



Northwest Conservation District's

EARTH DAY

Plant Sale

April 24th - 26th, 2026

Fri - Sun, 9 AM - 4 PM @ the Goshen Fairgrounds

Pre-Orders Due by April 15

Via mail or at www.nwcd.org/shop



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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 24th through Sunday April 26th**.
- 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 15th**. Due to limited stock, the order **deadline will not be extended**.
- Pre-orders may also be placed online at www.nwcd.org/shop. Check the website for online-exclusives!
- When picking up pre-orders, please bring your emailed invoice - on your phone/device or printed out. A volunteer will help you at the barn entrance.
- NOTE: Because our sale is held in the early spring, weather uncertainties and producer availability cannot be guaranteed 100%. There is a small chance some plants may be unavailable by the date of the sale. **If a plant in your order becomes unavailable, you will be contacted and offered a substitute, credit, or refund.** Thank you for your understanding.



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 24th through Sunday April 26th!**
- You do not have to pre-order to come to the sale. However - we cannot guarantee the availability of any day-of-sale 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 also addresses specific attributes such as shape, bloom color and time, and habitat values.

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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.

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44th Annual Earth Day Plant Sale *Order Deadline Wednesday April 15, 2026

Scheduled Pick-up at Goshen Fairgrounds, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 24, 25 & 26

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Pick Up Time/Date _____

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

NATIVE AND BENEFICIAL SHRUBS

			Gallon size	Price	How many	Total
1	Brilliantissima Red Chokeberry	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> 'Brilliantissima'	2	\$38		
2	Viking Black Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> 'Viking'	3	\$48		
3	Swamp Azalea	<i>Azalea viscosum</i>	3	\$65		
4	Sweet Shrub	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	3	\$46		
5	Beyond Midnight Bluebeard	<i>Caryopteris x Cland</i> 'Beyond Midnight'	2	\$36		
6	New Jersey Tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	2	\$38		
7	Summersweet	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	2	\$38		
8	Silky Dogwood	<i>Cornus amomum</i>	3	\$46		
9	Gray Dogwood	<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	3	\$46		
10	Crimson Comets Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> 'Crimson Comet'	3	\$46		
11	Copper Low Bush Honeysuckle	<i>Diervilla lonicera</i> 'Copper'	2	\$38		
12	Common Witch-Hazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	3	\$46		
13	Smooth Hydrangea (Haas' Halo)	<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Haas' Halo'	3	\$50		
14	Oakleaf Hydrangea (Snow Queen)	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Snow Queen'	3	\$50		
15	Sunburst St John's wort	<i>Hypericum frondosum</i> 'Sunburst'	3	\$46		
16	Densa Inkberry (female)	<i>Ilex glabra</i> 'Densa'	2	\$38		
17	Winter Red Winterberry (female)	<i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Winter Red'	2	\$35		
18	Jim Dandy Winterberry (male)	<i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Jim Dandy'	2	\$35		
19	Blueberry Delight Juniper	<i>Juniperus communis</i> 'Blueberry Delight'	2	\$44		
20	Pink Charm Mountain Laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i> 'Pink Charm'	3	\$72		
21	ReJoyce Coastal Leucothoe	<i>Leucothoe axillaris</i> 'ReJoyce'	2	\$40		
22	Northern Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	2	\$38		
23	Northern Bayberry	<i>Myrica pennsylvanica</i>	3	\$52		
24	Independence Rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron maximum</i> 'Independence'	2	\$45		
25	Pussy Willow	<i>Salix discolor</i>	2	\$32		
26	Adams Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i> 'Adams'	3	\$43		
27	Steeplebush	<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i>	2	\$38		
28	Winterthur Viburnum	<i>Viburnum nudum</i> 'Winterthur'	3	\$48		

