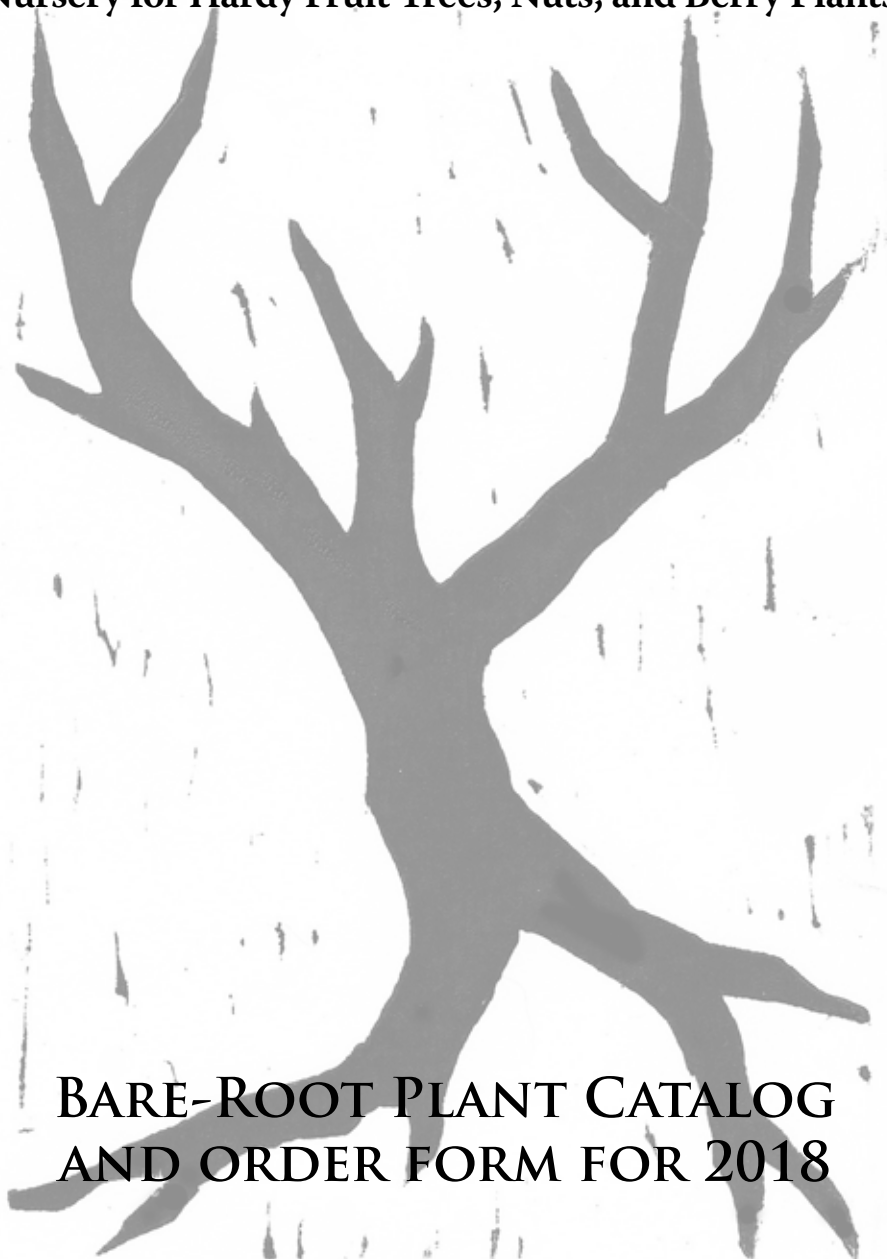


EAST HILL TREE FARM

Nursery for Hardy Fruit Trees, Nuts, and Berry Plants



BARE-ROOT PLANT CATALOG AND ORDER FORM FOR 2018

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Happy Winter!

The season's deep cold tests the hardiness of both plants and people. We bide our time by the fire and dream of getting our hands back into the soil. During these darkest months, we hope this catalog brightens your days with visions of flowers and fruit.

The Green Monster is coming.

In our efforts to provide our community the highest quality plants at a reasonable price, we offer a selection of fruit trees, nut trees, and berry plants as bare-roots for pre-order.

What are bare-root plants? They are just that, dormant, healthy plants with little or no soil on their roots. They need to be planted promptly but can be kept several days if the roots are kept cool and moist (not freezing). Bare-root trees are a great value and perform well.

All plants must be pre-ordered by March 23 and picked up on your chosen weekend, April 21-22 or April 28-29. Additional plants will be available for purchase bare-root at the nursery when you come to pick up your order.

