



## Southern Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District

### 2024 Spring Plant Sale

SASWCD is offering bare-root trees, shrubs, and perennials for the 2024 sale. Quantities on some items are limited so please order early. Plant sale order form is also available online at [www.saswcd.org](http://www.saswcd.org). Planting information will be provided day of order pick-up but we welcome your plant or planting

*Why Bare-Root Plants?* Bare roots will never be pot bound (a common problem for container grown plants), nor will they arrive with any hitchhiking pests or diseases from tainted soil or foliage, an extra bonus with threats from such invasive species as the *Amyntus* “jumping” worm. In addition, there are usually greater plant variety options. Most trees and shrubs have been field grown for over a year or more before they are harvested during the dormant period. The soil is washed clean from the roots and the branches are usually pruned back for ease of shipping. In storage, they’re kept cool to keep them dormant and are received the same way by us for planting in spring. Last but not least, bare root eliminates transplant shock, making the transition to your garden (hopefully) trouble free.

*For additional information on Maine’s invasive plants, including the state’s updated “Do Not Sell List” and related invasive pests, check out [www.maine.gov/dacf/php/horticulture/growerresources.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/horticulture/growerresources.shtml)*

**Rosa spp.** Not only are roses regarded as icons of love and beauty, their leaves, petals, hips and roots all have medicinal properties. Of the varieties offered, one is a *Rosa gallica*, grown in Europe before 1800 and referred to as “Old World” and the others are hybrids, known as “Modern” roses and more common in gardens today. (9-18”)

**‘Tuscany Superb’ *R. gallica* Order 515A** 4-5’x4’. Moderately fragrant velvety semi-double dark red to crimson flowers. Petals retain fragrance when dried and are used medicinally and in potpourri. Easy to grow with a sometimes low-suckering habit. Will tolerate poor soil, sun or partial shade. Very tough. Z3/4 **\$23.50**



**‘Chloris’ *R. alba* Order 508A** 6-8’x4-6’ Thornless and fragrant with double flowers that look ruffled from afar. Outer petal edges are white with med-pink centers. Foliage is highly resistant to black spot and powdery mildew. Hardy thornless rose with strong upright habit. Z4 **\$23.50**

**‘Chinook Sunrise’ *R.* Order 510A** 4-6’xsame Complex hybrid. Exquisite multicolored rose from Canada’s 49th Parallel Series. From June until frost, apricot buds open to semi-double 2-3” blossoms with coral-pink center petals, fading to soft pink at blossom’s end. Glossy deep green leaves are black-spot resistant. Low-maintenance non-suckering shrub rose. Z4, maybe Z3. **\$23.50**



### Other Roots and Plants

**Asparagus *Asparagus officinalis*** A spring staple for millennia.(1-yr crowns)

**‘Mary Washington’ Order L561A** Heirloom variety, 1919. Large early green stalks tolerate heat well and demonstrate good resistance to rust. Vigorous and uniform and parent to many modern varieties. Very winter hardy. Z3/4 **bundle of 25, \$40.00**

**‘Purple Passion’ Order L562A** Developed from an Italian heirloom. Large deep purple stalk with creamy white interior. Sweet and less stringy than its green counterparts and tender enough to eat raw in salads. Purple turns green when cooked. Z4 **bundle of 25, \$40.00**



**Garden Peony *Paeonia lactiflora***

**‘Festiva Maxima’ Order L727B** 36” tall introduced in 1851. Heavenly scented large double white flowers with a light crimson drizzle center of petals. Early season blooms. 2-3 eyes. **2/ \$22.25**



**‘Dr. Alexander Fleming’ Order L726B** 36” tall Large double deep rose blooms prized for its sweet

## Other Roots and Plants, continued



**Cardinal Flower** *Lobelia cardinalis* **Order L720A** 4' tall Gorgeous native wildflower that form deep green rosettes before producing tall unbranched stems with tubular scarlet flowers that are irresistible to hummingbirds and butterflies. Best planted in light shade to full sun in consistently moist soil. Z3 3/\$12.00

**Globeflower Sunshine Mix** *Trollius* **Order L741A** 24" tall SASWCD's district manager added this to her perennial garden and loves the orangey-yellow double flowers that bloom in late spring, on stems above foliage that forms a mound. Excellent for cutting. Plant 8-12" apart in moist heavy soil, full sun to part shade. Z3 3/\$16.00