NATIVE AND BENEFICIAL TREES				Size/ Count	Price	How many	Total
29	Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>		3 gallon	\$70		
30	Heritage River Birch (clump)	<i>Betula nigra</i> 'Heritage'		3 gallon	\$70		
31	Flowering Dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>		3 gallon	\$70		
32	Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</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	\$60		
35	Pink Champagne Currants	<i>Ribes rubrum</i> 'Pink Champagne'		1 plug	\$20		
36	MacDonald Rhubarb	<i>Rheum rhabarbarum</i> 'MacDonald'		2 bulbs	\$26		
37	Millennium Asparagus	25 bare root plants		25 rts	\$22		
38	Nova, Heritage & Polana Raspberries	3 canes of each variety		9 cns	\$35		
39	Duke, Bluecrop & Jersey Blueberries	<i>Vaccinium</i> - Set of 3 potted bushes		2 gallon	\$110		
40	Evie-2 Strawberries	25 bare-root plants		25 rts	\$15		
41	Honeycrisp Apple Tree	<i>Malus</i> 'Honeycrisp'		7 gallon	\$86		
42	Macoun Apple Tree	<i>Malus</i> 'Macoun'		7 gallon	\$86		
43	North Star Cherry Tree	<i>Prunus</i> 'North Star'		7 gallon	\$86		

GROUNDCOVERS, GRASSES AND VINES

44	Major Wheeler Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> 'Major Wheeler'		1 gallon	\$30		
45	Massachusetts Kinnikinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> 'Massachusetts'		1 gallon	\$26		
46	Ground Hug Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> 'Ground Hug'		2 gallon	\$38		
47	Christmas Wintergreen	<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>		1 gallon	\$28		
48	Barren Strawberry	<i>Geum fragaroides</i>		1 gallon	\$16		
49	Yellowroot	<i>Xanthorhiza simplicissima</i>		1 gallon	\$28		
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	\$28		
52	Sweet Fern	<i>Comptonia peregrina</i>		1 gallon	\$26		

EVERGREEN SEEDLINGS

53	Concolor Fir <i>Abies concolor</i>	25 seedlings	2-year old seedlings 10-15 inches	\$28		
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) non-profit 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;">IMPORTANT ORDER INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide contact information on the front of this order form. When you arrive at the barn, please bring the invoice that will be sent. There will be other plants available for purchase during the sale. <p>Please call (860) 626-7222 or email info@nwcd.org with any questions.</p>	<p>Mail to: NWCD 1185 New Litchfield Street Torrington, CT 06790</p> <p>Checks to NWCD, no sales tax.</p>	Total
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NATIVE AND BENEFICIAL SHRUBS

1	Brilliantissima 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 bird species. Bright-red autumn foliage.		
2	Viking Black Chokeberry	N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-8	Mature 5-6't x 5-6'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.		
3	Swamp Azalea	N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z4-9	Mature 8-10't x 6-8'w
	This native deciduous azalea blooms in summer with abundant white flowers that have a spicy, clove-like fragrance. The flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Beautiful flame-red foliage in the fall. Thrives in poorly-drained soil and wetland areas.		
4	Sweet Shrub	N, S, PSh, Z4-8	Mature 6-9't x 6-9'w
	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.		
5	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.		
6	New Jersey Tea	N, RG, P, S, PSh, 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.		
7	Summersweet	N, RG, P, PSh, 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. It also forms clonal colonies so it is great for revegetating wild areas.		
8	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.		
9	Gray Dogwood	N, RG, P, S, PSh, Sh, Z3-8	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 excellent red-purple fall color, and tons of white berries in the fall that many birds love.		
10	Crimson Comet 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, shallow water and wetland edges.		
11	Copper Low Bush Honeysuckle	N, P, S, PSh, Z3-8	Mature 2-3't x 3-4'w
	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.		
12	Common Witch-Hazel	N, RG, P, S, PSh, 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, providing a stunning late-season appeal. Deep green leaves in spring and summer provide lots of cover for a variety of animals.		
13	Haas' Halo Smooth Hydrandrea	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.		

