Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District
2026 Spring Tree, Shrub, & Groundcover Sale
Species Descriptions

It is that time of year for the annual Spring Tree, Shrub & Groundcover Sale. All plant material is sold for the purposes of conservation; Plants develop wildlife and pollinator habitat, reduce erosion, protect streambanks and shorelines, and filter pollutants (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service).

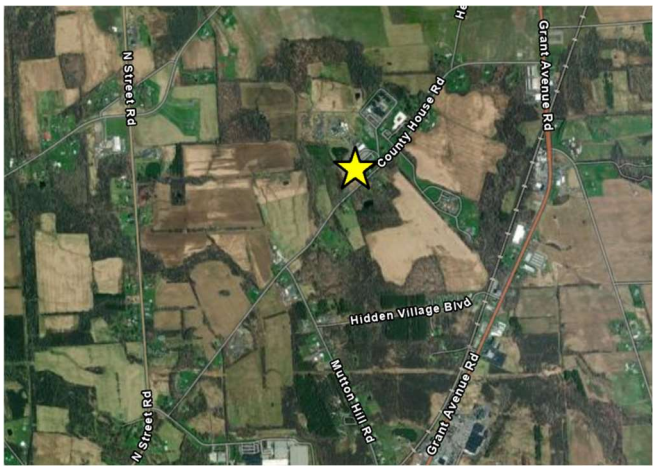
ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE AT
www.cayugaswcd.org

DATES TO NOTE:

Last day to order: **Tuesday, April 28, 2026**
Pick-up date: **Friday, May 8, 2026, 8AM-6PM**

Pickup Address:

The Natural Resource Center
7413 County House Road
Auburn, NY 13021



Pop-Up Tree Market

Friday, May 8, 2026, from 10AM - 6PM
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Please check our website and Facebook page for additional information and updates!

Not all species will be available.
First come, first serve.

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What is the difference between a seedling, rooted cutting, and a transplant?

- Seedlings have a root mass, but not much development of a branch system. Seedlings are sold as bare-root stock, meaning you do not pay for a pot or soil, just the tree/shrub.
- Rooted cuttings are propagations taken from the roots of parent plants.
- Transplants (all Conifer offerings sold) are larger than seedlings; they have a larger root mass and a more developed branch system. Transplants are also bare-root.

A note about tree age:

The numbers listed (2-0, 2-1) represent the age of the tree. The first number indicates the number of years in a seedling bed; the second number indicates the number of years in a transplant bed. Example: 2-1, is a three year old tree that spent 2 years in the seedling bed and 1 year in a transplant bed.

CONIFER TRANSPLANTS

White Cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*):
30-50' height; Zones 2-7
Also known as Arborvitae. A compact, pyramidal evergreen with soft, scale-like foliage. Cold tolerant. 2/3-1 year, 10-16" transplant.

Balsam Fir (*Abies balsamea*):
45-75' height; Zones 3-6
A fragrant pyramid-shaped evergreen tree. It has soft, dark-green needles, and is one of the most popular Christmas trees. Heavily relied on by wildlife for food & shelter. 2-2 year, 10-18" transplant.

Concolor Fir (*Abies concolor*):
30-50' height; Zones 3-7
Also known as White Fir. It has a pleasing citrus fragrance. It has soft needles that form a symmetrical pyramidal shape. 2-2 year, 8-15" transplant.

Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*):
40-80+' height; Zones 4-6
A fast-growing blue-green evergreen. Valued for its strong wood and soft, flat needles. Prefers well drained soils. 2-2 year, 16-22" transplant.

"Trees are the lungs of the Earth."
-Timothy Schneider

Canadian Hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*):
40-70' height; Zones 3-7
A shade-tolerant evergreen. It has soft, feathery needles and small cones. Prefers moist, well-drained soils. P+1 year, 8-15" transplant.

Black Hills Spruce (*Picea glauca var. densata*): 30-60' height; Zones 2-6
A tolerant evergreen species that is dense and slow-growing. A variety of White Spruce. Cold tolerant. 2-2 year, 16-22" transplant.

Colorado Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens var. glauca*): 30-60' height; Zones 2-7
Evergreen with dense pyramidal form. Needles have an intense silvery-blue color. Root system is shallow and prefers dry soils. 2-2 year, 16-22" transplant.

Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*):
40-60+' height; Zones 2-7
A fast-growing evergreen with dark green needles. Is the only spruce with drooping branches and has the largest cones of any spruce species. A naturalized species in North America. 2-2 year, 15-24" transplant.

White Pine (*Pinus strobus*):
50-80+' height, Zones 3-8
A fast-growing evergreen with a tall, straight form. Blue-green needles form bundles of 5. Prefers well-drained soils. 2/3-1 year, 10-16" transplant.

DECIDUOUS TREE SEEDLINGS

White Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*):
20-30' height; Zones 5-9
An ornamental tree that features white spring blooms, red fall berries, and a vibrant foliage. 12-18" seedling.

Bitternut Hickory (*Carya cordiformis*):
50-75' height; Zones 4-9
A fast-growing tree featuring a slender form, smooth gray bark, and bright yellow buds. Adaptable to a variety of soil types. 12-18" seedling.

Chinese Chestnut (*Castanea mollissima*):
30-40' height; Zones 4-8
A medium-sized tree featuring glossy foliage and edible nuts. Strong resistance to chestnut blight. 18-24" seedling.

Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*):
20-30' height; Zones 4-9
A small ornamental tree known for its vibrant pink-purple spring blooms and heart-shaped leaves. Crown is often flat-topped. Known as the harbinger of spring, 24-36" seedling.

Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*):
60-75' height; Zones 3-8
The state tree of New York; known for its vibrant fall foliage and maple syrup production. Shade tolerant, but sensitive to salt and draught. Sap is 1-4% sugar. 18-24" seedling.

Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*):
60-75' height, Zones 3-8
A fast-growing deciduous tree. Features a broad canopy with a bright red fall color. Tolerant of salt and air pollution. 24-36" seedling.

Tulip Poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*):
70-90' height; Zones 4-9
A fast-growing tree with fragrant tulip-shaped flowers in spring and bright yellow fall foliage. Flowers attract birds and other small wildlife. Resistant to disease and insects. 24-36" seedling.

Allegheny Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*):
20-25' height; Zones 4-8
Deciduous tree known for its early white spring flowers, berries, and vibrant orange-red fall foliage, 12-18" seedling.

Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*):
75-100' height; Zones 4-9
A large fast-growing tree known for its mottled bark and broad canopy. Prefers moist soils and grows well in shade. 24-36" seedling.

"How high does the sycamore grow?
If you cut it down, then you'll never know."
-"Colors of the Wind,"
Pocahontas soundtrack,
Judy Kuhn

DECIDUOUS SHRUB SEEDLINGS

Arrowwood (*Viburnum dentatumn*):
6-10' height; Zones 2-8
A dense multi-stemmed shrub known for its white spring flowers and black berries. Has excellent wildlife value. Suited to wet soils and is also a honey plant. 24-36" seedling.

Elderberry (*Sambucus Canadensis*):
5-12' height; Zones 3-9
A fast-growing, multi-stemmed shrub with white summer flowers and purple berries that attract wildlife. Tolerable to various soil conditions, pruning each year extends life. Berries are edible when cooked. 24-36" seedling.

Lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*):
8-15' height; Zones 3-7
A hardy flowering shrub known for its abundant and fragrant spring blooms of purple, pink, and white. 18-22" seedling.

Rose of Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*):
8-12' height; Zones 5-9
A hardy shrub that flowers in late summer. Blooms are large, showy and occur in various colors. 24-36" seedling.

American Cranberry (*Viburnum trilobum*):
8-12' height; Zones 2-7
A multi-stemmed shrub with white spring flowers, bright red berries, and a vibrant fall color. A cold-tolerant species, and amicable to moist soils. 18-24" seedling.

Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*):
15-20' height; Zones 3-9
A native deciduous shrub that is known for its fringed bright yellow flowers that bloom in the late fall. Tolerant to various soil types, but not to draught. 18-24" seedling.

GROUNDCOVER & FLOWERS

Pachysandra (*Pachysandra terminalis*):
6-12" height; Zones 4-9
A low-growing evergreen groundcover, featuring glossy leaves and small white spring flowers. Grows best in shade and acidic soil. Good cover under trees & shrubs. Rooted cutting.

Blazing Star (*Liatris Spicata*):
2-4' height; Zones 3-9
A hardy perennial flower that attracts butterflies, hummingbirds, and pollinators. Flowers are tall with tufted purple spikes. A popular choice for local rain gardens.

