

# Whiffletree

FARM & NURSERY

## 2026



**CANADA'S WIDEST SELECTION  
OF FRUITING TREES  
AND PLANTS**

Welcome to the 2026 catalog.

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. *Genesis 8:22*

Where we live here in Southern Ontario, experiencing the four different seasons is something we expect and look forward to. With winter setting in at the beginning of December, the prospect of having an early spring would appeal to most of us!

For 2025, we were blessed with ideal growing conditions. With the help of our dedicated staff, we had a crop of healthy, beautiful trees to dig by early November. Now they are safely stored in our climate-controlled warehouse until we start shipping them to you in mid April.

You will notice the catalog has quite a few more pages. Most of this is because we have expanded the rose section, adding more than 40 new varieties! 30 other new plants were added as well, many of which were based on experience in our orchard or from customer feedback. Last, but not least, we are quite excited about several new plant care products which we now have to offer.

Thank you for choosing Whiffletree as your source for plants. Our ongoing goal is to remain worthy of your trust.

The Whiffletree Family



*He who plants a tree plants hope. A treeless place cannot be a happy home for children, or wife, or husband, or friends. He who surrounds himself with trees surrounds himself with friends. Not only do they present you with healthful and toothsome fruits, but with cool shade and fragrant blossoms.*

*- from Green's Nursery Catalog, 1904*

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## DISCOUNT POLICY

If the value of your order (before shipping, shipping surcharges, and taxes) is:

- between \$500.00 and \$1499.99 your discount is 10%
- between \$1500.00 and \$3000.00 your discount is 15%
- over \$3000.00 at our discretion (line item quantities)

If your order is being shipped, the shipping charges will be calculated on the total order value before the discount (not including shipping surcharges).

If you are a commercial grower or a wholesale buyer (50 trees or more and varieties ordered in multiples of 10) contact us for pricing.

## OUR GUARANTEE

All plants sent out are considered alive and true to name. When given proper care, they will leaf out and grow. If any plant fails to leaf out, and you believe the plant was defective, you must notify us by August 1st, 2026. We will place a credit on your account for the amount paid for the item. This credit amount can be used towards future purchases. This credit amount is not refundable.

Plants that leaf out but die during the first growing season will receive a half-price credit on account if we are notified by August 1st. The above conditions apply.

If you are interested in purchasing a replacement plant, the customer is responsible for shipping charges.

Although we sell hardy trees and plants, we cannot guarantee overwinter survival due to factors beyond our control.

Our goal is to send only high quality stock, but in working with live plants and human fallibility, we realize perfection is not always attained. We do want you to be successful and satisfied.

## PLANT SIZES

Sizes listed for each item should be considered an average. The trees and shrubs in your order will sometimes be slightly larger and occasionally smaller than these projections. Much depends on variety characteristics and nursery growing habits of each species.

## PRICES & AVAILABILITY

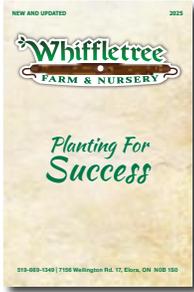
Although the catalogue information is considered accurate at printing time, **all prices are subject to change without notice.**

Please visit our website ([www.whiffletreefarmandnursery.ca](http://www.whiffletreefarmandnursery.ca)) for up to date availability and prices.

Most of our trees and plants are sold as 'bareroot' (without soil). They are kept dormant (asleep) in cold storage until you pick them up or we ship them to you.

## Important Information

The following is some important information we would like you to have before you browse our catalog. Over the years the catalog has grown, as has the need for some explanation on the terms and concepts used throughout. The following pages are meant to help you navigate our catalog and make the information herein more easily discernable. For more information on planting and planning, we recommend our planting guide, which we provide with every order we ship out.



A plethora of other detailed resources on planting and planning your home orchard, garden, or food forest can be found within the many reference books we have available (see **page 102-103**).

We include a free 24 page planting guide with every tree or plant order shipped out or picked up. Your success is our satisfaction!

## BAREROOT PLANTING

Bareroot trees are dug out of the field when dormant- either late in the fall or early spring, and kept in cold storage with moist roots until planting time. Besides the obvious advantage in shipping and handling of dormant, bareroot trees, there is also less chance of transplant shock. However, timely planting is important.



We quote Micheal Phillips in 'The Holistic Orchard':

"I recommend the bareroot option hands down: young whips do not go through transplant shock like more sizeable trees that have been waiting, rootbound, in bundled soil for a year or more. People tempted by the bigger tree right there that very day, frequently end up making less-than stellar variety choice, transplanting a tree that's in full leaf (definitely not recommended), and then compromising future growth for years to come by not loosening up the roots so they can reach out beyond the matted disaster often found in the pot. Repeat after me: I will plan ahead and arrange for bareroot stock to plant out at the right time."

*(Used by permission)*

## ORCHARD GRADE TREES

During the winter we sort, grade, and count our trees in storage. Presently we grade them as a 'regular', or #1, an 'orchard grade', or #2, and lastly, a wildlife tree (see **page 25**).

An orchard grade is a tree that may be somewhat shorter, slightly

crooked, a bit scratched, or for some other cosmetic reason is not an ideal front lawn, or showcase specimen. It will still work just as well in an orchard since it should live as long and produce the very same fruit as a #1 tree. We offer them at a discounted price - usually about \$16.00 less than a regular tree.

Almost all varieties in the first 40 pages of the catalogue will have some orchard grades. Check the website or call for availability.

## 2 YEAR OLD TREES

A '2 year old tree' is one that has grown an extra season in our nursery field.

All our trees are planted in the field in the spring as rootstock. They are grafted in August of the 1st year. Most of our trees are dug out in November of the 2nd year.

Some trees are in the ground for another season. We dig these in November of the 3rd year. These are considered to be '2 year old trees'.

A '2 year old tree' has bigger roots, a thicker trunk, and more branching (they might start fruiting a year earlier).

## POLLINATION NOTES

Pollination is often the most confusing aspect of selecting a tree for aspiring fruit growers. This topic actually does involve the birds and the bees. Various pollinator insects do the important work of moving pollen from blossom to blossom.



Some trees and many berry plants are "**SELF-FERTILE**" – means the insect pollinators or even the wind can pollinate the blossoms without the need of a second tree.

"**NEEDS A POLLENIZER**" – means another tree of the same **type** or **kind** but a **different variety** must be blooming nearby at the same time.

**EXAMPLE** – A Liberty apple and a Wealthy apple **can** cross-pollinate. Two trees of the **same variety** ie: – 2 Wealthy apples, **cannot** cross pollinate because they are genetically identical.

Other trees are marked as "**SEMI-FERTILE\***". These will set fruit without a second tree. However they will often bear more, and sometimes larger fruit if another **variety** of the same **kind** of tree is nearby.

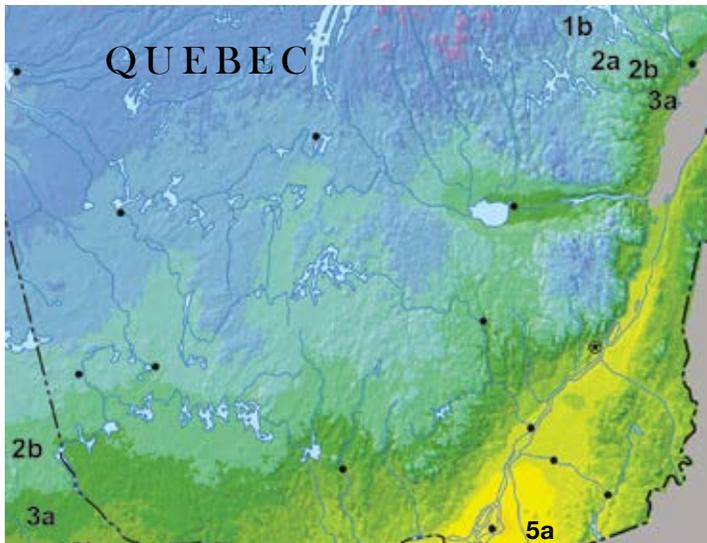
You can select 2 different trees of the same **kind** marked as "**NEEDS A POLLENIZER**" or plant one of those along with one "**SELF-FERTILE**" or one "**SEMI-FERTILE\***". Also consider ripening times – a Goldrush apple might not start blooming before a Pristine is finished.