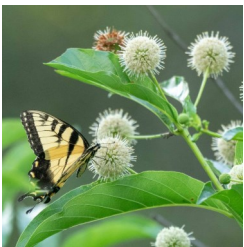
**'Lucifer'** *Crocsmia x crocosmiiflora* **Order L768A** 24-36" tall. Glows in the garden! While a tender summer bulb, these midsummer sprays of bright red flowers are like bursts of flame above gladiolus-like foliage. Also grows well in pots and makes a long-lasting cut flower. Plant in full sun, 3" deep in moist well-drained soil. Can dig up bulbs in the fall and overwinter or treat as an annual. **10/\$11.50**

When we think of planting flowers, whether it is for pollinators or for our own visual pleasure, we like how Jen Ries of Fedco Trees describes it: "Adding beauty to the landscape softens us and opens us to more loving kindness in our lives."

## Flowering Shrubs and Small Fruits and Berries

**'Blizzard' Mockorange** *Philadelphus lewisii* **Order 501A** 4'-4' Med-sized coarse upright loosely arching ornamental blooming shrub. Blooms with a "blizzard" of sweet citrusy fragrance from pure white slightly cupped 4-petaled blossoms for up to 4 weeks in late spring. Prefers moist, well-drained soils with full sun to partial shade. Native to North America. (1-3') Z3 **\$17.00**

**Witch Hazel** *Hamamelis virginiana* **Order 490A** 8-20'x same A small irregular rounded fall-flowering medicinal tree or large shrub. Quirky yellow flowers appear in early to mid-November. Known for its many uses as an astringent. Full sun or shade, prefers moist acid soils. Native from Canada to Georgia. (1-3') Z3 **\$20.00**



**Buttonbush** *Cephalanthus occidentalis* **Order 477A** 6-10'x8' Loose rounded branchy shrub with masses of unusual spherical fragrant white flowers that appear for 4-6 weeks in summer. Highly ornamental blooms do well in dried flower arrangements and seeds make good duck fodder in the fall. Often found along the shore of New England's rivers and ponds. Recommended in hedges for naturalizing. Native from eastern US to New Mexico. (1-3') ME grown. Z4 **\$19.25**

**Saskatoons 'Lee #8'** *Amelanchier alnifolia* **Order 357A** 6x6' Also called Juneberry, Shadbush, and Serviceberry. Beautiful fragrant 5 petaled white flowers are early harbingers of spring. Clusters of berries are mildly sweet and tasty. Large yields on upright shrub with loose arching branches. Light green new leaves contrast beautifully against older dark green lower leaves. Crossed between two popular cultivars and used for fruit production in Canada, where there are saskatoon festivals held each year. ME grown. (1-3') Z3 **\$19.25**



**Raspberry 'Latham'** **Order 393A** A standard raspberry for more than a century, extremely popular and widely grown. Large bright red 1" fruit is full-flavored and aromatic. Great for fresh eating, canning, freezing, jam, juice, or pie. Ripens over an extended season making it an ideal candidate for the home garden. Productive canes not as spiny as most raspberries. Very winter hardy and disease resistant. Z3 **bundle of 10-\$40.00**

**Grapes** *Vitis spp.* **'Brianna'** **Order 400A** Early-Mid. High-quality fresh eating and white wine grape with medium-large thick-skinned gold berries in tight clusters. Vigorous vines are easy to manage. Z3/4 **\$18.00**

**Strawberries 'Sparkle'** **Order L385A** Mid-Late. The best-tasting strawberry. Soft small to medium berries make delicious fresh eating and also excellent for jams and freezing. Moderate crop yields. Resistant to most strains of red stele. Blooms late so rarely affected by a spring frost. Z3 **bundle of 50-\$30.00**

## Fruit Trees (2 1/2 - 6' trees)

**Peaches** *P. persica* 'Contender' **Order 307A** Late. We've shied away from offering peaches in the past but Contender is proving to be hardy in northern Maine, blooming quite late, thus standing a better chance to escape late spring frosts. Large round red and yellow freestone fruit and aromatic yellow flesh. Resistant to leaf spot. Z4, maybe Z3. **\$38.50**

**Pears** *Pyrus communis* 'Summercrisp' **Order 267A** Midsummer. Large very sweet dessert and canning pear with green skin and red blush. Ripens in August in Maine. Eat fresh, can or juice. Annually bearing tree, with typically conic habit. Considered the hardiest variety in MN collection. Free from fireblight. ME grown. Z3 **\$38.00**