Daylily – Pink Damask (*Hemerocallis 'Little Wine Cup'):*
12-18" height; Zones 3-9
A compact daylily with abundant blooms. Flower blooms are a deep wine-red color with a bright yellow center. Each flower lasts no more than 24 hours. Flower blooms prefer more shade than other daylily varieties due to their dark coloration.

Daylily – Happy Returns (*Hemerocallis 'Happy Returns'*):
15-18" height; Zones 3-9
A low maintenance daylily with a long blooming season. The fragrant flower blossoms are bright yellow, rounded, and slightly crimped. Each flower lasts 16-24 hours. Blooming lasts from early to late summer.

CONSERVATION PACS

Bird & Butterfly Pac
2 of each: Black Chokeberry, Elderberry, Blazing Star (flower) Ninebark, Apricot Beauty Daylily

Evergreen Pac (transplants)
2 of each: Colorado Blue Spruce (2-1 year) , Fraser Fir (3-1 year), White Spruce (2-1 year), Balsam Fir (3-1 year), White Pine (2-1 year)

Fern Pac
2 of each: Christmas Fern, Hayscented Fern, Lady Fern, New York Fern, Sensitive Fern

Native Flowering Tree & Shrub Pac
2 of each: White Flowering Dogwood, Elderberry, Serviceberry, Red Osier Dogwood, Eastern Redbud

Nut (Oak) Tree Pac
2 of each: White Oak, Burr Oak, Sawtooth Oak, Red Oak, Black Walnut

Ornamental Flowering Tree & Shrub Pac
2 of each: Ninebark, American Cranberry, Lilac, Eastern Redbud, White Flowering Dogwood

Pond Habitat Pac
2 of each: Red Osier Dogwood, Buttonbush, Sycamore, Willow, River Birch

Shade Tree Pac
2 of each: Sycamore, Red Maple, Hybrid Poplar, Silver Maple, Red Oak

Lavender Pac
2 of each (**8 total**): Fred Boutin, Hidcote, Munstead, Provence

Hosta Pac
2 of each: Ventricosa, Hyacinthina, Albo Marginata, F. Aureo Marginata & Golden Tiara

Perennial Flower Pac
2 of each: Dream Baby Daylily, Francis Fay Daylily, Pink Damask Daylily, Stella de Oro Daylily, Snow Queen Iris

CONSERVATION FRUIT

Apple Tree Varieties

All apple trees are sold as 4-6' trees. They are semi-dwarf – will grow to 12- 15'. Root Stock EMLA 7& 111

Gala – Zones 5-8. Known for its sweet, crisp texture, early harvest, and red-orange striped skin. Not self-pollinating. Requires a compatible pollinator such as: Fuji, Honeycrisp, Golden Delicious, Empire, or Granny Smith.

Golden (Yellow) Delicious – Zones 4-8. A classic, versatile apple known for its sweet, mellow flavor, crisp texture, and exceptional use in fresh eating and baking. Partially self-pollinating but has better yields with a pollinator such as: Fuji, Gala, Honeycrisp, Red Delicious, or Granny Smith.

Granny Smith- Zones 5-9. A classic, tart green apple known for its crisp texture, bold flavor, and exceptional use in fresh eating, baking, or storing. Not self-pollinating. Requires a compatible pollinator such as: Fuji, Golden Delicious, Gala, Honeycrisp, or Red Delicious.

Honeycrisp – Zones 3-8. A popular modern apple variety prized for its crispness, juicy texture, and balanced sweet-tart flavor. Not self-pollinating. Requires a compatible pollinator such as: Gala, Fuji, Golden Delicious, Empire, and Granny Smith.

Jonagold – Zones 4-8. A flavorful, large-fruited apple variety created from a cross between a Jonathan and Golden Delicious, known for its versatile sweet-tart flavor. Not self-pollinating. Considered a triploid variety; it cannot pollinate other apple trees and requires two different compatible pollinators such as: Fuji, Gala, Honeycrisp, Granny Smith, or Golden Delicious.

Macoun – Zones 4-8. A high-quality dessert apple developed in New York, known for its aromatic, sweet-tart flavor and tender, juicy texture. Excellent for fresh eating. Not self-pollinating. Requires a compatible pollinator such as: Liberty, Cortland, Fuji, Golden Delicious, or Honeycrisp.