# PLANT HARDINESS ZONES

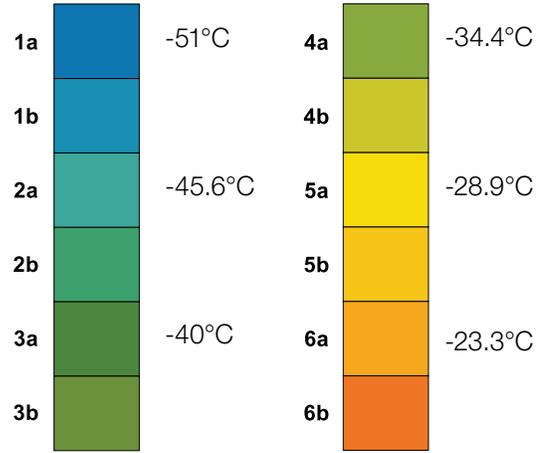
The hardiness zone rating is a good place to start in determining whether a plant will be hardy enough to survive and thrive in your area. The Canadian plant hardiness system is calculated using seven climate variables. The first and most important is the minimum or coldest winter temperature. Other variables also factored in include: maximum temperatures, freeze-thaw cycles, snow cover, soil frost, wind exposure, and rainfall. It is designed to reflect how plants actually experience winter in a real-world, complex climate.

Keep in mind that this is just a guide. Your own soil conditions, microclimate, and topography will be equally important in determining the best varieties for you.

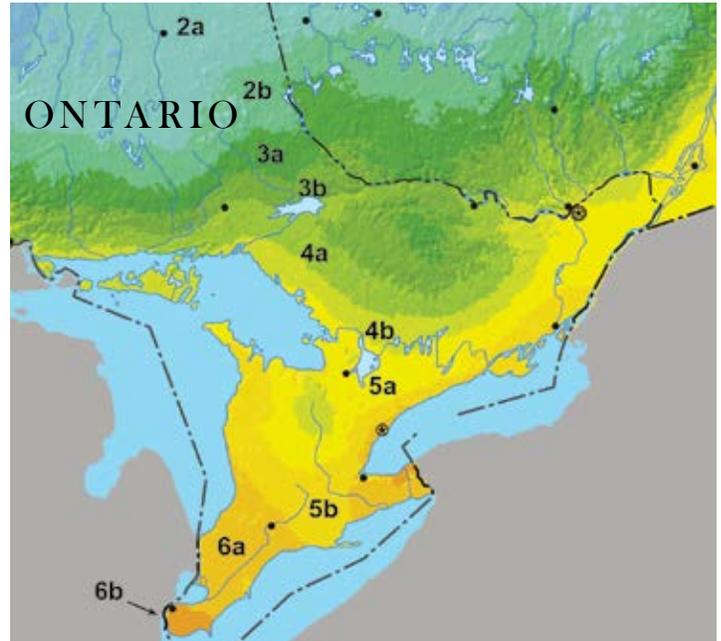
Below are some more populated regions in Canada which are zoomed in for a more precise view. You can refer to the full map online: [www.planthardiness.gc.ca](http://www.planthardiness.gc.ca)



## Plant Hardiness Zones



Temperatures shown are average minimum temperatures for that zone.



## SITE SELECTION

According to Dr. Ieuan Evans of Edmonton, AB, topography can be a major factor in the potential for success in your new orchard. If you live on a small city lot, your choices are very limited, however, with the added protection you can often grow plants rated at one zone warmer than you could outside the city. For example, if a zone map shows your area as Zone 3, you can often grow Zone 4 rated trees if you are in a full urban area.

Dr. Evans says that most successful orchards in Alberta are at the tops of slopes facing northwest, north or northeast. At these sites both the air and temperatures are slow to warm up and during the winter and early spring the coldest air flows down into the valley. The first fall frosts are also later.

Low-lying, or south facing sites will cause you grief, as they tend to warm up rapidly in March to May, but are often the coldest during the night. Trees on south facing slopes will break bud much sooner than those facing north and consequently are much more susceptible to winter kill.

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## PLANTING DISTANCES

These are only suggested guidelines for the home gardener and can be adjusted to fit your own situation. For example- for a fruiting hedge, you may want to decrease distance, but if you want a more spacious setting, plant farther apart.



 Nuts & Other	Space between plants in a row	Space between rows
Hazelnuts	2.5 - 3m (8 - 10')	3.5 - 5m (12 - 16')
Orchard Nut Trees	7.5 - 9m (25 - 30')	7.5 - 9m (25 - 30')
Saskatoon/Serviceberry	2.5 - 3m (8 - 10')	3.5 - 4.8m (12 - 16')
Sea Buckthorn	1.5 - 2.1m (5 - 7')	3.5 - 4m (12 - 14')
Quince	3 - 3.5m (10 - 12')	3.5 - 4.8m (12 - 16')
Grapes	2 - 2.5m (6 - 8')	3m (10')
Kiwis	2.5 - 3m (8 - 10')	Male can be planted up to 7.5m (25') from female
Rhubarb	0.8 - 1m (2.5 - 3')	2 - 2.5m (6 - 8')
Asparagus	0.3 - 0.5m (1 - 1.5')	0.9 - 1.2m (3 - 4')

 Fruit Trees	Space between plants in a row	Space between rows
Apples (semi-dwarf)	3.5 - 4.5m (12 - 15')	3.5 - 4.5m (12 - 15')
Apples (dwarf)	2 - 2.5m (6 - 8')	2 - 2.5m (6 - 8')
Peaches, Apricots, Plums, Plumcots, Nectarines	3.5 - 4.5m (12 - 15')	3.5 - 4.5m (12 - 15')
Pears (semi-dwarf)	3.5 - 4.5m (12 - 15')	3.5 - 4.5m (12 - 15')
Pears (dwarf)	2.5 - 3m (8 - 10')	2.5 - 3m (8 - 10')
Cherries (standard)	6 - 7.5m (20 - 25')	6 - 7.5m (20 - 25')
Cherries (dwarf)	2.5 - 3.5m (8 - 12')	2.5 - 3.5m (8 - 12')
Cherries (shrub), Nanking Cherries	1.5 - 2.5m (5 - 8')	1.5 - 2.5m (5 - 8')
Chums	2.5 - 3.5m (8 - 12')	2.5 - 3.5m (8 - 12')
Pawpaws	3 - 3.5m (10 - 12')	4.2 - 5.4m (14 - 18')
Mulberries	3.5 - 5.5m (12 - 18')	5.4 - 6m (18 - 20')

 Berries	Space between plants in a row	Space between rows
Aronias, Currants, Gooseberries, Jostaberries	1 - 1.2m (12 - 15')	3 - 3.5m (10 - 12')
Blackberries, Loganberries, Boysenberries	1.8 - 2.5m (6 - 8')	1.8 - 2.5m (6 - 8')
Tayberries	2 - 2.5m (6 - 8')	2.5 - 3m (8 - 10')
Raspberries (black & purple)	0.6 - 0.9m (2 - 3')	1.8 - 2.5m (6 - 8')
Raspberries (red & yellow)	0.5 - 0.7m (1.5 - 2.5')	2.5 - 3m (8 - 10')
Elderberries	2 - 2.5m (6 - 8')	3 - 3.5m (10 - 12')
Blueberries (highbush)	1 - 1.5m (3 - 4')	2.5 - 3.5m (8 - 12')
Haskaps	1.5 - 2m (5 - 6')	2.5 - 3m (8 - 10')
Goumi	2 - 2.3m (5 - 6')	2.5 - 3m (8 - 10')
Gojis	0.9 - 1.2m (3 - 4')	2.5 - 3m (8 - 10')
Strawberries	0.3 - 1m (1 - 2')	1m (3')



## HOW TO ORDER

Our ordering opens in September prior to the year you will be receiving the plants. We recommend ordering early if you wish to reserve a certain variety or if you are ordering large quantities.

Check the website for availability. All other inquires you can email us at [customerservice@whiffletree.ca](mailto:customerservice@whiffletree.ca) or call us at **519-669-1349**



Ordering Methods:

### 1. Online Ordering

Ordering through our website is the best and most preferred method. You can start your order early, then keep adding to it whenever you wish, up until 2 weeks from your shipping date. Any additional discounts will be automatically applied to the whole order as the dollar value increases.

Visit [www.whiffletreefarmandnursery.ca/shop](http://www.whiffletreefarmandnursery.ca/shop) to see the most up to date pricing and availability.

### 2. Mail order

We no longer include an order form. If ordering by mail, we suggest sending your wish list to us at the address below. It can be helpful to include 2nd choices. We then send you an invoice, based on availability which you can review and approve before sending a cheque.

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### 3. Ordering by phone

This is the least preferred method as we try to keep the phone lines open to handle any plant related questions and order issues.

Payment options include cheque, cash, credit card or E-transfer.

All selections listed as **NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026** are items which we have every intention of offering again next year. Of course, we cannot guarantee it!

## ROOTSTOCK

We source most of our rootstock from reputable growers in Oregon. For those of you who would like to dabble in doing your own grafting without going through the hassle of import permits, phytosanitary inspections, royalty fees, and currency exchange to get virus-free rootstock, it can easily be ordered here.



