



Southern Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District

2024 Spring Plant Sale - CURRENT AVAILABILITY

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. 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

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 scent and impressive number of sidebuds. A must-have for your cutflower collection. Mid to late blooms. 3-5 eyes. **2/\$22.25**

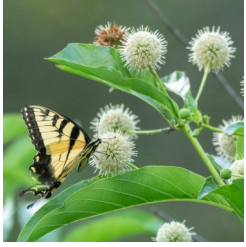
‘Lucifer’ *Crocsmia x crocosmiiflora* **Order L768A** 24-36” tall. Glows in the garden! While a tender summer bulb, these midsummer sprays of bright red flowers are like bursts of flame above gladiolus-like foliage. Also grows well in pots and makes a long-lasting cut flower. Plant in full sun, 3” deep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

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**

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."



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**

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**

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**



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**

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ORDER FORM

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ORDER #	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Return order by March 15 with check or cash payment to: Southern Aroostook SWCD 304 North St, Houlton, ME 04730 Tel 254-4126	SUBTOTAL			
	Tax 5.5% (on subtotal only)			
	Shipping (flat fee)			\$3.00
	TOTAL DUE			