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| 14 | Snow Queen Oakleaf Hydrangea | 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. | | |
| 15 | Sunburst St John's wort | S, PSh Z5-8 | Mature 2-3't x 3-4'w |
| | A dense growing selection with great landscape form, interesting summer foliage and showy, all summer bloom. Bright, golden yellow flowers appear in mid-June and continue into October and stand out against glossy, blue-green foliage. | | |
| 16 | Densa Inkberry (female) | 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. Provides good year-round cover and its berries provide an excellent food source for birds. | | |
| 17 | Winter Red Winterberry (female) | N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-8 | Mature 8-10't x 8-10'w |
| | Deep green foliage and a bumper crop of bright red berries in the fall and winter along with a dense, multi-stem form make this plant an excellent choice for landscape borders. Easy care, excellent bird attractor. | | |
| 18 | Jim Dandy Winterberry (male) | N, S, PSh, Z3-8 | Mature 5-7't x 5-7'w |
| | This early flowering male-type blooms abundantly and over a long period of time allowing it to pollinate many types. Dense and compact growing, this plant will fit into most landscapes. It is a male variety - it will not produce berries on its own. | | |
| 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, PSh, 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 provides great cover for birds. Deep pink buds open to strong pink flowers in late May. | | |
| 21 | ReJoyce Coastal Leucothoe | RG, P, PSh, Sh, Z6-9 | Mature 2-3't x 3-4'w |
| | A mounding pollinator friendly shrub with a graceful arching form offering a range of foliage colors from bright red to green in summer to wine-red in winter. Loves shade, moist well-drained soils. Disease resistant. | | |
| 22 | Northern Spicebush | N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z4-9 | 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 almost any location as it tolerates shadier, moist conditions. Fall brings red berries for birds and showy yellow foliage. | | |
| 23 | Northern Bayberry | N, P, S, PSh, Z3-8 | Mature 5-6't x 8-10'w |
| | This native has a long history due to its scent and the use of its essential oil in soaps, candles, and other household products. Prime wildlife support plant that provides cover for birds and gray, waxy berries in the fall and winter that birds love. | | |
| 24 | Independence Rhododendron | N, P, PSh, Sh, Z4-8 | Mature 8-12't x 8-12'w |
| | 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 the second week of July. | | |
| 25 | 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 caterpillars. | | |
| 26 | 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, white flowers, and small dark blue to black fruit in the summer. Attracts butterflies, birds, and small mammals as cover and a food source. | | |
| 27 | Steeplebush | N, RG, P, S, Z3-8 | Mature 3-6't x 3-6'w |
| | A native habitat-rich shrub with upright pinkish-lavender flowers from July to September and yellow fall foliage. Attractive to a crowd of native insects and butterflies. Its rounded form provides cover and nesting for creatures and birds. | | |
| 28 | Winterthur Viburnum | N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z5-8 | Mature 7-8't x 5-6'w |
| | This plant attracts birds because of its dense rounded form that provides cover and nesting area. It provides beauty in all seasons, from its large, fragrant white flower heads in late spring and blue to black berries in late summer and fall foliage. | | |

NATIVE AND BENEFICIAL TREES

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| 29 | Sugar Maple | N, P, S, PSh, Z4-8 | Mature 60-70't x 50-60'w |
| <p>Sugar Maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i>) is a classic native shade tree known for its broad, rounded form and dark green, trident-shaped leaves. Providing cooling summer shade and exceptional wildlife value, it truly shines in fall with a spectacular display of yellow, orange, and red foliage.</p> | | | |
| 30 | Heritage River Birch (clump) | N, RG, S, Z4-8 | Mature 40-70't x 40-60'w |
| <p>'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.</p> | | | |
| 31 | Flowering Dogwood | N, PSh, Sh, Z5-8 | Mature 15-25't x 15-25'w |
| <p><i>Cornus florida</i>, the White Flowering Dogwood, is a classic ornamental tree known for its stunning white spring blossoms, graceful branching, and bright red berries that attract birds. This medium-sized tree adds year-round beauty with vibrant fall color and wildlife appeal.</p> | | | |
| 32 | Eastern Red Cedar | N, P, S, Z2-9 | Mature 30-65't x 8-20'w |
| <p>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.</p> | | | |
| 33 | Scarlet Oak | N, P, S, Z4-9 | Mature 50-70't x 40-80'w |
| <p>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.</p> | | | |

Launching the Bantam Watershed Pledge

In early 2025, NWCD helped establish the Bantam Watershed Coalition - a partnership between seven organizations with a shared commitment to protect the Bantam Watershed. These founding organizations are the Bantam Lake Protective Association, Rivers Alliance of Connecticut, Housatonic Valley Association, Litchfield Land Trust, Sustainable Litchfield, White Memorial Foundation, and the Northwest Conservation District. One of our first initiatives is the creation of the Bantam Watershed Pledge, launching in March 2026. Partially modeled on of the RiverSmart Pledge (<https://www.riversmartct.org/>), our goal is to promote common sense, lake-smart practices in the community.