We will have our complete selection of potted plants through the rest of the season.

How to order: Please mail in the order-form with check or payment information no later than March 23. Plants will be available for pick-up on the weekend you select, April 21-22 or April 28-39. Most orders should fit comfortably in a station wagon or hatchback vehicle. Plant as soon as possible. Please contact Nicko with any questions.

A FEW RECOMMENDED NON-PLANT ITEMS:

FENCING KIT

\$25 each

Everything you need to protect your tree from deer and rodents. A 6 ft tall ring of welded wire fencing, stakes, and a rodent screen. We put one on every fruit tree we plant.

RODENT SCREENS

\$2 each

A large square of aluminum screen

rolled around the base of the trunk to prevent rodent damage. Important!

TREE MINERAL MIX

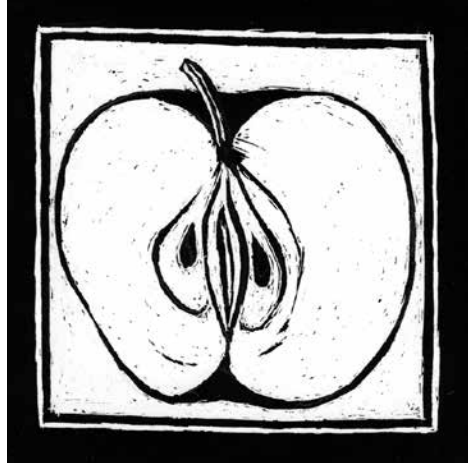
6# for \$6

Our custom blend of greensand, gypsum, rock phosphate, potash, sul-po-mag, kelp, azomite and peanut meal. Perfect for ensuring your trees get off to a good start. Mix 3lbs in the hole and scratch 3lbs in on the soil surface.

APPLES

3-5 ft trees \$30

Apples thrive in Vermont. You need to have **at least two different trees for pollination**; however, apples are common enough in Vermont that you can often get away with planting one if a neighbor has a few trees. Wild trees or crab apples growing nearby can also serve as pollinators. More pollen often means more and larger fruit. Plant in a well drained spot with good sun. Varieties listed as 'heirloom' originated before 1900. Trees with notable disease resistance are marked with a 'Y' in the D.R. column.



If planting a few trees consider selecting varieties with different uses or ripening times. If planning to make hard cider add a cider variety or two to blend with more typical dessert fruit.

Apple Rootstock Information

Most all fruit trees are propagated via grafting. A branch or bud (scion) of a specific variety is attached to a compatible root-system (rootstock). The rootstock determines size and some growth characteristics of the tree. We offer trees on standard and semidwarf rootstocks. Full-dwarf trees may be available upon request.

We recommend standard trees for their robustness and longevity.

Semidwarf trees may come into full bearing sooner than standards and do not grow as large (about 15 ft with pruning). However, they are typically not as long lived or well anchored. Semidwarf trees must have some pruning and may need staking. Semidwarf trees may not be hardy in the coldest parts of the state. We recommend semidwarf trees for those willing to undertake a little more management or those with limited space.

Full size trees should be planted 25-35 feet apart.

Semi-dwarf trees (M7 or M111) 12-25 feet apart.

M7: Semidwarf (50-65% standard), reliably productive, hardy and quick to bear. May need staking early in life. Great where space is tight.

M111: Semidwarf or semi-standard (85% standard) Vigorous and adaptable disease resistant rootstock. Needs no staking.

Standard: We graft onto Antaonovka rootstock which produces vigorous and disease resistant full size trees. With a little TLC these trees can last generations.

APPLE VARIETIES

Variety	Season	Rootstock	D.R.	Description
Bethel	October	Standard		Heirloom from Bethel VT. Red striped fruit are crunchy with a rich sweet flavor. very little acidity when fully ripe. 100+ year old specimen here on the farm.
Black Oxford	October	Standard		Gorgeous deep purple fruit with yellow flesh and excellent intense sweet tart flavor. American heirloom. Keeper.
Blue Pearmain	August-September	Standard	Y	Red fruit, great for baking. Makes a beautiful red sauce. Good for fresh eating. Vigorous. Ripens over a long period. Resistant to scab. Heirloom.
Centennial Crab	Late August	Standard		Lovely red over orange 1.5 to 2 inch fruit stand out for their superb spritely flavor. Perfect for fresh eating.
Chestnut Crab	September	Standard		Very sweet and flavorful small apples. Zippy and perhaps a little nutty. Excellent for fresh eating cider and preserves.
Cortland	September	Standard		Popular crisp tart old variety. Great fresh eating and baking.
Cox Orange Pippin	October	Standard		Heirloom famous for its bright sprightly aromatic flavor and high sugar. A parent of many many newer varieties.
Crimson Topaz	Late September	Standard	Y	New disease resistant variety with crisp juicy flesh and good sweet sharp flavor. Easy to grow good quality fruit.
Criterion	October	Standard		Tart, tangy and resistant to browning. Excellent eating cooking or cider. Yellow with a red blush.
Dayton	August	Standard and M7	Y	A firm, sweet, juicy, red apple, mild slightly tart flavor. Highly scab resistant. An excellent backyard apple.
Dolgo	Late August	Standard		A lovely flowering crab, produces sweet, flavorful 1 inch apples. Great for jelly.
Duchess	August-September	Standard		Tart and juicy large red fruit are good for fresh eating but outstanding for pies and sauce. Bears abundantly. Heirloom.
Frostbite	September-October	Standard	Y	Formerly 'MN 447'. Small striped red over yellow fruit are extremely sweet with intense, tropical molasses flavor. Crisp, firm, and juicy. Excellent for cider.