We also sell **grafting supplies** for benchgrafting, budding, or top working (see **page 110**). You might also be interested in Susan Poizner's great **new grafting book** (see **page 103**).

As our own test orchards mature, we are in a better position to make scionwood available too. This year we are offering apple and pear scionwood at \$8.95 per 12" stick. Quantity discounts apply. Check the website or contact us for availability.

### APPLE ROOTSTOCK see descriptions on page 17

#### B10™ DWARF

<b>198-1001</b>	6mm (1/4") stick	<b>\$7.95 Each</b>
	Bundle of 25	<b>\$150.00</b>
	100 sticks	<b>\$450.00</b>

#### G969 Semi Dwarf

<b>198-6901</b>	6mm (1/4") stick	<b>\$7.95 Each</b>
	Bundle of 25	<b>\$150.00</b>
	100 sticks	<b>\$450.00</b>

#### BUD 118 Large Semi-Dwarf

<b>198-1801</b>	6mm (1/4") stick	<b>\$7.95 Each</b>
	Bundle of 25	<b>\$150.00</b>
	100 sticks	<b>\$450.00</b>

### PEAR ROOTSTOCK see description on page 22

#### OHxF87 Semi-Dwarf

<b>198-8701</b>	6mm (1/4") stick	<b>\$7.95 Each</b>
	Bundle of 25	<b>\$150.00</b>
	100 sticks	<b>\$450.00</b>

#### OHxF97 Large Semi-Dwarf

<b>198-9701</b>	6mm (1/4") stick	<b>\$7.95 Each</b>
	Bundle of 25	<b>\$150.00</b>
	100 sticks	<b>\$450.00</b>

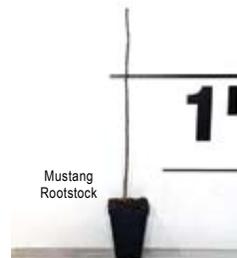
### STONE FRUIT ROOTSTOCK see description on page 35

#### MARIANNA 26-24 Semi-Dwarf

<b>198-5501</b>	4mm (3/16") stick	<b>\$8.45 Each</b>
	Qty of 25+	<b>\$7.95 Each</b>
	Qty of 100+	<b>\$5.95 Each</b>

#### MUSTANG Semi-Dwarf

<b>198-5501</b>	3mm (1/8") plant 2 1/2" pot	<b>\$8.95 Each</b>
	Qty of 10+	<b>\$7.50 Each</b>
	Qty of 50+	<b>\$5.50 Each</b>



Apples and pears can either be benchgrafted in March-April or bud-grafted in the field in late summer.

Stonefruits have much better success budgrafting than benchgrafting in spring.

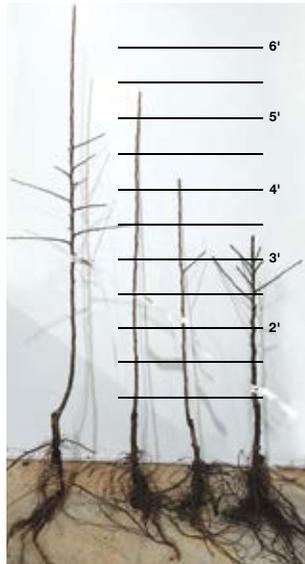
We try to have it here by mid-late March. Let us know if you want your rootstock shipped separately.

# Apples (Malus)

One of the most challenging fruits to grow organically, but take heart! Choosing one of our scab resistant varieties is a good start. With the vast array of flavours available (even for colder regions) in this healthy, versatile fruit, it would be a shame not to try a few trees. Natural pest control with insect traps and kaolin clay sprays can be used if desired. However, apples that are less than picture perfect are still just as flavourful and nutritious. Even with insect damaged fruit, all is not lost. Drying, juicing, or making apple sauce are still great options. Remember the old adage 'an apple a day keeps the doctor away' was coined before the days of pesticide sprays.

1-2 m (3-6') bareroot trees

These 4 apple trees show you the range of what to expect when you order. All are healthy, all are the same age, are grown in the same field on semi-dwarf rootstock. Please note – the size variation in these different varieties is much like that of children from different families. Some of the dissimilarity may even disappear by maturity. Quite likely, all 4 trees will start bearing fruit in 3-4 years.



## Red Apples

### AMBROSIA

As one of the foremost commercial apples of today, Ambrosia hardly needs much introduction. Nowadays most modern varieties are the result of university research programs, but this is one of nature's unexpected gifts. In the late 1980's, Wilfred Mennell of Keremas, BC, took out an old Golden Delicious orchard and replanted it to Jonagolds. A chance seedling that turned up in the row attracted the pickers' attention when it began to fruit. They found the flavour irresistible and the tree always got stripped clean for their own use! Eventually reaching the mass market, it quickly became a favourite of many for its crunchy and aromatic, honey sweet, low acid flesh. Keeps until January.



Courtesy of Adams County Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

- 108-0210 Dwarf (B10) € \$55.95
- 108-0226 Small Semi-Dwarf (M26) € \$55.95
- 108-0269 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95
- 108-0289 Large Semi-Dwarf (G890) \$55.95

**ESPALIER PICK 'E'** identifies the apple varieties on rootstocks which should work well for espalier application. See page 22 for more details.

### CARROLL

Carroll has quickly become one of our family's early season favourites. While similar to its Melba parent in ripening time and flavour, Carroll is a dependable annual producer and much less susceptible to scab. We love this large, crisp apple for eating right off the tree, but in either sauce or pies it is also worth raving about. It even excels in salads, as it is slow to turn brown when sliced. The Morden Research Station in Manitoba released this selection in 1961, so cold-hardiness is a given. Stores for nearly two months.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID-LATE AUG.**

- 110-2310 Dwarf (B10) € \$55.95
- 110-2369 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95
- 110-2318 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95

### CONESTOGO

The story of the Conestogo comes complete with whimsical Johnny Appleseed connotations. It begins a generation or so ago, with a housewife from the village of Conestogo, ON, who ate an unnamed apple at a friend's home. It left such an impression on her, she determined to plant the seeds. Now, of course, any reputable nurseryman would have advised her against it. The odds of apple seedlings producing great fruit are similar to being hit by lightning. On Christmas Day! But, she didn't ask. Like the little red hen, she went ahead and planted them. One of them grew and in due time, apples appeared on its spreading branches. And lo-they were not merely acceptable, but closer to sublime! Rather large, with a distinctive knobby shape, a crispy-crunchy texture, and a pleasant, aromatic flavour, the apple made immediate friends. It has proven to be very versatile, being equally at home in pies and sauce as fresh eating. The tree is well on in years and continues to prosper although treated with benign neglect. In the few years since we've become aware of it, many in our family have come to regard the apple as a personal favourite.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE SEPT.**

- 110-2510 Dwarf (B10) € \$45.95
- 110-2569 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$45.95
- 110-2518 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$45.95

### CORTLAND

Cortland was the first apple released by the NY Research Station in Cornell back in 1915. This old favourite is not scab-resistant, but it is hardy and reliable and is still the fresh eating apple of choice for many. Ideal for pies and sauce but also very good for salads since it is slow to turn brown.



Courtesy of Cummins Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

- 110-1369 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95
- 110-1318 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95

### CRIMSON CRISP®

Very few of the new scab resistant varieties – which are such a winner for the homeowner, manage to catch the attention of the commercial grower, but 'Crimson Crisp®' is doing it! Attractive, deep crimson, mid-sized fruit is very firm and crisp with a pleasing, complex flavour that can keep up to six months in storage. Hardworking, productive tree has a spreading growth habit making it really easy to train.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**

- 110-1689 Large Semi-Dwarf (G890) \$55.95

**DAYBREAK™ FUJI NEW**

The original Fuji was developed in Fujisaki, Japan, and quickly gained a following all over the world. As the author, Rowan Jacobsen says, 'Its off-the-charts sweetness, concentrated Asian tropical fruit flavours, and showers of juice were like nothing that had been seen before.' Orchardists everywhere wanted to grow it, and although its hardness allows it to go north, you need a really long summer to ripen it. Daybreak™ is a natural mutation discovered in Orrtana, PA, that maintains the sweet flavour and famous Fuji crunch, but ripens 4-5 weeks earlier. Like the original Fuji, Daybreak™ can be stored all winter.