McIntosh – Zones 4-8. A classic cold-hardy variety known for its tender, aromatic flesh and sweet-tart flavor. Ideal for fresh eating, applesauce, and cider. Not self-pollinating. Requires a compatible pollinator such as: Cortland, Empire, Golden Delicious, Honeycrisp, or Liberty.

Sweet Cherry Tree Varieties

All sweet cherry trees are sold as 4-6' trees. They are standard – will grow 15-25'. Root Stock Maheleb

Bing – Zones 5-8. Most well-known sweet cherry, prized for its large, dark red fruit, rich flavor, and excellent quality for eating and preserving. Not self-pollinating. Requires a compatible pollinator such as: Stella, Black Tartarian, Rainier, Emperor Francis, or Windsor.

Black Tartarian – Zones 5-8. A classic early-season sweet cherry prized for its juicy, dark purple-black fruit and vigorous growth. Not self-pollinating. Requires a compatible pollinator such as: Bing, Stella, Rainier, Emperor Francis, or Windsor.

Kristin – Zones 4-7. A cold-hardy sweet cherry developed in New York, well-suited for northern climates, producing dark red fruit with excellent flavor. Not self-pollinating. Requires a compatible pollinator such as: Black Tartarian, Emperor Francis, Stella, or Lapins.

Rainier – Zones 5-8. A premium sweet cherry known for its large, golden-yellow fruit with a red blush, exceptionally sweet flavor, and fresh eating quality. Not self-pollinating. Requires a compatible pollinator such as: Bing, Black Tartarian, Stella, or Lapins.

Stella – Zones 5-9. A popular self-pollinating sweet cherry, prized for its large, heart-shaped fruit, excellent crack resistance, and rich, sweet flavor, making it ideal for fresh eating. Self-pollinating. Does not require another variety to produce fruit but is an excellent pollinator for other sweet cherries such as: Bing, Black Tartarian, Rainier, Emperor Francis, or Windsor.

Peach Tree Varieties

All peach trees are sold as 4-6' trees. They are semi-dwarf – will grow 8-10'. Root stock Mariannaefh

Contender – Zones 4-8. A cold-hardy, disease-resistant peach known for its reliable performance in northern climates, and delicious, sweet fruit. Self-pollinating.

Elberta – Zones 5-9. A popular and widely-grown variety, valued for its large, juicy fruit, classic sweet flavor, and reliable performance in home orchards. Self-pollinating.

Golden Jubilee – Zones 5-8. An early season, cold-hardy variety known for its juicy, flavorful yellow fruit and reliable harvests. Self-pollinating.

Madison – Zones 5-8. A cold-hardy, late-season peach with consistent yields, disease resistance, and rich-flavored fruit. Self-pollinating.

Pear Tree Varieties

All pear trees are sold as 4-6' trees. They are dwarf – will grow 8-12'. Root stock Quince & OHxF97

Anjou – Zones 5-8. A popular European variety known for its smooth, juicy texture, mild sweet flavor, and excellent storage life – perfect for fresh eating and cooking. Not self-pollinating. Requires a compatible pollinator such as: Bartlett, Bosc, Cornice, or Moonglow.

Bartlett – Zones 5-8. Most widely-grown European pear variety in the U.S. prized for its classic pear shape, juicy texture, and sweet, aromatic flavor. Not self-pollinating. Requires a compatible pollinator such as: Anjou, Bosc, Comice, Moonglow, or Seckel.

New Century Asian – Zones 5-9. Also known as Shinseiki; a popular Asian pear variety valued for its crisp texture, mild sweet flavor, and round, golden-yellow fruit. Partially self-pollinating but has better yields with a pollinator such as: 20th century, Hosui, or Bartlett.

Seckel – Zones 5-8. A small dessert-quality pear, often called the "sugar pear", known for its sweet flavor, fine texture, and reliable productivity. Partially self-pollinating but has better yields with a pollinator such as Bartlett, Anjou, Bosc, or Moonglow.

Berry Varieties

Blackberry – Darrow
4-6' height; Zones 4-8
A cold-hardy, vigorous summer-bearing blackberry variety known for its large, juicy berries with a rich, sweet-tart flavor. 1-0 year, 12-24" rooted cutting.