**Apples - *Malus* spp.** ME Grown, Z3

**Duchess of Oldenburg Order 118A** Late summer. Russian apple from before 1800 and in North America since 1825. Med-sized red-striped fruit is crisp, tender, juicy, and aromatic. Highly recommended for all sorts of cooking. Does best in northern Maine climate and once common in Aroostook orchards. Extremely hardy. Scab resistant. Blooms early-midseason. On standard rootstock. **\$38.50**

**Sweet Sixteen Order 172B** Fall. (Frostbite x Northern Spy) If you like Pink Lady apples, then Sweet Sixteen is the apple to grow. Flavor is unusually complex combination of sweet, nutty, and spicy flavors. Truly excellent fresh eating and sweet! Also good for pies and sauce. Med-sized fruit, striped and washed with rose-red. Very hardy vigorous vase-shaped tree grows upright. Best grown in northern climates. Fruit keeps until midwinter. Some resistance to scab. Blooms mid-late season. On B118 semi-dwarf rootstock. **\$38.50**

## Shade Trees

**White Oak** *Quercus alba* **Order 442A** 50-80' x same. Spectacular broad oak with low-lying branches that stretch out horizontally from the trunk. Soil adaptable, though prefers deep moist well-drained acid conditions and full sun. Thrives where fallen leaves can be left around the base, avoid soil compaction. Disease and insect resistant, drought tolerant. Slow growing and extremely long-lived. (1-3') Z3 **\$21.00**

**Swamp White Oak** *Q. bicolor* **Order 443A** 50-60' x same. Massive rounded shade tree with deeply ridged trunk and a fan of branches. Its large 1 1/2" sweet acorns are highly attractive to wildlife, particularly waterfowl, sapsuckers and squirrels. Yellow to reddish fall foliage persists until spring. Prefers acid soil where drainage is poor but exhibits excellent drought resistance as well. Fast growing once established. (1-3') Z3 **\$21.00**

**Bur Oak** *Q. macrocarpa* **Order 444A** 70-80' x same. Hardest of the white oaks with deeply grooved trunk and wide-spreading crown. Upright habit and somewhat vase-shaped. The most urban-tolerant oak. Fairly fast growing. Needs full sun but adaptable to a wide range of soil types. (1-3') Z3 **\$21.00**

**Northern Pin Oak** *Q. palustris* **Order 445A** 50-70' x 40-60' Fast-growing oak of the red oak family. Deep glossy green foliage turns scarlet red in fall. Pyramidal form when younger becomes open and rounded in maturity. Prefers full sun and tolerates a wide variety of soil conditions from sandy to wet clay, and even seasonal flooding. (*palustris* means 'marsh loving') (1-3') Z4 **\$18.00**



**American Linden** *Tilia americana* **Order 448A** 60-80' x same. Also known as Basswood. Tall stately long-lived tree with rounded crown and numerous low-hung spreading branches. Sweetly fragrant yellow June flowers will attract all the bees in the neighborhood, make the best honey and an after-dinner tea as a stomach remedy. Excellent carving wood. Yellow fall color. Prefers deep rich moist soils. Full sun or partial shade. Native from New Brunswick to Virginia. ME grown. (2-4') Z3 **\$21.00**



**2023 Holdovers!:** We are offering a few trees left over from last year's sale that were heeled-in a planting bed and grown out for an additional year. Limited quantities available. Trees reflect discounted price from original.

**'Princeton' American Elm** *Ulmus americana* **Order SWCD1** 60x70' Princeton Nursery intro, 1922. Princeton has good resistance to Dutch elm disease and elm leaf beetles. Large trunk with an immense vase-shaped canopy. A wonderful shade tree in our northern climate. Soil adaptable and salt and drought tolerant. ME grown. Z4 **\$32.00**

**Sugar Maple** *Acer saccharum* **Order SWCD2** 70-100' Largest of our native maples, valued for shade, syrup, and lumber. Huge upright spreading form with light grey bark. Shade tolerant. (5-10" seedlings) Z3 **\$2.50**

**Blue Spruce** *Picea pungens* **Order SWCD3** 60-80' Native to Rocky Mountains. Will grow on a variety of sites and tolerate a wide range of growing conditions. Pyramidal in shape with foliage coloration varying from silver-blue to blue-green. (7-12" seedlings) Z2 **\$3.00**

### ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

ORDER #	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
<b>Return order by March 15 with check or cash payment to:</b>			SUBTOTAL	
Southern Aroostook SWCD			Tax 5.5% (on subtotal only)	
304 North St, Houlton, ME 04730 Tel 254-4126			Shipping (flat fee)	\$3.00
angela.wotton@me.nacdnet.net www.saswcd.org			<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	