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE SEPT.**  
**112-4169 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**DEXTER JACKSON**

At Whiffletree we strive to provide the best in super-hardy fruit selections. We've added this robust variety named after Dexter Jackson of Regina, SK, who developed it by crossing 'Collett' and 'Mantet'. Not only is it ultra hardy – it is also highly resistant to scab and fire blight. Attractive mid to large size fruit features red streaking over an amber background. 'Dexter' is sweet, fine-textured, and thin-skinned for pleasurable fresh eating. Very good for cooking and baking. Will store for several months.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**  
**111-1018 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**

**EMPIRE**

We keep getting requests for this local favourite, so here it is. Introduced in 1966, this multi-purpose variety from Geneva, NY, is a dependable choice for the home orchard. The flashy, fire engine sheen of Empire's waxy, ruby red skin is just like its Red Delicious parent, but the flavour is its own. Creamy white flesh boasts a satisfying crunch and a distinctive zippy taste which has been described as 'rosehip tea with honey'. Other attributes include remarkable bruise resistance and respectable storage life. Empire is quite resistant to fire blight and powdery mildew, but not to scab.



Courtesy of Cummins Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**  
**112-0769 Semi-Dwarf (G969) (2 year old) \$64.95**

**FLORINA (X-2775)**

A scab, mildew, and fireblight resistant variety developed at INRA Angers in France and also marketed as 'Querina™'. Its pedigree includes Golden Delicious and Jonathan, among others. Large, attractive, bright red apple is very crisp and firm with an aromatic, spicy, complex flavour. This is one that is pleasurable for fresh eating straight from the tree and will still be perfectly palatable 3 months later. A great all-around variety, especially for organic production. Florina is easy-to-grow, but as a tip bearing type, it does not lend itself to espalier pruning.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID OCT.**  
**112-2669 Semi-Dwarf (G969) \$55.95**

**FREEDOM**

After 23 years of testing with no spraying, Freedom was introduced by Cornell University in Geneva, NY, in 1983. The name refers to its 'Freedom' from disease – including of course scab as well as fire blight and mildew. Similar to the old 'Wealthy' apple, 'Freedom' is a juicy, large red apple with aromatic old fashioned goodness – just right for apple sauce, juice, or fresh eating. Will keep for 2-3 months. A dependable choice that teams well with 'Liberty'.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**  
**112-2827 Super Dwarf (M27) € \$55.95**  
**112-2810 Dwarf (B10) € \$55.95**  
**112-2869 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**  
**112-2818 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**

**FROSTBITE**

Long known as 'MN447', it was used at University of Minnesota to develop new varieties (it is a parent to 'Sweet Sixteen' and a grandparent to 'Honeycrisp') but finally named 'Frostbite' and released in 2008. Not for those who prefer a bland apple- the intense sweetness of its apricot-orange flesh has been described as tasting like molasses or even sugarcane!



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

Aromatic and extra juicy, barely medium-sized fruit is dark red with a bluish-purple tint. An unforgettable apple for fresh eating, cooking, or cider. Extremely hardy, productive and reliable, it is great for northern regions and stores for 3-4 months.

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**  
**112-2969 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**  
**112-2918 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**

**BROOKFIELD® GALA**

This well-known New Zealand native is one of the top commercial varieties of today along with Ambrosia and Honeycrisp. Of the big three, Brookfield® Gala is the first to ripen, so there is usually no shortage of shoppers eagerly awaiting its arrival. The original Gala is a cross of Golden Delicious and Cox Orange Pippin, which handily explains the crowd-pleasing flavour. Brookfield® is simply a Gala selected for its improved colouring. Since we usually graft some for commercial orchards, we've made them available for you too.



Courtesy of Columbia Basin Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**  
**113-1669 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**

## Red Apples Continued

### GEMMA NEW

Gemma has become our favourite apple for fresh eating in May. Actually, very few varieties can come out of regular cold storage at that point even looking edible, let alone retaining any firm, crisp character. This burly, jumbo apple is arguably also the biggest one in our collection. Gemma was selected by Richard Fahey of Singing Tree Orchard in Oxford, NY, and named after his granddaughter. He says it is a naturally occurring mutation of Roxbury Russet, although he concedes it almost seems like an entirely different apple. It is twice the size, has practically no russet, and is also sweeter. Gemma has earned a place on Richard's list 'The 30 Best Apples', meaning they are reliable, low maintenance trees, with few insect and disease problems. With Gemma, we find no reason to dispute his opinion.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID-LATE OCT.**

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| <b>113-1569</b> | <b>Semi-Dwarf (G969)</b>                    | <b>\$55.95</b> |
| <b>113-1518</b> | <b>Large Semi-Dwarf (G969) (2 year old)</b> | <b>\$64.95</b> |

### GOODLAND

Ask any far north orchardist about apple varieties and almost inevitably 'Goodland' is mentioned as still being the most useful and dependable, even though it's been 60 years since its introduction in Morden, Manitoba. The large, red-blushed, yellow-green apples are known for making delicious, aromatic sauce and memorable pies, but are actually good fresh eating too. Productive, annual bearer. Stores well.



Courtesy of Jefferies Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

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| <b>113-1218</b> | <b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b> | <b>\$55.95</b> |
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### HONEYCRISP

With its rich flavour and explosively crisp texture, 'Honeycrisp' has become the #1 best selling apple across North America. This outstanding selection from Minnesota has a yellow background which is almost entirely covered with a red blush. It is excellent for both fresh eating and cooking and stores exceptionally well. Although it is scab resistant and cold hardy, it does have some bitter pit problems that are easier to manage in a commercial setting (foliar calcium sprays are suggested).



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

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| <b>114-0869</b> | <b>Semi-Dwarf (G969) €</b>            | <b>\$55.95</b> |
| <b>114-0869</b> | <b>Semi-Dwarf (G969) (2 year old)</b> | <b>\$64.95</b> |

**SEMI FERTILE\*** Means it will bear fruit if planted alone. It will usually bear more (and possibly larger) fruit if you plant a second (different) variety for cross-pollination.

### ROYAL RED HONEYCRISP® (LJ-1000)

In the fruit world a 'sport' is a natural occurring mutation that differs in some small way from other identical grafts. In some cases a single branch, and in other instances an entire tree, will show up with a slight variation in fruit colour or ripening time. When this happens in a top commercial variety, it becomes a big deal, even though the actual difference is rather minimal. Such is the case with the Royal Reds. A Honeycrisp with slightly more uniform red colour turned up in Washington state. It was observed, replicated, and studied, and finally patented. Since we are licensed to graft this one for our commercial customers, we have also made it available for homeowners. Same sizzle and snap with somewhat more colour. Some claims for improved storage life have also been made.



Photo Courtesy of Summerland Varieties

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

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| <b>114-1569</b> | <b>Semi-Dwarf (G969)</b>       | <b>\$55.95</b> |
| <b>114-1518</b> | <b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b> | <b>\$55.95</b> |

### KINDERKRISP

Although Honeycrisp remains a force to be reckoned with in the apple world, some of its easier-to-grow progeny aspire to attain equal prominence. One of the newest, next-generation varieties is KinderKrisp, developed by David MacGregor in Minnesota. Exhilarating Honeycrisp texture combined with exceptional flavour endears this perfect snack to kids of all ages. Cute, child-size, rosy red apples are tops for packed lunches. They ripen right at the start of the school year and will hang on the tree for an extended period.

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.-EARLY SEPT.**

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| <b>116-0410</b> | <b>Dwarf (B10) €</b>           | <b>\$55.95</b> |
| <b>116-0469</b> | <b>Semi-Dwarf (G969) €</b>     | <b>\$55.95</b> |
| <b>116-0418</b> | <b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b> | <b>\$55.95</b> |



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

### KEEPSAKE

The same satisfying Frostbite X Northern Spy combination that made Sweet Sixteen a success is also what produced Keepsake. Although neither has quite the intensity of Frostbite's flavour, this is certainly where the sweet complexity comes from. While on the topic of famous family members, we should also mention that Keepsake is, in turn, one of Honeycrisp's parents. So despite Keepsake's unassuming appearance, it offers much of the explosively crisp texture which is now considered as Honeycrisp's trademark. The Keepsake name attached to this University of Minnesota release highlights its superior storage attributes. Its fine flavour mellows and improves with peak fresh eating quality attained by mid-winter and lasting till May. The tree remains quite compact with above average disease resistance.



