet light blue fruit. <b>Z4-8, 6-7't x 6-7'w</b>		
<b>40</b>	<b>Seascape Everbearing Strawberries</b>	S, Z4-9	Spread 12"t x 12-24" w
	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. Fruit in late summer and fall. Self-pollinating. Fruit late summer and fall.		
<b>41</b>	<b>Mcintosh Apple Tree</b>	Semi-dwarf, S, Z4-8	Spread 12-15't x 12-15'w
	The Mcintosh Apple Tree is one of the most popular apple trees in the northeast. It is a productive tree that yields medium-sized, bright red fruit with a green background. It blooms mid-season and is self-fertile.		
<b>42</b>	<b>Pink Lady Apple Tree</b>	Semi-dwarf, S, Z6-8	Mature 8-10't x 5-6'w
	An apple tree becoming known for its medium-size fruit with rich yellow skin blushed with pink. Trees are self-sterile and require another apple variety to produce fruit.		
<b>43</b>	<b>Redhaven Peach Tree</b>	Semi-dwarf, S, Z5-9	Mature 12-15't x 12-15'w
	This native has a long history due to its scent and the use of its essential oil in soaps, candles, and other products. Prime wildlife support plant that provides cover for birds and waxy berries in the fall and winter that birds love.		
<b>44</b>	<b>Stella Sweet Cherry Tree</b>	Semi-dwarf, S, Z5-8	Mature 18-20't x 18-20'w
	Showy white flowers in spring followed by bold-red heart shaped fruit. Sweet rich flavor right off the tree, snacking, canning, freezing and drying. Resists cracking, is moderately disease-resistant and self-pollinating. Can pollinate other sweet cherries.		
<b>45</b>	<b>Bosc Pear Tree</b>	Semi-dwarf, S, Z5-8	Mature 15-18't x 12-15'w
	A semi-dwarf pear tree that is a vigorous grower and producer with an exceptional crop of large, russeted fruit maturing in early October. 'Bosc's' tender flesh and smooth texture is perfect for fresh eating and well suited for canning and preserves.		



## GROUNDCOVERS AND GRASSES

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| <b>46</b> | <b>Ground Hug Chokeberry</b>  | 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 outstanding red foliage. Tolerant of many soil conditions, keeps down weeds and stabilizes soil.                                    |                        |                             |
| <b>47</b> | <b>Massachusetts Kinnikinnick</b>   | N, P, S, PSh, Z2-6     | Mature 6-12"t x 4-6' spread |
|           | This nativar evergreen 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 creatures, and even bears are attracted to its ample supply of plump red berries in late summer and fall.             |                        |                             |
| <b>48</b> | <b>Christmas Wintergreen</b>  | N, PSh, Sh, Z3-8       | Mature 3-6"t x 6-12" w      |
|           | An attractive, dense, hardy evergreen native groundcover that saves its best show for fall and winter. Red-tinged, dark green fall 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. |                        |                             |
| <b>49</b> | <b>Barren Strawberry</b>  | N, P, S, Z3-8          | Mature 4-6"t x 12-18" w     |
|           | A small scale, native, dense groundcover that thrives in tough soil while looking fresh and colorful throughout the year. Dainty, single yellow flowers from April to July, three lobed, strawberry-like dark green foliage with bronze winter color.   |                        |                             |
| <b>50</b> | <b>Yellowroot</b>   | N, RG, PSh, Sh, 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. Great for stream banks and a perfect plant to use as a transition between sun and shade, and wet to dry.   |                        |                             |
| <b>51</b> | <b>Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass</b>   | N, P, 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.   |                        |                             |
| <b>52</b> | <b>Standing Ovation Little Bluestem</b>   | 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 and purple foliage in fall. Its seed heads are prized by native songbirds, and its stems provide winter interest and cover for wildlife. Thrives in poor, dry soil.   |                        |                             |
| <b>53</b> | <b>Sweet Fern</b>   | N, P, S, PSh, Z2-8     | Mature 2-4't x 4-8' w       |
|           | Although called a "fern", it is a colonizing groundcover and is an upright 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.  |                        |                             |