APPLE VARIETIES *(continued)*

Variety	Season	Rootstock	D.R.	Description
Golden Russet	September-October	Standard and M7		Very sweet hard fruit, stores well into winter. One of the best sweet sharp cider varieties. Heirloom.
Goldrush	Late October	M111	Y	Crisp, sweet, and flavorful. Highly disease resistant and a great (the best?) keeper. Flavor improves with storage.
Haralred	Early October	Standard	Y	Hard crisp apples which keep into winter. Good for cooking and fresh eating. Prone to biennial bearing once mature. Naturally stays 15-20'. Hardy.
Honeycrisp	Late September	Standard		Exciting, super-crisp and juicy apple variety. Large, tasty, attractive fruit stores into winter.
Hudson's Golden Gem	October	Standard and M111	Y	Large conical russeted fruit are sweet, tart, and flavorful. A winner. Keeps well.
Juicebox	September	Standard		The first East Hill introduction. Explosively juicy, crunchy, sweet, and highly flavorful small yellow apples. Quick to bear. Perfect for filling pockets.
Kingston Black	October	M111		Quintessential cider variety. A great balance of sweet, sharp, and tannin. Medium sized deep red fruit.
Liberty	Late September	M7	Y	Consistently very productive. Resistant to scab and cedar apple rust. Crisp, juicy, and sweet. Keeps well. Robust and vigorous. Excellent for a home orchard.
Northern Spy	October-november	Standard		Red striped fruit are large, juicy, and crisp. A vigorous and beloved old American heirloom. Slow to bear. Keeper. Hardy.
Pear Apple	October	Standard	Y	An E. Montpelier heirloom. Almost fully russeted, over light green. Very firm sweet and flavorful. Great for fresh eating and pies. Hardy, vigorous grower.
Pixi	September-October	Standard and M7	Y	Smallish (2 in) red/purple fruit of this new disease resistant variety are sweet with a bright spritely flavor. We love it.
Red Baron	Late September	Standard	Y	Hardy, productive, quick to start bearing. Striped red fruit are sweet and mild. Good for fresh eating, pies, and sauce. Some resistant to scab and fireblight.

APPLE VARIETIES *(continued)*

Variety	Season	Rootstock	D.R.	Description
Reine De Reinette	September	Standard and M7		Firm fleshed apple with big fruity flavor. Juicy, sweet, and tart. Light russet over red blushed fruit. In the slow food 'Ark of Taste'. Heirloom
RI Greening	October	Standard		One of the oldest American apples. Quintessential pie fruit. Firm and flavorful. Tart green fruit store well.
Roxbury Russet	Late September - October	Standard and M111	Y	Perhaps the oldest American apple. Medium-small fruit have crisp, coarse flesh with very sweet, pleasant tartness. Great hard cider. Stores well.
RubINETTE	September-October	M111		A cross between golden delicious and cox orange pippin. Perhaps our best tasting apple. Red orange striped over yellow with light russetting.
Sweet Sixteen	Late September	Standard, M7 and B9		A red striped apple with excellent unusual flavor "like cherry candy". Resistant to fireblight and somewhat resistant to scab.
Westfield Seek-No-Further	September	Standard		Rich honey flavor, slightly buttery but firm texture. Mildly tart. Very good all purpose apple. Heirloom.
Williams Pride	August-September	Standard	Y	Spicy, full flavored scab immune early apple. Medium red fruit.
Winecrisp	October	M7	Y	Outstanding crisp fruity flavor comes from Cox parentage. Deep red color. Resistant to scab and fireblight.
Yarlington Mill	October	Standard		Bittersweet cider variety. Heavy cropping. Good aroma. Large red over yellow fruit.
Zabergau	October	Standard and M7		A big crunchy russet packed with a zing of sweet sharp flavor. A new favorite. Keeps well.
Zestar!	Late August	Standard		Exceptionally sweet and flavorful new variety. Excellent for fresh eating and cooking. Stores well for an early apple. Resistant to fireblight.