Courtesy of Cummins Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

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| <b>116-0969</b> | <b>Semi-Dwarf (G969) €</b>     | <b>\$55.95</b> |
| <b>116-0918</b> | <b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b> | <b>\$55.95</b> |

### LIBERTY

Liberty has the distinction of being the most disease resistant variety developed to date. Crisp, juicy, light yellow flesh with sprightly flavour. Good for eating fresh, cooking, canning, or desserts. Hardy, vigorous tree sets heavy fruit loads, so it benefits from thinning to ensure larger fruit. Flavour develops further when the apples are left in storage. Will keep for 3-4 months. Very reminiscent of McIntosh, this is the #1 backyard apple tree.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID OCT.**

<b>117-0127</b>	<b>Super-Dwarf (M27) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>117-0110</b>	<b>Dwarf (B10) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>117-0169</b>	<b>Semi-Dwarf (G969) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>117-0118</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>

### MOLLIES DELICIOUS

This variety has no connection to Red Delicious, although it does have a similar conic shape. One of the best fresh eating apples of early fall, it is usually very large with a rosy, pinkish red blush covering half of the light yellow surface. Crisp, snappy, aromatic flesh with a pleasant, distinctive aftertaste also makes great apple sauce. Stores for two months. Decent disease resistance.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

<b>118-0869</b>	<b>Semi-Dwarf (G969) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
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### NORKENT

Norkent is arguably the best fresh eating apple of any of the really hardy varieties. It also originates from the Morden, Manitoba, program, but due to a series of mixups and misfortunes, its release was delayed until 1995. By all reports, it is the same apple as 'Enigma'. The unique apple/pear flavour of this large, red over pale yellow apple reminds some folks of Golden Delicious or of Gala. Crisp, aromatic, fine-grained flesh is also great for cooking. The tree is very productive, but according to our experience in the nursery, it is slower growing than most.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: MID-LATE AUG.**

<b>119-0810</b>	<b>Dwarf (B10) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>119-0818</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>

### NOVA EASYGRO

We consider this selection from Kentville, Nova Scotia, to be the ideal replacement for Cortland. It is slightly sweeter, every bit as hardy, and, best of all, has no scab problems. Large, reddish apples with firm, snow-white flesh will mellow and even improve in storage. An all around good eating and cooking apple which keeps till well after Christmas.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

<b>119-0510</b>	<b>Dwarf (B10) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>119-0569</b>	<b>Semi-Dwarf (G969) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>119-0518</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>

### PRISCILLA

Although similar to the well known Empire, superior scab and disease resistance make Priscilla the much preferred choice for the home owner. In fact, Richard Fahey of Oxford, NY, claims that in his no-spray orchard of over 400 apple varieties, Priscilla boasts the best all around resistance to diseases and insects, as well as being the most consistently productive. Shiny, red-blushed fruit with crisp, aromatic yellow flesh is good for fresh eating and cooking. Will keep into mid-winter.

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**

<b>120-0910</b>	<b>Dwarf (B10) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>120-0918</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

### PRAIRIE SENSATION

Although the University of Saskatchewan is not as well known for apples as they are for shrub cherries and haskaps, they have developed extremely hardy apples too – of which Prairie Sensation is the pre-eminent one. Introduced in 2006, this large red over green apple is highly regarded for its pleasantly mild yet intensely aromatic flavour. Firm, crisp, and juicy, this premier dessert selection gives aspiring fruit growers in the far north an exciting new option. Stores well.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

### Growing Tip



Besides selecting the most disease resistant varieties, there are a few simple things to do to have better apples.

Fertilize under the outer edges of your trees. There are no feeder roots next to the trunk. A well fed tree stays healthier. (Adequate calcium in the soil also helps so that apples keep longer.)

- Pick up fallen fruit and compost, dispose of, or feed to livestock (where possible).
- Rake up leaves in the fall and compost them away from the orchard.
- Prune trees to encourage light and air to reach the inside of the tree.
- Provide bird nesting sites near your orchard. A variety of orchard companion type plants will attract native pollinator insects and also encourage birds to come and eat insect pests.

## Red Apples Continued

### REDFREE

One of the very finest early apples. Medium-sized, bright red blushed fruit with sweet, juicy white flesh that remains crisp for quite some time is rated very high in beneficial antioxidants. Great backyard tree with excellent disease resistance. Fruit does not all ripen at once for extended fresh eating. Also good for cooking. Can be stored for almost 2 months.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**

**121-1569 Semi-Dwarf (G969) \$55.95**

### SATURN

An exciting new addition to the scab resistant apple lineup at Whiffletree. Saturn was developed by the famous East Malling Research Station in Kent, England. Although this Saturn lacks the distinctive ring of its namesake planet, the pronounced conical shape makes it almost as easy to identify and remember. A solid, crimson flush puts a smooth, appealing finish on this eye-catching fruit.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

While 'sweet' and 'juicy' are accurate enough, they don't do justice to the refreshingly zesty flavour. It could be called a comfortable, traditional apple taste with just enough snap to add interest. Although not ultra-crisp, the texture provides a firm, clean bite. Some sources claim this productive variety is totally self-fertile, which adds extra value for limited space settings. Saturn's orbit should include your backyard!

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID OCT.**

**122-2027 Super Dwarf (M27) € \$55.95**  
**122-2010 Dwarf (B10) € \$55.95**  
**122-2069 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**  
**122-2018 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**

### SNOW SWEET®

This is the premier apple for snack trays and salads. Its firm, crisp, snowy white flesh is exceptionally slow to oxidize when exposed to air. Unlike most varieties which quickly turn brown, Snow Sweet® slices stay fresh looking and appetizing for hours. Well balanced flavour is mostly sweet, even buttery and rich, according to some taste testers, but retains a refreshing edge. This late-season selection is very similar to its Connell-Red parent and has become quite popular since being released by the University of Minnesota in 2006. Consistent cropping, large fruit that stores well, and above average resistance to scab and fireblight are several more reasons to choose Snow Sweet®.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID OCT.**

**122-0527 Super-Dwarf (M27) € \$55.95**  
**122-0510 Dwarf (B10) € \$55.95**  
**122-0569 Semi-Dwarf (G969) \$55.95**  
**122-0518 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**

**ESPALIER PICK 'E'** identifies the apple varieties on rootstocks which should work well for espalier application. See page 22 for more details.

### SWEET SIXTEEN

Sweet Sixteen is superb eaten straight off the tree. Its delightfully complex combination of sweet, nutty, and spicy flavours have given rise to all sorts of comparisons. John Bunker of Fedco Nursery fame nailed it as good as any when he said it tastes like Cherry Life Savers! Sweet Sixteen's crisp, cream-coloured, aromatic flesh will remind you of its Frostbite parent, while the large size and red striped appearance was imparted by its other parent - the venerable Northern Spy. Like the Spy it also ranks highly as a pie and sauce apple with respectable storage. Another hardy, dependable variety from the University of Minnesota showing some scab and fireblight resistance.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**

**122-1227 Super Dwarf (M27) € \$55.95**  
**122-1210 Dwarf (B10) € \$55.95**  
**122-1269 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**  
**122-1218 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**

### WILLIAM'S PRIDE

No-one seems to know who William was, but a variety like this could certainly justify some pride. This large, attractive dark-red apple remains one of our favourites. Crisp, juicy flesh is slightly spicy with the light cream colour showing red staining just under the skin. Fruit ripens over a period of several weeks and does not drop at maturity. That, plus the fact that this grower - friendly tree has a natural branching structure which needs no training, makes it ideal for the backyard. William's Pride ranks high for all around disease resistance.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**

**124-0427 Super Dwarf (M27) € \$55.95**  
**124-0410 Dwarf (B10) € \$55.95**  
**124-0469 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**  
**124-0418 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**

### WINECRISP™

Winecrisp™ is the 19th apple cultivar developed by the joint efforts of Illinois, New Jersey, and Indiana university research. Some other illustrious graduates of the same program include Crimson Crisp, Pristine, and William's Pride. Like its classmates, Winecrisp™ has formidable disease resistance. Although it is not related to the venerable Winesap apple, the similarity in name is no accident. It has the same outstanding, yet understated beauty with a deep purple-red matte finish enhanced with a fine network of russetting. The crisp, rock-hard, cream-coloured flesh has twangy hints of citrus and wine to offset its sweetness. Winecrisp™ is one of the best storage apples with a shelf life in excess of 6 months. The tree is precocious and productive, so aggressive hand thinning is recommended to maintain fruit size and annual bearing.



Courtesy of Cummins Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.**

**124-0910 Dwarf (B10) € \$55.95**  
**124-0918 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) (2 year old) \$64.95**

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## Green, Yellow, & Russet Apples

### GOLDRUSH

Goldrush is a late-ripening, excellent-quality golden apple with a bronze/red blush that delivers a "rush" of flavour. Pale yellow flesh is crisp, firm, and non-browning. Definitely tart at picking time, but mellows to a wonderfully complex, spicy flavour in storage. Goldrush redefines "storage apple" as it can keep up to 11 months! It is also attracting the attention of cider makers.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.-EARLY NOV.**

**113-0369 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**

### HOOPLES ANTIQUE GOLD

Tom Burford chose this apple to grace the cover of his best selling book "Apples of North America". He calls it "the beauty queen of the russet apple world" and rightly so. Its evenly-russeted, burnished golden skin covers crisp, yellow flesh which has intense and exceptionally rich, complex flavour. Makes an excellent fresh eating and cooking apple, just like its Golden Delicious parentage and keeps several months.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE OCT.**

**114-1018 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) (2 year old) \$64.95**

### MUTSU NEW

For many folks Mutsu needs no introduction. This Jolly Green Giant from Japan has been around for nearly ninety years now and has a substantial following both here and abroad. In some locations it is known as 'Crispin'. Mutsu doesn't mess much with the Golden Delicious (its parent) recipe for success, flavour-wise or otherwise. The flesh is slightly crunchier and will not shrivel in storage. You can easily keep it for five months. Mutsu is very productive, but plant it with several other varieties as it is a triploid.



