

Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) 2022 Tree, Shrub and More Sale

The Districts Annual Tree, Shrub and More Sale is a spring tradition. This sale helps to generate funds to support the Conservation Districts many programs.

All of the trees, shrubs, berries, etc. are bare-root so will need to be planted right away.

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Visit our website <https://www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/rutland/>

Orders will be taken until March 31, 2022. Order early as supplies of some plants are limited.

Pick up of stock will be on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the Rutland Town (Highway Garage) 339 Northwood Park Road in Rutland Town.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

A postcard reminder will be mailed one week before the Sale. **Hours of pick up will be between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on April 30.**

The District reserves the right to refund money for stock that becomes unavailable.

No refunds will be made on any orders not picked up at the designated site on April 30.

Conifers

Conifers have year around foliage that offers shelter and nesting sites, as well as seeds/cones that will attract many bird species.

Balsam Fir (*Abies balsamea*) A longtime favorite Christmas tree. Soft, deep green aromatic needles. Likes sun and cool, moist, well-drained soil conditions. Balsam fir is used for nesting by many bird species, especially robins and mourning doves and its seeds are eaten by several birds. Mature height 40-60 feet. Does not tolerate road salt. Zones 3-5.

Fraser Fir (*Abies fraseri*) Used extensively for ornamental and Christmas tree purposes. Buds later than Balsam Fir and thus more tolerant of early spring frosts. Grows 30-40 feet high, 20-25 feet wide. Does not tolerate road salt. Zones 4-7.

Colorado Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens*) A well-known landscape ornamental sometimes used as a Christmas tree. Plant in full sun. Prefers moist, well-drained soil. It is readily used as a nest site, especially by the robin, mockingbird, chipping sparrow, and purple finch. Mature height 60-100 feet. Fast growing, sometimes as much as a foot a year. Tolerates road salt. Zones 2-7.

White Spruce (*Picea glauca*) Popular as a Christmas tree because of its natural density and minimal shaping requirements. Bluish green needles. Does well in a wide range of soils. The seed is a choice food for crossbills and other finches. Mature height 60-100 feet. Tolerates road salt. Zones 2-5.

Hardwoods

Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*) One of the finest shade, and lawn trees that has colorful fall foliage that varies from red, orange, and yellow. Prefers moist rich soils. Maples produce paired, winged fruit "samaras" that attract

grosbeak, purple finch, and pine siskin. Does not tolerate road salt or compacted soils. Mature height 75-100 feet. Zones 3-8.

Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) In fall this tree has bright red leaves. Prefers rich, well drained soils as well as poor wet soils. The red maple often grows 2 feet per year. Does not tolerate road salt. Mature Height 75-100 feet. Zones 3-9.

Wild Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*) Hardy and tough, and produces white flowers and dark purple fruit that tastes sweet. The fruit is used to make pies, jams, ice creams, and other foods. They can live for up to 250 years and excel when they're placed in either rich soil that's very moist or sandy soil that's light.. These trees are not recommended for those with livestock on their land because the leaves from the trees have poisoned animals in the past. Mature Height 50 - 60 feet. Zones 3-9.

Wildlife/Songbird Shrubs and Trees

Any of the following shrubs, trees and bushes are a good choice for attracting many bird species and other wildlife to your backyard.

Highbush Cranberry (*Viburnum trilobum*) This is a multi-stemmed shrub that produces large white clusters of flowers in the spring and red cranberry like fruit in the fall. Its bright green maple-like leaves turn scarlet or maroon in the fall. The clusters of red fruits stay on the plant into winter and provide food for ruffed grouse, songbirds, and squirrels when other foods are scarce. It grows well in moist soils but can tolerate wet or dry conditions and requires full sun to partial shade. Useful as a hedge or screen. Mature height is 8-12 feet but can be trimmed to keep compact. Zones 2-6.

American Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*) A multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub. Fast growth rate (8' to 15' tall) and spread is slightly greater than the height. Flowers in early spring. Zone 4.

Elderberry (*Sambucus Canadensis*) Showy, fragrant flowers and edible fruit draw wildlife and people alike. Does best with moist, humusy, well-drained soils and is often seen alongside streams, roads, and fence rows. Produces fruit after two years. The berries make excellent preserves, jellies, pie, and wine. Juice is known to have immune system support value. Mature height 6-12 feet. Prefers full sun. Fast growth. Self-fertile. Zones 4-7.

Lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*) Also known as the Common Lilac. 8–12-foot shrub, with fragrant lavender flowers in mid-May. Lilacs attract many species of butterflies. Zones 3-7.

Butterfly Bush – (*Buddleia davidi*) 5-12' multi-stemmed shrub. This bush will have fragrant flowers July through the Fall. Butterfly bush attracts butterflies. It should be heavily pruned in the spring and it tolerates most soils. Zones 4 -8

Sweet Crabapple –(*Malus coronaria*) In spring it is covered in fragrant pink flowers. The fruit is small and bitter but can be used for making preserves or cider. Wildlife uses this tree as a food source, cover, and nesting site. Its preference is for a sunny spot with moist loamy soil but will tolerate part shade. Grows 15-30 feet tall with a broad open crown. Zones 4-8.