There are 10 Actions outlined in the Pledge. An example is #2 - Plant vegetation along shorelines or add native plants to your yard. A wide shoreline "buffer" of native shrubs, bushes, and trees absorb excess nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen, and create a small buffer zone between the lake and the surrounding area. This mimics natural riparian buffers which filter out these excess nutrients and limit erosion. Runoff from non-shoreline yards or homes, even from miles away in the upper watershed, can harm a lake.

This buffer zone can start small - by not mowing a 5-10 foot strip of your lawn adjacent to the waterbody, or mowing once a year. Or you can start planting this area with shrubs such as: Red or Black Chokeberries, Witch-Hazel, Buttonbush, Winterberries, Pussy Willow, Silky or Gray Dogwood, Serviceberry or Heritage River Birch. We have many of these plants available through our Plant Sale this year! These woody shrubs have deep root systems that can help prevent erosion into the lake, but can be managed to ensure viewshed and usage of the waterbody. If you have any questions, please email info@nwcd.org for advice on your property.

Thank you to the Northwest Connecticut Community Bank, whose Fall 2025 grant to the Bantam Lake Protective Association helped fund this initiative.



HOME GARDEN - FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

34 Pawpaw (Set of 2 plants)	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.		
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, Z3-9 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.		
38 Nova, Heritage and Polana Red Raspberries	S, Z4-8	Mature 4-6't x 2-4'w
Three varieties of raspberries that will extend and add variety to your eating enjoyment. Nova is highly productive, with firm, bright berries and rich, intense flavor. Heritage is an everbearing plant known for dependable dual harvests - light crop in July, with heavier August yield. Polana is fall-everbearing with a 3 week earlier harvest than Heritage.		
39 Blueberries	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.		
Duke - 'Duke' is a highbush cultivar that flowers late but fruits early, often producing an abundant crop of blueberries. Berries have a mildly sweet flavor. Z4-8, 5-6't x 5-6'w		
Bluecrop - This consistent, mid-season cultivar has an upright and open-growing form. Z5-7, 5-6't x 5-6'w		
Jersey - Large, burly, and productive. Small to medium-sized, sweet light blue fruit. Z4-8, 6-7't x 6-7'w		
40 Evie-2 Strawberries	S, Z4-9	Spread 12"t x 12-24" w
This is an easy to grow and high yield cultivar. Heat resistant and a day-neutral variety. Red berries have a good flavor. Typically fruit from midsummer through October. Planting instructions included.		
41 Honeycrisp Apple Tree	Semi-dwarf, S, P, Z4-8	Mature 12-16't x 10-15'w
Semi-dwarf tree. This sweet-flavored late-season apple retains its crispness even after seven months of storage!		
42 Macoun Apple Tree	Semi-dwarf, S, P, Z4-8	Mature 12-15't x 12-15'w
A beloved New England apple, this semi-dwarf tree produces firm, aromatic white-fleshed fruit with rich dark purple-red skin and exceptional fresh-eating flavor. Vigorous, hardy, and highly productive with a mid-season bloom.		
43 North Star Cherry Tree	Semi-dwarf, S, Z4-8	Mature 7-9't x 8-10'w
An extremely hardy dwarf cherry that produces heavy crops of bright red, tart fruit perfect for pies and preserves. Disease-resistant, self-pollinating, and ideal for cold climates.		

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.cahn.uconn.edu/>, email soiltest@uconn.edu or call 860-486-4274 to learn more.