Courtesy of Cummins Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

**118-0969 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**

### PRISTINE®

This is one of our favourites. Large, picture perfect, creamy-yellow fruit with a rosy blush and not a hint of scab, even with no sprays in a damp summer. Exceptionally crisp for an early apple with a pleasant, sweet/spicy flavour. Excellent for fresh eating, baking, or sauce. Pristine® ripens a little later than Yellow Transparent, but in our opinion is a vastly superior choice in every way. It also stores a bit longer.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID AUG.**

**120-1014 Dwarf (G214) € \$55.95**

**120-1069 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**

**120-1018 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**

### CHEHALIS

Discovered near Chehalis, WA, in 1937, it resembles the well known Golden Delicious in both flavour and appearance, but Chehalis is usually a larger fruit with crisper texture. Makes a good baking apple providing they don't all get eaten fresh first! Reliable, productive tree is scab and mildew resistant. Some sources consider Chehalis to be totally self pollinating.



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**

**110-0769 Semi-Dwarf (G969) €**

**\$55.95**

### SUNDANCE NEW

'Packaged Lemonade' is how one outfit markets these huge, pink-blushed, yellow apples. Indeed, its unique, wonderfully refreshing flavour is not unlike sweet lemonade. Extra firm and ultra crisp, cream-coloured flesh is ideal for fresh eating and pies - it holds the shape and texture and bakes up perfectly - never mushy and not too hard. Sundance™ is a super storage apple, retaining its crisp quality for up to five months. Last, but definitely not least, especially for the homeowner - like most of the PRI breeding program varieties, Sundance™ has exceptional disease resistance across the board.



Courtesy of Cummins Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.**

**122-0810 Dwarf (B10) €**

**\$55.95**

**122-0869 Semi-Dwarf (G969) €**

**\$55.95**

**122-0818 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**

## Super Dwarf Apples

Our super dwarf apple trees are grafted onto M27 rootstock which has an extremely dwarfing effect producing a tree that will be no more than 1.5 - 2 meters (5 -6') tall at maturity. There are many interesting advantages to growing such a small tree. Not only are they easy to pick, they can be grown in incredibly confined spaces including a large patio container.

M27 trees mature very quickly, bearing a good crop only 2 years after planting and reach their maximum height after only 3 to 4 years. Since their root systems are also small, these trees cannot support themselves and will need to be planted with a stake, whether they are going in the ground or in a container. Watering and a good mulching is important.

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**112-2827 Super Dwarf (M27) €**

**\$55.95**

### LIBERTY - Page 9

**117-0127 Super Dwarf (M27) €**

**\$55.95**

### SATURN - Page 10

**122-2027 Super Dwarf (M27) €**

**\$55.95**

### SNOWSWEET - Page 10

**122-0527 Super-Dwarf (M27) €**

**\$55.95**

### SWEET SIXTEEN - Page 10

**122-1227 Super Dwarf (M27) €**

**\$55.95**

### WILLIAMS PRIDE - Page 10

**124-0427 Super Dwarf (M27) €**

**\$55.95**

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**102-2627 Super Dwarf (M27) €**

**\$55.95**

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## Red Fleshed Apples

### HIDDEN ROSE

This unique cultivar was discovered near Airlie, Oregon, and was originally known as 'Airlie Red Flesh'. Thankfully, it was soon given the very apt and more appealing 'Hidden Rose' name. Indeed, by looking at the mid-sized cone-shaped apple, you would never guess that just below the glossy green-gold skin, it harbours an alluring, rosy-pink interior. Tom Burford describes it as "juicy, crisp, sugary, and richly flavoured." It actually stores well too. So plant the tree for its adorable pink blossoms—which rival any flowering crabapple—and get the fruit as a bonus.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

<b>102-2627</b>	<b>Super Dwarf (M27) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>102-2610</b>	<b>Dwarf (B10) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>102-2669</b>	<b>Semi-Dwarf (G969)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>

### REDFIELD

What would result if you crossed Wolf River with a Niedzwetzkyana crab? In this case the Geneva, NY, research station got a large apple with startling, vivid pink flesh. Released in 1938, Redfield has always been considered too tart for fresh eating, but has achieved fame more recently with the current cider craze. It actually makes wonderful jelly and pies too, and of course, the tree's dark reddish bark, bronze-red foliage and striking two-toned pink blossoms add beauty and colour to every season in your backyard.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

<b>102-6810</b>	<b>Dwarf (B10)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>102-6869</b>	<b>Semi-Dwarf (G969)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>102-6818</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>

### PINK PRINCESS

The soft-hued, rosy pink flesh of this seldom seen variety is possibly the sweetest of any red-fleshed apple. First rate eating quality, adding a regal touch to fruit salads, juice, sauce, or pies. Developed by Fred Janson of Dundas, ON, Pink Princess is superior to its popular parent Pink Pearl, in both flavour and scab resistance with a deeper crimson blush to its yellow cheeks. A compact, spreading, and productive tree with exquisite charm at spring bloom time fully befitting the Pink Princess name.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

<b>102-5510</b>	<b>Dwarf (B10)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>102-5569</b>	<b>Semi-Dwarf (G969)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>

### RUBAIYAT

Albert Etter was an eccentric, self-taught fruit breeder who was obsessed with developing red-fleshed apples. After his death in 1950, the experimental orchard at his abandoned homestead in the mountains of northwestern California slowly went back to wilderness. Such was the state of affairs when Ram Fishman of Greenmantle Nursery began exploring later in the 1970s. Among the numerous red-fleshed varieties he encountered, seven were selected as superior, and subsequently dubbed as the Rosetta™ series. Within this group Rubaiyat® stands out like a shiny Christmas ornament. Ruby-red from the outside to the core, this delightfully aromatic apple's flavour is intensely sweet with a tart, cherry-berry edge to it. Crisp, yet melting and juicy, Rubaiyat is fine for dessert and funky for culinary use.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.**

<b>102-7310</b>	<b>Dwarf (B10) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>102-7326</b>	<b>Small Semi-Dwarf (M26) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>

## Heirloom Apples/Cider Apples

We can't bring back the good old days, but in apples we can go one better! You now have access to the time proven varieties of Grandpa's day in a compact, more manageable tree size. The flavours and even the names evoke memories of bygone days when life seemed less complicated. Watch for continued expansion of this section as we search out and bring back old time favourites as customers request.



### ASHMEADS KERNEL

An old English variety of unparalleled quality from the early 1700's. This one will fully engage your taste buds! To quote John Bunker, "Each bite is an intense, aromatic sting of sharp and sweet, with hints of indescribable, but absolutely wonderful tastes and aftertastes." Small to medium, greenish-yellow apples with heavy brownish russet have crisp, juicy yellow flesh. A good sharp addition for cider but also great for sauce or dessert. Shows some resistance to scab and mildew. Store until New Year to reach perfection.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID-LATE OCT.**

<b>108-0669</b>	<b>Semi-Dwarf (G969) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>108-0618</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>

### RED BELLE DE BOSKOOP

This large beautiful apple originating near Boskoop, Holland, in about 1856, was first known as 'Schoener von Boskoop'. In Europe, where it is still a popular commercial variety, Boskoop is recognized for its superior culinary qualities, but in addition to cooking and baking it also works well for cider and fresh eating. The rich but sprightly flavour has a sharp, clean, lemon tinge that will wake up your taste buds. It will mellow and sweeten during storage and can easily be kept all winter. In recent years it has been discovered that Boskoop has a higher phytonutrient content than most apples. Vigorous, scab resistant tree is very productive, but often takes a little longer to begin bearing. Plant Boskoop with several other varieties as it is a triploid.