Fruit Trees (All apple trees are semi-dwarf) Mature height 15-20 ft.

Apples

Liberty - Fabulous for fresh eating, juice and sauce, this crunchy, mildly tart apple is much like an easy-to-grow version of McIntosh. Resistant to scab, fire blight and cedar apple rust—the name actually refers to the breeder's quest to free the grower from endless spraying! Ripens early Oct. Hardy to zones 4-6.

Honeycrisp - Ripens in late September to late October. An exceptionally crisp and juicy apple with mildly sweet flavor. Very crisp flesh. Red colored apple over yellow background. Excellent eating and keeping qualities and stores well. Rated superior to McIntosh and delicious for fresh eating. Keeps up to five months in common storage. Hardy to Zone 3.

Ruby Mac - A very promising, early-coloring blush McIntosh. The finish is vibrant red and flesh color is similar to that of Marshall McIntosh, exhibiting a tinge of light green. Fruit is very firm and is resistant to premature drop. Tree habit is similar to that of other McIntosh strains. Zones 4-6.

Pears (Mature height 15-25 ft.) Two varieties are necessary for cross pollination

Bartlett - A large, heavy-bearing variety, with excellent quality. Long considered one of the top canning varieties. A favorite for all uses. Its skin is yellow blushed with brownish red, pyriform in shape. Ripens off the tree. Can keep up to 3 months. Ripens mid-August to mid-September. Zones 5-8.

Shenandoah - This sumptuous pear is not only sweet and juicy but it's the 3rd fire blight-resistant pear developed by Agricultural Research Service horticulturist, Richard Bell. This large pear has a sub-acid pear flavor with excellent storage life. Shenandoah stores very well without breaking down for up to five months. Ripens in September. Best pollinators: Bartlett, Anjou or Comice. Zones 5-8.

Peach

Lauro - Fruit is large with attractive red skin and firm yellow flesh. When planting peach, they should be spaced to allow a spread of 20 to 25 feet. At 3 or 4 years of age they begin to bear large crops and reach peak productivity at 8 to 12 years. Peaches require well-drained soil as well as a regular fertilizing program. They also require heavier pruning than any other fruit trees to maintain size and encourage new growth. Zone 5.

Berries

Raspberry

~~**Nova** (summer bearing) — Nova is an excellent choice for the upper Midwest and northern regions, where high yields and dependability are required. Berries are firm, bright red, medium to large in size, and have good shelf life. Canes are vigorous, growing upright with light spines. An excellent choice for northern locations. Zones 3-8.~~

Caroline (ever bearing) – Caroline raspberry is a very vigorous variety with a large red berry and rich, full, and intense raspberry flavor. It is a very vigorous variety. Caroline is widely adapted, growing everywhere from the East Coast to the West Coast. Zones 4-7.

Jewel (black) - Released from the Cornell Small Fruit Breeding Program in Geneva, New York. Jewel is a popular black raspberry variety. It produces excellent yields of superb quality berries. The fruit is glossy black in color, a large size, and has a rich raspberry flavor. It is an excellent choice for use in jams and jellies. Jewel is winter hardy and a very reliable choice. Zones 5-8.

Blueberry

Unless you have existing blueberry, plants these must be purchased in pairs for fruit production. Prefer full sun and light, well drained, acidic soils (pH 4.5-5.5) with high humus content.

Blueray - An early-midseason variety. The large dark-blue berries, with sweet, high-quality flavor make blueray an excellent choice for home gardeners. The bush is vigorous, productive and winter-hardy. Grows to a height of 4-6 feet. Zones 4-7.

Patriot - An early variety released by the University of Maine, where growing seasons are short and winter hardiness is a must. This variety is vigorous and grows upright to a height of 4-6 feet. Patriot adapts to many different soil types and has performed better in heavier soil than some other varieties. The fruit is large and has very good flavor. Zones 3-7.

Strawberry Plants

Honoeye - (Mid-season) A foolproof strawberry plant; it combines winter hardiness, high productivity, good appearance, and color, together with an excellent, firm, large-sized berry. The large berries are easy to pick, and produce high yields over a long fruiting season, making it our most consistent berry producer. It is an excellent choice for the home gardener who will also appreciate its excellent freezing quality. Zones 3-8.

AC Valley Sunset - (Late season) was bred by Andrew Jamieson in Nova Scotia. This strawberry is a late season variety that shows good vigor with no apparent foliage disease concerns. Berries are lighter red, shiny and large-sized. Flavor and yield are very good. Zones 4-7.

Bluebird Houses

Bat Houses

Plantskydd Deer Repellant (1 qt. spray bottle)