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| 44 | Major Wheeler Honeysuckle | N, P, S, PSh, Z4-8 | Mature 3-8't x 3-10'w |
| <p>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.</p> | | | |
| 45 | Massachusetts Kinnikinnick | N, P, S, PSh, Z2-6 | Mature 6-12''t x 4-6' spread |
| <p>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.</p> | | | |
| 46 | Ground Hug Chokeberry | N, RG, P, S, PSh, Z3-9 | Mature 8-14''t x 30-36''w |
| <p>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.</p> | | | |
| 47 | Christmas Wintergreen | N, PSh, Sh, Z3-8 | Mature 3-6''t x 6-12''w |
| <p>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 and dry soil if watered.</p> | | | |
| 48 | Barren Strawberry | N, P, S, Z3-8 | Mature 4-6''t x 12-18''w |
| <p>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. It turns a lovely burgundy in late fall and holds that color through the cooler months until greening up again in spring.</p> | | | |
| 49 | Yellowroot | N, RG, PSh, Sh, Z3-9 | Mature 1-3't x 2-4'w |
| <p>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 erosion control and a perfect plant to use as a transition between sun and shade, and wet to dry.</p> | | | |
| 50 | Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass | N, P, S, Z4-9 | Mature 30-36''t x 30-36''w |
| <p>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.</p> | | | |
| 51 | Standing Ovation Little Bluestem | N, P, S, Z3-8 | Mature 3-4't x 10-12''w |
| <p>Bluish-green, upright foliage changes to a beautiful display of orange, red, yellow, and purple 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.</p> | | | |
| 52 | Sweet Fern | N, P, S, PSh, Z2-8 | Mature 2-4't x 4-8'w |
| <p>Although called a "fern", it is a colonizing shrub. Sweet Fern is actually 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.</p> | | | |

EVERGREEN SEEDLINGS

25 bare-root seedlings per bundle, special planting instructions included

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| 53 | Concolor Fir | S, PSh, Z3-7 | Mature 40-70't x 20-40'w |
| <p>Concolor fir, or white fir, is a graceful evergreen with soft, fragrant blue-green needles and a narrow, conical form. Hardy and adaptable, it offers excellent winter interest and performs especially well in cooler climates.</p> | | | |
| 54 | Eastern White Pine | N, P, S, PSh, Z3-8 | Mature 50-80't x 20-40'w |
| <p>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.</p> | | | |
| 55 | Colorado Blue Spruce | S, Z2-7 | Mature 30-60't x 10-20'w |
| <p>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.</p> | | | |

Grow a Healthier Landscape with Native Trees

Native trees do more than add beauty to your yard—they provide essential habitat for pollinators like bees, butterflies, flies, and beetles. Forests and tree cover offer shelter, nesting sites, and vital food sources such as pollen and nectar. When native trees disappear, pollinators suffer. By planting native trees, you can be part of the solution and help restore the habitats these species depend on.

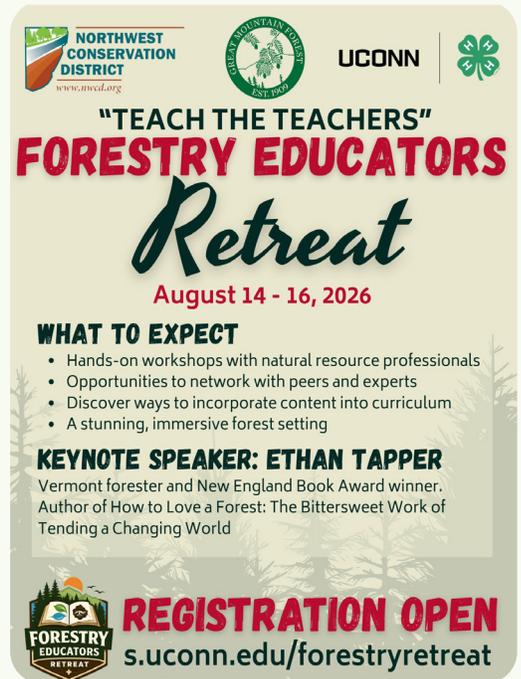
Oaks are true powerhouses for biodiversity. Trees in the genus *Quercus* are considered keystone plants because they support more wildlife than almost any other tree. According to renowned entomologist Doug Tallamy, oak trees support over **500 species of caterpillars**, making them essential to the survival of countless native moths and butterflies. Whether it is *Quercus alba* (White Oak), *Quercus bicolor* (Swamp White Oak), *Quercus coccinea* (Scarlet Oak), *Quercus palustris* (Pin Oak) or *Quercus rubra* (Red Oak), adding an oak to your landscape creates a strong foundation for a thriving pollinator oasis.