Courtesy of Raintree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.**

<b>109-0418</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) (2 year old)</b>	<b>\$64.95</b>
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### BLACK OXFORD

A rare heirloom apple which is making a real comeback, it was discovered around 1790 on a farm in Oxford County, Maine. Records exist that indicate the original tree was still producing in 1907! Mid-sized deep purple fruit has a glossy black sheen when fully ripe. A great all purpose variety but truly superb for drying or cider. Long storage enhances this apple's sweetness, with peak flavour for the best eating by late winter. Black Oxford is somewhat slow to start bearing and like many older varieties it has a tendency toward biennial (every other year) bearing. It shows both insect and disease resistance.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.**

<b>109-0910</b>	<b>Dwarf (B10) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>110-0918</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>

**DAVEY**

Davey (which, incidentally, rhymes with 'savvy', not 'gravy') was named after S. Lothrop Davenport, who discovered it in an old orchard in Massachusetts. Richard Fahey classes Davey as practically a twin to the well-known Empire, but with superior disease resistance. Richard is a long time, hardcore homesteader in upstate NY with over 400 apple varieties in his orchard. Davey is on his list of 'The 30 Best Apples'. These are all reliable, low maintenance producers that thrive in his no-spray setting. Davey's pleasant hint-of-strawberry flavour has also been compared to Baldwin or to Westfield Seek-No-Further. Either way, this mid-sized, multi-purpose, mostly red apple makes great fresh eating right through until March.

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID OCT.**

<b>111-0110</b>	<b>Dwarf (B10)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>111-0118</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**GOLDEN RusSET**

Originating in New York in about 1845, these apples have a slightly rough skin that is a green/yellow colour with a golden brown or russet spots. The Golden Russet has a rich and distinctive flavor. The sweet juicy flesh is good for fresh eating and cooking and is considered to be the champagne of old time cider apples. The fruit keeps very well in cold storage.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.-EARLY NOV.**

<b>113-0626</b>	<b>Small Semi-Dwarf (M26)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>113-0618</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>

**GRAY PEARMAN NEW**

Here is another obscure, but outstanding, heirloom apple which has become available again through the efforts of John Bunker at Fedco Nursery in Maine. Although this Tolman Sweet progeny has impressed us, our experience is still limited, so we will turn it over to John for the description. Here goes - 'Absolutely delicious dessert apple with a distinct pear flavour and firm, white, juicy, mildly tart flesh. Steadily gaining a devoted following. Medium-sized, slightly ribbed and muffin-shaped fruit has a soft opaque greenish-yellow skin with a rosy-pink blush, a russet veil, and a greyish bloom. Produces excellent juice. Pick late and eat them in the fall and all winter. Annually bearing, easy-to-grow, medium-sized, spreading tree.' So, there you have it - now you can be a part of that 'devoted following'!



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE OCT.**

<b>113-2269</b>	<b>Semi-Dwarf (G969)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
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**HOLSTEIN**

Discovered in Hamburg, Germany, in 1918, Holstein is thought to be a seedling of Cox Orange Pippin. The medium-large, mottled orange fruit has often been a favourite at apple tastings. Highly aromatic with a delightful mixture of sweet and tart flavours and a hint of pineapple, it is prized for fresh eating and for flavourful juice. Vigorous, scab resistant tree. Holstein is a good keeper. Plant with several other varieties as it is a triploid.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**

<b>114-0714</b>	<b>Dwarf (G214) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>114-0726</b>	<b>Small Semi-Dwarf (M26) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>114-0789</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf (G890)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>

**HUDSON'S GOLDEN GEM**

Discovered as a fence row seedling in Oregon about 1931. The large, deeply russeted fruit with its conical, elongated shape was first thought to be a pear and, indeed, even the flavour is somewhat pear-like. Crisp and sugary, rich, nutty and refreshing, it's a first-rate dessert apple, as well as baking, drying, and cider. Productive tree is quite scab, mildew, and fire blight resistant. These Golden Gems will hang on the tree well into winter. A good keeper.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

<b>114-1110</b>	<b>Dwarf (B10) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>114-1169</b>	<b>Semi-Dwarf (G969) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>114-1118</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>

**KING DAVID NEW**

King David has earned a name as an intensely flavoured apple and there has been lots of time to build that reputation. Discovered in an Arkansas farm fencerow in 1893, this chance seedling is speculated to be a cross of Jonathon and Winesap, which seems logical as it displays the best qualities of both. Back to the taste - Fedco Nursery describes it as thus: 'The initial bite is an explosion of flavours - pineapple, tangerine, lemon, sweet, sour, tart, sharp, aromatic, and spicy. You may wince or moan or scream. You may see stars.' Obviously, the best way to determine whether that description is slightly over the top is to grow King David yourself. The midsized, maroon-coloured apples are also great for pies or cider and will make a rich, yellow applesauce. The tree is vigorous, bearing young and regularly. Respectable disease resistance, especially to fireblight.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE OCT.**

<b>116-0510</b>	<b>Dwarf (B10) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>116-0569</b>	<b>Semi-Dwarf (G969)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
<b>116-0518</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>

**MOTHER NEW**

Mother hails from Massachusetts, dating back to the 1840s. Somehow it eventually ended up achieving more prominence in England, where it is known as 'American Mother'. Perhaps its unique balsamic flavour and slight wintergreen aroma tickled British tastebuds more persuasively than the American ones. Texture wise, it is definitely not a modern apple. It is better described as 'tender and creamy' than 'crunchy'. However, this Mother does have a sizeable family of fruit lovers who prefer it over many of the newer introductions. The tree has enough resistance to scab and other apple ailments to make it a sensible choice for the backyard grower.



Courtesy of Cummins Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**

<b>118-1869</b>	<b>Semi-Dwarf (G969) €</b>	<b>\$55.95</b>
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## Heirloom/Cider Apples Continued —

### REINE DE REINETTE **NEW**

Like more of the old European apples, its history is a mix of conjecture and certainty, plus numerous names to add to the confusion. The likeliest account of its origin has it turning up in the Netherlands with the name of 'Kroon Renet' (Reinette of the Crown). By the 1770's it had gained considerable recognition in France and became known as 'Reine des Reinettes'. In England it was first called 'Golden Winter Pearmain', until someone realized it was the identical apple so it was renamed 'King of the Pippins'. To further confuse the issue, Reine de Reinette was imported from France to England with the 'Queen of the Pippins' name. When all the dust eventually settled, this was still a fine apple that continues to hold its own with the best in tastings up to the present day. Quebec cider maker Claude Jolicoeur considers it one of his favourites. The high sugar concentration and great flavour also makes super cider.

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

**121-2518 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

### RIBSTON PIPPIN

Originated in Yorkshire, England, around 1700 and long considered the classic "upscale" English dessert apple. Mid-sized, bright orange, red-blushed fruit has a pleasant aroma and a rich, refined flavour. The fine-grained flesh is hard, crisp, and extremely sugary. One of the best for eating, cooking, and cider. It is a triploid, so be sure to have several other varieties for cross pollination.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

**121-1710 Dwarf (B10) € \$55.95**  
**121-1769 Semi-Dwarf (G969) \$55.95**

### SANDOW

Strangely enough, even though this Northern Spy seedling has been around since 1912, very few folks seem to have heard of it. We really believe this ought to change. Sandow has all the famous cooking quality of its well-known Spy parent, but makes a far better fresh eating fruit. Moreover, it has better scab resistance, more cold hardiness, and produces more heavily, starting at a much younger age. The large scarlet-striped apple is crisp, firm, and quite sweet with an endearing edge to its flavour that has been described as raspberry. We definitely deem this one worthy of your consideration.



Courtesy of Claude Jolicoeur

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

**121-9969 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**  
**121-9918 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**

### SNOW

The real name of this heirloom variety is 'Fameuse'. It is thought to have arrived in Canada with early French settlers in the late 1600's. The common name of 'Snow' refers to the bright white flesh of this small-medium sized ruby red apple. Pleasantly mild, tender fruit cooks up into a fluffy, white sauce. It also makes excellent sweet cider and some old timers still consider it their favourite eating apple. The Snow is reputed to be one of the highest for Vitamin C content. One of very few apples that grow quite true-to-type from seed. Snow is rather susceptible to scab. Keeps till Christmas.



Photo courtesy ruralys.org

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**

**122-0426 Small Semi-Dwarf (M26) € \$55.95**  
**122-0469 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**

### TOLMAN SWEET

Back in the late 1700's when Tolman Sweet surfaced somewhere in the New England states, the term 'crisp' was not needed to sell an apple. Despite a distinctly old fashioned texture, and even taste, this variety has stuck around for several centuries. During the nineteenth century, a time when granulated sugar was seldom available, Tolman Sweet was esteemed for the pleasantly intense sweetness of its very dry flesh. This inordinate sugar content, which often exceeds 14 percent, is still an attribute for baking, drying, or pickling purposes, but particularly for cider production, whether sweet or hard. In cider, its unusually low acid content can also provide beneficial balance to other varieties. Many local farms still have an immense, ancient Tolman Sweet tree or two, bearing mute testimony to its hardiness and longevity.