PEARS

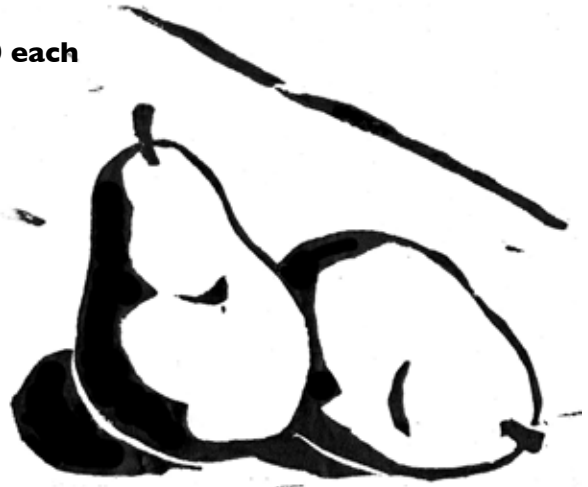
5-6 ft branched trees \$30 each

Pear trees and fruit suffer from fewer pests and diseases than apple trees, making it easier to grow high quality fruit. Plant 20-30 feet apart.

Pear Pollination:

Some varieties produce very little pollen, making them poor pollinators for other pears.

Plant at least two different varieties for pollination. If planting a poor pollinator, plant at least two other varieties. The more the merrier!



The two different strains of pear, *communis* (European) and *ussuriensis* (Siberian), flower at slightly different times and will not reliably pollinate each other. Plant *communis* types with *communis* types, and *ussuriensis* types with *ussuriensis* types for most reliable fruit set. *Ussuriensis* types will often grow to be larger trees (25 or more ft tall), *Communis* types are grafted on a semidwarf rootstock (OHF 87 or 97) and may be kept under 20 ft.

PEAR VARIETIES

Variety	Season	Pollination	Fireblight	Description
Beierschmidt	September	<i>Communis</i>	Resistant	Hardy seedling of bartlett. Firm, very juicy, and sweet. Skin too tender for commercial handling. A real treat for those with space in the back yard.
Early Gold	August	<i>Ussuriensis</i>		Small Golden-yellow 1.5" tasty fruit good for fresh eating and preserves. Very hardy. Prolific flowering.
Golden Spice	September	<i>Ussuriensis</i>		Heavy flowering hardy tree produces smallish spicy yellow pears good for canning, cooking, and spicing.
Harrow's Delight	Late september	<i>Communis</i>	Resistant	Smooth sweet flavorful flesh, Perhaps most similar to bartlett. Fireblight and scab resistant.
Luscious	September-October	<i>Communis</i> Poor Pollinator	Resistant	Hardy, exceptionally delicious pears. Sweet juicy medium sized smooth fleshed fruits. Everything I have ever wanted in a pear.

PEAR VARIETIES *(continued)*

Variety	Season	Pollination	Fireblight	Description
Patten	September	<i>Communis</i> Good Pollinator		The large fruit are very tender and juicy. Vigorous sprawling habit.
Savignac	September		Resistant	Sweet, juicy and disease resistant. Fruit is relatively round. Very Hardy.
Seckel	Early October	<i>Communis</i> Self-fertile	Resistant	Also known as 'sugar pears'. Firm sweet fruit are very well suited to cooking and canning. Fruit keep well, often into late December.
Shipova (limited)	Late September	Self-fertile	Resistant	An unusual cross between pear and mountain ash. The 2" pear-like fruit is sweet and buttery. Very slow to begin bearing.
Stacyville	September	<i>Communis</i>		Heavy producer of medium yellow pears with a red blush. pick in August and ripen off the tree. Vigorous and hardy.
Summercrisp	August	<i>Communis</i> Good Pollinator May pollinate <i>Ussuriensis</i> types		Crisp juicy fruits with mild flavor. Harvest and eat early while flesh is firm. Fruit stores two months when picked early.
Tawara	Early September	Partially Self-fertile improved with <i>Communis</i>		A new hardy asian pear variety. Crisp and sweet and delicious. Hardy to -30.
Tyson	September		Resistant	Delicious creamy fruit make great fresh eating. Vigorous, annually productive, and hardy.
Ure	Late September	<i>Ussuriensis</i>	Resistant	Green yellow 2" fruit are very juicy, good for eating and canning. Sturdy trees are extremely hardy.