Blueberry – Blue Ray
4-6' height; Zones 3-7
A reliable mid-season highbush blueberry known for its large, flavorful berries and excellent cold-hardiness. 2-0 year, 9-12" rooted cutting.

Currant – Red Lake
3-5' height; Zones 3-7
A cold-hardy variety prized for its heavy yields of bright red, tart berries that ripen in midsummer. Can take 4-5 years to produce fruit. Prefers moist, well-drained soils.

Edible Fruit (Berry) Pac
2 of each: Blackberry, Blueberry (Jersey), Blueberry (Blue Ray), Raspberry, and Strawberry

Concord Blue Grape
10-20+' spread; Zones 4-8
A classic American grape variety known for its rich flavor, deep blue skin, and exceptional cold-hardiness. Prefers full sun and well-drained soils. 1-0 year, 10-16" seedling.

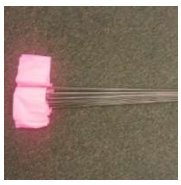
Niagara White Grape
10-20+' spread; Zones 5-8
A cold-hardy white grape variety known for its large, juicy fruit and classic sweet "grape" flavor. Prefers full sun and well-drained soils 1-0 year, 10-16" seedling.

Red Raspberry - Latham
4-6' height; Zones 4-6
A classic, cold-hardy, summer-bearing red raspberry variety known for its sweet flavor and firm berries. Prefers full sun. 2-0 year, 1-2' rooted cutting.

Strawberry – Honeoye:
6-8" height, Zones 3-8
A dependable, early-season variety known for its large, bright red berries, excellent yields, and adaptability to a wide range of soils and climates. Excellent cold-hardiness. 2-0 year, 1-2' rooted cutting.

ADDITONAL ITEMS

Fertilizer Tablets
Agriform planting tablets - 10 grams - 20-10-5 plus minor nutrients. Feeds trees for up to 2 years



Marking Flags
30" wire staff, 4"x4" flag - bundle of 100 – for marking in the ground

Flagging
150' Roll, 1 3/16" wide – for marking trees

Barley Straw Roll
Used for inhibiting algae growth in ponds

Bluebird Box
Nesting box for bluebirds and other cavity nesting species

Bat Box
Bat habitat box

Wood Duck Box
Nesting box for wood ducks and other cavity nesting species

CARE AND PLANTING TIPS

- Research from trusted sources, the species of seedlings you have bought to see any specific needs a species may need (such as sun exposure, soil preferences, and water needs).
- Plant your seedlings as soon as possible.
- If you are storing your plants before planting, store them in a dark, cool area, and monitor the seedling's moisture content. Keep the roots moist but not saturated with water.
- Do not soak stored seedlings in water for more than 5 minutes, as they can become depleted of oxygen. Sprinkle with water if necessary.
- When planting, your hole should be dug twice as wide and as deep as the plant's root mass system.
- Once planted, your seedlings will need plenty of watering.
- Have patience with your newly planted seedlings, some species grow quicker than others.

While these tips cannot guarantee the survival of your seedlings, they can greatly boost their survival chances.

For more care and planting tips, check out our tree planting guide!

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- **For more information** or for **paper copies of our order form**, please call (315) 252-4171 x4 or stop by our office at the Natural Resource Center between 7:30AM and 4:00PM, Monday through Friday.
- **Availability is limited** – orders are filled on a **first come, first served basis**. Please order early for the best selection. Availability of all stock is dependent upon nursery supply. The District makes every attempt to fulfill orders as placed but is not responsible for shortages. **In case of shortage, plant material will be substituted or refunded.**
- **Payment is due with order**; checks are to be made payable to **Cayuga County SWCD**. Send orders to Cayuga County SWCD, 7413 County House Road, Auburn NY 13021. We accept Master Card, VISA, Discover, and American Express.
- **All plant material** is sold for conservation purposes only.
- **The District** is not responsible for refunding or replacement of stock once it is removed from the Natural Resource Center. The District accepts no responsibility for loss of stock due to circumstances beyond its control and makes no provisions for replacement of stock.
- **The District** reserves the right to refund, cancel, or substitute orders on species that may not be available. There will be **no refunds** on orders that are not picked up on time. The District is not responsible for orders not picked up on time.
- **Sizes subject to change** based on availability from nursery.

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