## EVERGREEN SEEDLINGS

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| <b>54</b> | <b>Eastern White Pine</b>  | N, P, S, PSh, Z3-8 | Mature 50-80't x 20-40' w |
|           | The Eastern White Pine is an easy to grow native with long soft needles in bundles of five. It is widely used for barriers, but great as a specimen as well. It attracts birds to your landscape.  |                    |                           |
| <b>55</b> | <b>Colorado Blue Spruce</b>  | S, Z2-7            | Mature 30-60't x 10-20' w |
|           | A long-lived specimen tree that displays its unique silvery, green-blue color year-round. Winter hardy and withstands wind better than most spruces due to a wide-spreading and moderately deep root system. Provides food and shelter for siskins, nuthatches and crossbills. |                    |                           |

### How to Test Your Soil

The UConn Soil Nutrient Analysis Lab provides soil testing for the home gardener. It's simple and only \$15 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 <https://soiltesting.cahnrc.uconn.edu/>, email [soiltest@uconn.edu](mailto:soiltest@uconn.edu) or call 860-486-4274 for information on how to collect and send samples for testing.



## Benefits of Native Plants

Native plants provide many benefits called ecosystem services. These services help condition the soil, filter water, create oxygen and remove toxins. Plants create habitat, moderate climate, and support life on earth.

Because of these benefits, native plants can be incorporated into pollinator gardens, rain gardens and riparian buffers. Native plants have applications for residential, commercial and agricultural landscapes and will thrive in almost any setting. A non-native plant is one that did not develop or evolve in the area, and was recently introduced by humans.

Not all non-native plants are invasive. In fact, many are beneficial and are commonly used. Non-native plants are used regularly for food and include apples and peaches, vegetable crops like beets, carrots and peppers, and many ornamental flowering trees. While they are not native, they are able to thrive in Connecticut during the growing season due to cultivation of the soil and the right climate.

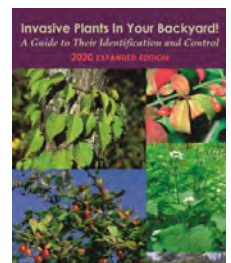
Invasive plants are non-native plants that establish and grow quickly. They have few or no natural predators or other limitations in their new environment. For this reason, they are able to spread uncontrollably and will often out-compete native plants. This poses a threat to wildlife who have not adapted to use the invasives as a food and shelter source. Removal of invasive species and incorporating native plants will improve the biodiversity of your landscape and provide countless environmental benefits.

For more information, check out Northwest Conservation District's Story Map and other resources listed at <https://nwcd.org/storymaps/>.



## In honor of Earth Day, please join us in supporting local initiatives

- **Sustainable Litchfield** is promoting action options and events to the local community in honor of Earth Day. This includes a townwide street clean-up, a river clean-up, a watershed pledge, and more. Watch <https://www.townoflitchfield.org/> and follow their social media to keep in the loop.
- **Woodbury Earth Day Festival** is scheduled for Saturday April 27, 2025 - this family-friendly event encourages people to adopt earth-friendly practices. Visit <https://www.woodburyearthday.co>
- **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 and farmers...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 learn more and join, 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/>
- **Removing Invasives from your Backyard** - Consider alternatives linked below:



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## NWCD 2025 Scholarship Applications due April 4, 2025

NWCD is now accepting applications for our 2025 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 honor the work of Jacolyn “Jackie” Mott, Dick Leavenworth and Reverend Ledlie Laughlin Jr.



To learn more and apply, visit [nwcd.org/scholarships](http://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 2025

NWCD is participating in **Give Local**, an online 36-hour give-a-thon on [givelocalccf.org](http://givelocalccf.org), hosted by the **Connecticut Community Foundation (CCF)**. All donations via **Give Local** will be boosted by bonus funds from the **Connecticut Community Foundation** and their sponsors!



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- 3 LakeSmart: How YOU can protect Lake Waramaug, <https://www.warrenct.gov/calendar>
- 4 NWCD Scholarship application deadline, [nwcd.org/scholarships](http://nwcd.org/scholarships)
- 16 Plant Order Deadline for our 43rd NWCD EARTH DAY PLANT SALE
- 25-27 NWCD EARTH DAY PLANT SALE, Goshen Fairgrounds, 116 Old Middle St., Route 63, Goshen, Order Form inside or order online at [nwcd.org](http://nwcd.org)
- 22 Earth Day 2025, Theme - 'Our Power, Our Planet'
- 27 Woodbury Earth Day Festival, <https://www.woodburyearthday.co>
- 29-30 Give Local, Greater Waterbury & Litchfield Hills - donate to NWCD or many other amazing non-profits at [www.givelocalccf.org](http://www.givelocalccf.org)



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