Maples are another high performing tree for biodiversity. Maples like the sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) bloom slightly later than red maple but is equally important for early pollinators. Its small green April flowers provide nectar for many native bees, while the tree serves as a host plant for over **225 species of moths and butterflies**, including Eastern Tiger Swallowtails and Mourning Cloaks. The abundance of caterpillars attracts birds such as finches, nuthatches, and grosbeaks, which commonly nest in its branches.

Plant with purpose this Earth Day!

At our Earth Day plant sale, we're offering *Quercus coccinea* (Scarlet Oak) and *Acer saccharum* (Sugar Maple). Add one—or both—of these native trees to your landscape and make a lasting impact on pollinators, wildlife, and the environment.

Beautiful. Beneficial. Native. Pick yours up today!



The poster for the "Teach the Teachers" Forestry Educators Retreat features logos for the Northwest Conservation District, UConn, and the Sustainable Forestry Institute. The text reads: "TEACH THE TEACHERS" FORESTRY EDUCATORS Retreat August 14 - 16, 2026. Under "WHAT TO EXPECT" are bullet points: Hands-on workshops with natural resource professionals; Opportunities to network with peers and experts; Discover ways to incorporate content into curriculum; A stunning, immersive forest setting. The keynote speaker is Ethan Tapper, Vermont forester and New England Book Award winner, author of "How to Love a Forest: The Bittersweet Work of Tending a Changing World". A "REGISTRATION OPEN" banner includes the URL s.uconn.edu/forestryretreat.

In honor of Earth Day, please support local initiatives

- **Litchfield 250 Conservation Challenge** is an initiative encouraging 250 acts of responsible conservation in honor of America's 250th birthday! For more information or to submit your conservation act, visit: <https://www.ripleyconservancy.org/litchfield-250>
- **Woodbury Earth Day Festival** is scheduled for Saturday April 25, 2026 - this family-friendly event encourages people to adopt earth-friendly practices. Visit <https://www.woodburyearthday.com/>
- **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/plantsfor-birds>
- **HomeGrown National Park®** is a call-to-action for a collective effort of individuals to start a new HABITAT by planting native plants and removing most invasive plants. Visit <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/>
- To find more local initiatives and town programs, visit <https://nwcd.org/earthday/>



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NWCD is now accepting applications for our 2026 Scholarships for graduating seniors. This year, we are proud to offer scholarship opportunities to high school seniors attending a high school within our district. We will be awarding two scholarships to deserving students. 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

Eligibility:

- Intending to pursue agriculture, environmental sciences or natural resources as a major
- Plan to attend a two or four-year college in fall 2026

NWCD is participating in **Give Local**, an online 36-hour give-a-thon on 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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2026 SPRING CONSERVATION CALENDAR

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- 7 Mad Gardners Symposium, Falls Village, <https://www.madgardeners.org/>
- 18 Ag Day at the Capitol, Hartford
- 19 2026 CT Compost Conference, <https://www.ctcompostalliance.org/>

April

- 3 NWCD Scholarship application deadline, <https://nwcd.org/scholarships>
- 15 Plant Order Deadline for our 44th NWCD EARTH DAY PLANT SALE
- 21-22 Give Local, Greater Waterbury & Litchfield Hills - donate to NWCD or many other amazing non-profits at <https://www.givelocalccf.org>
- 22 Earth Day 2025, Theme - 'Our Power, Our Planet', <https://nwcd.org/earthday>
- 25 Woodbury Earth Day Festival, <https://www.woodburyearthday.com>
- 24-26 NWCD EARTH DAY PLANT SALE, Goshen Fairgrounds, 116 Old Middle St., Route 63, Goshen, Order Form inside or order online at <https://nwcd.org/shop/>

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