Custom Grafting: We can graft and grow a new tree from your beloved old heirloom or graft hundreds to plant out your hard cider orchard. Contact us for more information.

BARE-ROOT ORDER FORM 2018

EAST HILL TREE FARM

3499 East Hill Rd Plainfield, VT, 05667

Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

Town, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

All orders must be picked up at East Hill Tree Farm on one of the appointed weekends between 9AM and 4:30PM.

I will pick up my plants the weekend of April 21-22 ____

I will pick up my plants the weekend of April 28-29 ____

Will you accept a substitution of a similar variety if the one you have selected is sold out?

Yes, substitutions are fine ____ No substitutions please ____

Quantity	Item	Price	Total

PLUMS

5-6 ft branched trees \$30 each

Plums grow well in Central Vermont. They are beautiful flowering trees worth planting as ornamentals. Many varieties start bearing their sweet, juicy fruit in as little as one or two years after planting. Coating developing fruit with kaolin clay (surround® spray) just after petal drop can dramatically reduce fruit loss to the pest plum curculio.



For best pollination, plant three or more varieties relatively close together (8-15 feet). Mount Royal and Stanley are self-fertile and may be planted singly.

PLUM VARIETIES

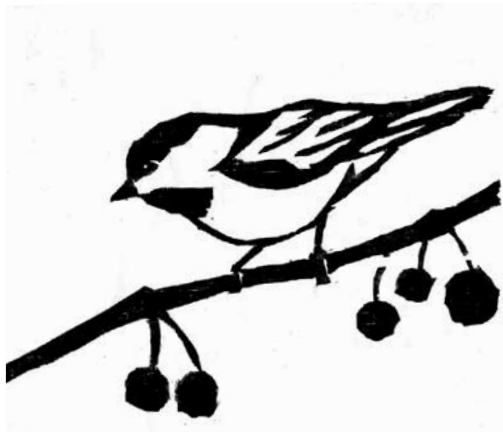
Variety	Description
Alderman	Large, bright red fruit are soft and sweet. Excellent fresh eating and cooking. Quick to start bearing.
Black Ice	Very hardy, dark purple plum with red flesh. Close to the Japanese plums of CA. Compact weepy growth pattern.
Compass	A cross between a cherry and plum. Excels for jams, jellies, and sauces. Good fresh eating. Skin is tart. Very hardy and quick to bear. Pollinate with Sapahta.
La Crescent	Tender smallish, yellow-orange plums, excellent for fresh eating and preserves. Ripens early. Vigorous grower. An East Hill favorite.
Mount Royal	European prune type plum. Tender and juicy. Good for fresh eating or cooking and preserves. Handsome growth pattern. Hardy. Self-fertile.
Pipestone	Large red fruit with gold flesh. Juicy, with excellent sweet flavor. Extremely hardy.
Sapahta	A cross between a cherry and plum. Dense purple flesh and purple skin are delicious for fresh eating. Freestone. Pollinate with Compass.
Stanley	Dark blue freestone fruits are excellent fresh eating, cooking, canning, and drying. The classic European plum. Not for the coldest locations. Self-fertile.
Superior	Medium dark red fruit are sweet, juicy, and excellent for fresh eating. Trees are vigorous, hardy, and heavy-bearing.
Toka	Medium-size, red-orange fruit are very sweet with fantastic floral candy flavor. Extremely hardy. Excellent pollinator; recommended for every plum patch.
Waneta	Large red plums with yellow flesh are sweet and juicy. Fruit hold up ok after picking. Extremely hardy. Extremely prolific.

Looking for something else? Let us know, we may have it or be able to find it for you. Please inquire for volume discounts.

CHERRIES

4-6 ft branched trees \$30 each

The hardiest cherries are considered “**tart cherries**” or “**pie cherries**”, but we enjoy eating them fresh out of hand. They are often short-lived (12-25 years) but very beautiful, small trees (10-15 feet) with prolific, early, spring flowers, shiny, maroon bark, and glossy foliage. Cherries prefer very well-drained soils and full sun. They are a lovely garden tree and will be very happy on the north edge of the vegetable garden or in the midst of your perennials.



A few **sweet cherries** are now consistently listed as zone 4 hardy. We are offering Lapin and Stella, they are worth a shot here and should be reliable in slightly warmer areas such as the Champlain Valley. These trees are vigorous growers and if unpruned can easily reach 20 feet. Protect from birds and revel in fruit.

The Cherries we offer are all self-fertile, they do not need a pollinator.

CHERRY VARIETIES

Variety	Season	Pollination	Description
Evans Bali	August	Self-fertile	Fruits in August, late for a cherry, often making it easier to get to the fruits before the birds. Very hardy. Sweet for a tart cherry, excellent for fresh eating and baking.
Mesabi	July	Self-fertile	Lovely densely growing pyramidal tree grows to about 12'. Bright red fruit are sweet for a tart cherry.
Meteor	July	Self-fertile	A hardy cherry good for eating right off the tree. Likely a cross between a sweet and tart cherry. Good for pies and freezing. A natural dwarf.
Montmorency	July	Self-fertile	Large, tart, red fruit. Excellent for pie or preserves. Vigorous and productive.
Sweet cherry pie	July	Self-fertile	New variety we are trying out. Reportedly the sweetest cherries of any of the pie cherries. Grows to 15'.
Lapin (sweet)	Early July	Self-fertile	Deep red cherries are very large, very sweet and very juicy. Try it in a warm zone 4.
Stella (sweet)	Late July	Self-fertile	Hardy wood and more tender fruit buds. Vigorous tree and heavy producer of sweet heart-shaped black fruit.

PEACHES 4-6 ft branched trees \$30 each

Peaches are not hardy in Central Vermont. They are quick to flower and fruit so given a good site and a mild winter may bear heavily. 2017 was a banner year. We offer the hardiest varieties for those willing to give them a try.

PEACH VARIETIES

Variety	Season	Pollination	Description
Contender	Late August	Self-fertile	A new hardy peach. Blooms late. Reportedly productive in Calais. Sweet, and extremely juicy.
PF-24C	Late August	Self-fertile	C' is for cold-hardy. Despite the unflattering name PF-24C produced the best peaches here on the farm.
Reliance	Late August	Self-fertile	Developed by Irwin Meader in NH. Reputedly the hardiest peach variety. Large crops of sweet, awesome peaches.

NUT TREES

Nuts provide essential food for mammal and bird species and are a resilient source of high quality fat and protein. We offer a range of nut trees well suited to Central Vermont.

CHESTNUT 4 ft \$39 each

Our Chestnut supply is limited this year. More plants will be available in the fall 2018 or spring 2019.

Hybrid Chestnut:

Selected for vigor, productivity, and nut quality. Disease resistant. Nuts are larger than typical American. Trialing for hardiness here in zone 4. Bare-root only.

HAZELNUT

3 ft \$16 each

The most reliable nut producer for our area. These vigorous shrubs to produce sweet oil rich nuts in 3-5 years. Plant at least two 4-10 ft apart for pollination.

Hybrid Hazelnut:

A complex cross selected for disease resistance and productivity. Somewhat variable in form and productivity, some producing clusters of 8 or more nuts.

Hazelbert:

An American European cross. More consistent dense upright growth pattern with relatively large nuts. Stock is 2', slightly smaller than the hybrid hazels.

BLACK WALNUT

12-18 in \$12 each

Walnuts make beautiful yard trees.

Larger trees are very difficult to transplant. Once the taproot is established trees can grow quickly. The rich, oily, high protein nuts are great people and wildlife alike. Also cherished for high quality timber. Bare-root only.

OAKS

18-24 in \$15 each

A variety of oaks thrive in Central Vermont. A fantastic tree for all sorts of wildlife. Plan for a very big tree.

Burgambel Oak: A fast growing, hardy, and productive cross between bur and gambelli oak.

Red Oak: Fast growing and hardy. The most common local oak. Frequently found along the Winooski.

Swamp White Oak: A fast growing white oak adaptable to wetter soils.

BLUEBERRIES

2 year plugs \$15 each

A delicious and much loved North American native. Blueberries are worth planting by the dozen. Everyone and their grandparents should have put in a blueberry patch 15 years ago. The least we can do is plant a patch today.

Blueberries need an acidic soil (PH 4.5 - 5.5) and prefer a well drained site with good fungal activity. Amend soil with **sulfur**, peat moss, compost, and mulch. Though they will tolerate some shade, fruit production improves dramatically with full sun. Blueberries are somewhat self-fertile but fruit are larger and more abundant with a few different varieties.

Add **sulfur** to your order for \$1/plant (sulfur is suitable for organic production). Strongly recommended.



Variety	Season	Berry size	Description
Bluecrop	Mid	Large	Excellent all around variety, consistent yields, disease resistance, and high quality medium-large fruit. Sweet fruits ripen over a long period. Excellent flavor, great fresh or frozen.
Bluegold	Mid	Medium-large	Forms large clusters of uniformly ripening delicious berries for fast picking. Grows compactly with yellow-gold stems.
Blueray	Early-mid	Large	Large berries with excellent flavor, consistent producer. Great ornamental qualities.
Duke	Early	Large	Our earliest ripening variety. Consistent heavy yields can make branches droop. May be risky in the coldest Vermont locations.
Jersey	Late	Medium	One of the oldest blueberry varieties. Easy-to-grow, producing heavy crops of very sweet fruit. Very good for baking. Excellent for home gardeners.
Northland	Early-mid	Medium	A highly productive half-high variety (3-4'). Wild blueberry flavor. Vigorous, spreading, suckering growth pattern keeps wood young and clusters fat. Very hardy.
Patriot	Early	Very large	Excellent flavor on an open vigorous plant. Slightly squat berries. Fruits early in the season.
Reka	Early	Medium	Fast growing and adaptable to heavier soil types. Heavy yields of highly flavorful dark berries. We are planting another row of Reka.

BLUEBERRY BARGAIN: Choose any 6 blueberries for \$79 or 12 blueberries for and \$129 get sulfur for planting free!

JUNEBERRIES

Also known as serviceberry, saskatoon, or shadbush, this native berry-producing shrub has some of the earliest spring flowers. Delicious berries (think almond cherry blueberry). Plants do best in a warm dry location.

Autumn Billiance: **\$39 each**

An upright selection with great fall color and slightly better scab resistance.

Regent: **\$19 each**

A productive suckering shrub variety, selected for heavy flowering and good fruit production. Grows to 4-8 feet.

ARONIA **\$19 each**

White flowers blooming in May, followed by large edible dark purple berries. Super high in iron and antioxidants. Excellent fall color

Viking: Productive with good tasting fruit. Planted for commercial fruit production in Europe and Plainfield.

STRAWBERRIES

10 for \$5 or 25 for \$12

Strawberries thrive in well drained soil in full sun, a raised bed in the garden is a great place for them or under newly planted trees or shrubs. Strawberries bear good crops in just one year. Plant 12-18 inches apart.

Cavendish: Early season with excellent flavor and good resistance to disease.

Mara des Bois: Everbearing (bears summer to fall starting the first season) Best flavor and fragrance of any everbearer. Lauded by Alan LePage.

Sparkle: Highly flavorful heirloom variety with small to medium berries

RASPBERRIES

\$3.50 each or 25+ \$2.75 each

Raspberries are quick to start bearing and highly productive. They sucker profusely, making it easy to expand a patch. Remove dead canes in the fall to

keep the patch healthy.

Boyne: Excellent flavored hardy and long lived variety. Highly productive though berries are tender and slightly smaller than Prelude.

Polana: Early for a fall-bearing (primocane) variety, well-suited to Central Vermont. Firm large berries with good flavor. Cut all canes to the ground in early winter for the best fall crop.

Prelude: Earliest summer variety. Round firm berries with excellent flavor. May bear a fall crop given a long season.

BLACK RASPBERRIES **\$7 each**

Awesome plant, awesome fruit.

Underrated and underplanted. Selected cultivars are dramatically more productive than the wild with larger fruit. The canes don't sucker but grow wildly and need support.

Bristol: Firm fruit with excellent flavor. Productive and vigorous.

\$4 each

BLACKBERRIES

Planted in fertile soil with full sun blackberries will grow, spread, and produce huge crops. Our plants are a hardy productive local strain. Crops suffer following temperatures below -25 degrees. Give them plenty of space and let them loose.

ELDERBERRIES **\$12 each**

Elderberry is rapidly gaining popularity for its edible and medicinal qualities. Shrubs are of high value to wildlife and pollinators. The following selected varieties have improved flavor and fruit set. Plants should begin to produce two years after planting.

Adams: Selected for good yields of large fruit produced in large clusters.

Johns: High yields of sweet tangy berries.

Nova: A slightly smaller plant. Large, sweet, blue fruit ripen slightly earlier.

CURRANTS AND GOOSEBERRIES 2 yr rooted cuttings \$9 each

Currants and gooseberries have long been popular in Europe. These hardy low shrubs produce clusters of delicious, sweet-tart fruits, excellent for preserves. Many have been selected for resistance to the white pine blister rust. One of the only berries that will produce a good crop in part-shade. They like fertile soils rich in organic matter. Plants are self-fertile, but may produce better crops with a pollinator. Plant 4-6 feet apart.

RED CURRANTS	Rust Resistant	Description
Cherry Red	No	Very hardy and very productive. Mildew resistant. Good as an edible ornamental.
Pink Champagne	Yes	Perhaps the best tasting red currant for fresh eating. Vigorous, upright, and resistant to mildew and rust.
Rovada	Yes	Larger berries borne on long strigs make for easy harvest. Excellent flavor and disease resistance.
BLACK CURRANTS	Rust Resistant	Description
Ben Lomond	Yes	Highly productive commercial variety. Late flowering makes for consistent yields. Considered the best of the "Ben" releases.
Crandall	Yes	Clove currant, not a true black currant. Yellow clove scented flowers and glossy black berries. Sweet and good fresh eating.
Minaj Smyriou	Yes	Disease resistant and vigorous. More mild flavor is rated very highly.
Risager	Yes	New high yielding and highly disease resistant variety. Reportedly excellent flavor.
Titania	Yes	A very high yielding and vigorous new disease resistant variety, reportedly reaching 6 feet. Our currant favorite.
GOOSEBERRIES	Rust Resistant	Description
Hinnomaki Red	No	Large, sweet, dark red berries have tangy skin and sweet flesh. Flavor is excellent. Mildew resistant.
Invicta	Yes	Produces very large grape sized pale green fruit. Sprawling growth habit. Our favorite gooseberry.
Jahn's Prairie	Yes	Medium sized tear drop shaped red berries with great flavor. Slightly more upright growth pattern. Rust resistant.
Jeanne	Yes	Deep red berries. Sweet full flavor. Broad disease resistance.
Jostaberry	Yes	A vigorous, thornless cross between black currant and gooseberry. Berries are similar to gooseberries with excellent sweet tart flavor. Grows to 5-6 feet.

Currants and gooseberries wake up early.

If possible, pick your currants up on our earlier pick up weekend, April 21-22, and plant promptly. They will survive a later planting but perform their best planted sooner.

GRAPES

2 yr plants \$12 each

Grapes thrive in well drained soil and full sun. Grapes are self-fertile. These varieties are selected to thrive in our cold climate and shorter growing season.

Lacrescent: One of the best hardy white wine grapes.

Marquette: A red wine variety. Hardy and disease resistant.

Somerset Seedless: A reliably hardy seedless grape ripens from pink to red. The berries though slightly small have a truly delightful complex flavor.

Bluebell: Extremely hardy and productive. Very similar to concord but hardier and earlier ripening.

FORSYTHIA 18-24 in \$19 each

Northern Gold: Outstanding golden yellow flowers on a hardy upright plant grows 6-8 feet. Let her sprawl!

WINTERBERRY 18 in \$19 each

The best shrub for the winter landscape in Vermont. Female plants are covered in bright red berries persisting well into winter until finally cleaned off by birds. Plant a male and female variety for fruit.

Southern Gentleman: Male pollinator for Winter Red. Pollinates several females.

Winter Red: Bright red fruit cover the winter branches. Does OK in the shade.

FLOWERING CRABS

5-6 ft branched trees \$30 each

Spring flowers, lustrous foliage, and colorful fruit that persists into winter provide terrific year-round interest. Great by the house, watch the birds work the berries.

Prairie Fire Crab: Deep purple-red foliage bright magenta spring flowers. Shiny dark-red bark and purple fruits.

Snowdrift Crab: A hardy low maintenance crab. Pink flower buds erupt into an explosion of white. Glossy

red orange fruit persist into winter.

AMUR MAACKIA 12-18 in \$9 ea

An underappreciated, hardy, fast-growing nitrogen fixing small tree. Delicate green foliage and golden green bark. Bees love the panicles of cream colored flowers.

BLACK LOCUST 12-18 in \$9 ea

A loved and loathed nitrogen-fixing early succession tree. Aromatic flowers in late spring provide an excellent pollen source. Very fast growing, may be weedy.

HONEY LOCUST 3-4 ft \$15 ea

A terrific fast growing shade tree, produces very large seedpods great for livestock.

RUGOSA ROSE 18-2 in \$19 ea

A hardy vigorous rose. Thicket forming habit, pink-red flowers and bright hips are an excellent food source and habitat for birds and bees.

MOUNTAIN ASH 6 ft whip \$30

A lovely yard tree with spring flowers and bright orange-red berries beloved by birds. Known to ward off evil spirits.

LILACS

2 ft \$19 each

The fragrant purple blossoms around old farmhouses are an essential aspect of spring in Vermont.

Common Purple: The classic. Hardy long lived and beautiful.

Ludwig Spaeth: An excellent older cultivar with red purple flowers.

ASPARAGUS

10 for \$10 or 25 for \$20

Millenium: Vigorous large tender spears with excellent flavor. Disease resistant and performs well in heavier soils.

Pacific Purple: Produces especially sweet, tender, extra fat, purple spears. **19**

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