**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**

**124-0569 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**  
**124-0518 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**

### WOLF RIVER

Dating back to an open-pollinated Alexander seedling found growing on the banks of the Wolf River near Freemont, Wisconsin, in 1875, this apple is legendary for its immense size, often weighing more than one pound. It is a very pale reddish colour on a yellow background with a creamy white coloured flesh. It has a mild and pleasant flavour and is excellent for cooking, baking, and drying. Wolf River is very winter hardy.



**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**

**124-0510 Dwarf (B10) € \$55.95**  
**124-0569 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**  
**124-0518 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**

### YELLOW TRANSPARENT

Early settlers in Minnesota, Michigan, and the Dakotas had difficulty finding apple trees that would survive the rigorous mid-west winters. So in the 1870s, the US Department of Agriculture imported numerous varieties from Russia. Among them was the Yellow Transparent which became a favourite for its high quality, scab-free, and early ripening apples and, of course, its winter hardiness. One of the earliest summer apples, Yellow Transparent has a pale yellow translucent skin. Its white flesh has a light texture and is very crisp and juicy and has a sweet/tart flavour. It is a popular choice for apple sauce and also makes great pies.



Courtesy of Cummins Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID AUG.**

**125-1210 Dwarf (B10) € \$55.95**  
**125-1269 Semi-Dwarf (G969) € \$55.95**  
**125-1218 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118) \$55.95**

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# Columnar Apples

These unusual trees open up intriguing possibilities, especially for urban farmers. With apples growing on short spurs, very close to the trunk, these hardy and disease resistant varieties can be tucked into tight corners where you'd never before pictured an apple tree. Try several in containers on your balcony. Consider planting a row of alternating varieties 1 meter (2-3') apart as a section of living fencing. Not only would it define the property line and provide a measure of privacy, but at the same time it would supply both you and your neighbor with apples for fresh eating, pies, and cider!



## GOLDEN SENTINEL™

Developed in Summerland, BC, in the 1980's, this disease resistant 'sentinel' is known for large, golden-yellow apples with a rosy blush on the sunny side. Both appearance and the sweet, mellow flavour makes for favourable comparisons to Golden Delicious. Storage life is also similar, at about four months. Golden Sentinel's distinctive colonnade shape can easily be maintained by pruning the branches back to 10-15cm stubs every spring.



Courtesy of Raintree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

**104-3026 Small Semi-Dwarf (M26)**

**\$55.95**

## SCARLET SENTINEL™

Another space-saving columnar cultivar from Summerland, BC, combining disease resistance, clean, lively flavour, and ease of growing. Although the tree is compact, the crop is not - a mature 2.5-3m (8-10') tall tree can yield over 50 large rosy-red apples. The texture is crisp and refreshing, making Scarlet Sentinel™ a great multi-purpose fruit and a good keeper. It pairs well with any other columnar apple tree.



**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**

**104-7026 Small Semi-Dwarf (M26)**

**\$55.95**

## URBAN APPLE® SERIES

Our columnar lineup gets a fresh infusion of talent with these exciting new European selections. Dr. Jaroslav Tupy of the Czech Republic has developed the Urban Apple® series—a number of scab and mildew resistant varieties ideally suited for the aspiring orchardist with very limited space.

### URBAN BLUSHING DELIGHT®

This beauty is distinguished by an attractive crimson blush over a green background and delightful, sweet flavour. Large crisp fruit will store up to four months. Blushing Delight® is precocious and productive. In Europe it is sold as 'Moonlight'.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4**

**HARVEST: MID OCT.**

**104-0506 Semi-Dwarf (M106)**

**\$55.95**

### URBAN GOLDEN TREAT®

Maximize your mini orchard by planting Golden Treat® with one or two of its Urban® buddies. In the spring they light up their corner with blush-pink blossoms, followed by tight clusters of luscious fruit in early fall. Crisp, greenish-gold apples become sweeter the longer they hang on the tree. Golden Treat® lives up to its name right off the tree as well as in the kitchen.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4**

**HARVEST: MID OCT.**

**104-3106 Semi-Dwarf (M106)**

**\$55.95**

### URBAN TANGY GREEN®

If you enjoy a tangy, refreshing apple, this crisp Granny Smith type should fit the bill. Tangy Green is one of the best for salads as its firm cream coloured flesh can be sliced for a long time before turning brown. With its extra bit of 'zesty zip' it is also ideal for pies and other culinary creations. Tangy Green® is the best columnar keeper, with a storage life of close to six months. In Europe it is sold as 'Goldlane'.



Courtesy of Raintree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4**

**HARVEST: MID-LATE OCT.**

**104-8006 Semi-Dwarf (M106)**

**\$55.95**

### URBAN TASTY RED®

This firm, juicy apple turns crisp, sweet, and quite red when fully ripe. Enjoy them either fresh or baked in a pie. Even on the semi-dwarf rootstock these unique bottle brush shaped Urban Apple® trees will seldom grow taller than 3m (8-10') and with pruning can easily be kept at less than 1m (3') wide. All can pollenize each other. Any nearby apple tree blooming at the same time will do, even a flowering crabapple.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4**

**HARVEST: MID OCT.**

**104-8106 Semi-Dwarf (M106)**

**\$55.95**

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# Crabapples

The reasons for planting a crabapple tree are many and varied. Commercial orchardists value the pollination benefit of their extravagant blooming, while some homeowners simply enjoy the fragrant and elegant beauty of the spring blossom show. Others have discovered the unexpected pleasurable eating experience some varieties provide. A renewed interest in cider making is also fueling a fresh appreciation for the crabapple contribution. What's more, their innate cold hardiness and naturally compact form open the opportunity for almost anyone to plant one.

1.25-2 m (4-6') bareroot trees

## Edible Crabapples

### CENTENNIAL

A little known variety that deserves more recognition, this Minnesota selection is a Wealthy x Dolgo Crab cross. Child-sized barrel-shaped apples are bright scarlet over yellow with a sweet, somewhat nutty flavour. Great for fresh eating, preserving, or cider. Highly scab resistant, natural dwarf tree is excellent both as a pollenizer and as an ornamental with an extended flowering period of snowy white blossoms.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**

**110-0618 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)**

**\$55.95**

### CHESTNUT

Fabulous, complex flavour in a golf ball-sized fruit! Chestnut has been known to win apple taste tests with its crisp, sweet yellow flesh that is nutty with a hint of vanilla. Reddish bronze fruit hangs on the tree long after ripening and is ideal for dessert, cider, pickling, or sauce. With large aromatic white blossoms, this disease resistant variety makes a great ornamental landscaping addition.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

**110-0869 Semi-Dwarf (G969)**

**\$55.95**

**110-0818 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)**

**\$55.95**

### TRAILMAN

Amazingly hardy and wondrously flavoured. This egg-shaped and egg-sized apple from Beaver Lodge Research Farm in Alberta was released in 1973. Sweet and spicy, crisp golden-yellow flesh has a translucent yellow skin with a faint reddish blush. Although small in size, Trailman is surprisingly solid. In fact, Konrad Ilg of Edmonton says it is the only apple that sinks to the bottom when placed in water! Compact drooping tree produces heavy crops every year. A perfect juice apple.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**

**123-0418 Large Semi-Dwarf (B118)**

**\$55.95**

## Rootstock Information Overload?

We apologize for the lengthy lineup of rootstocks, especially for apples, which in turn requires an overwhelming flood of information! How much information is necessary? We struggle with this one. Advanced growers may be looking for very specific attributes and appreciate detailed comparisons. But for the average backyard grower, our advice is this: don't sweat the small stuff. Providing reasonable care for your trees - watering, pruning, etc. - has more of a bearing on success than trying to select the perfect rootstock.

**Why do we have so many?** Here are a few of the reasons.

- **Availability.** Most of our rootstock comes from specialized rootstock nurseries. Supply is affected by factors such as seasonal growing conditions and high demand for new and commercial types. This means our orders will shift according to what is available.

- **Customer Needs.** 'One size fits all' doesn't cut it. Our customers have vast variations in goals, preferences, location and climate.

- **Evaluation.** We do constant comparisons in the nursery and compare notes with others in the industry. As newer rootstocks become available we take the opportunity to trial them. In the apple sector this focus is mainly on the 'Geneva' lineup of rootstocks from Cornell University in Geneva, NY.

The **Geneva** series consists of a number of apple rootstocks ranging from a small dwarf to large semi-dwarf. Their resistance to a tree ailment called 'replant disease' has fueled tremendous demand from commercial orchardists. Although this is seldom, if ever, a concern for hobbyists and homeowners, other afflictions such as fire blight certainly are. Here, too, the Genevas shine, with fire blight resistance which can be counted on. Cold hardiness is good, but probably less than the Russians (B118, B10, etc.). Heavier fruit production and at a young age is another Geneva influence.

Following is a list of Geneva rootstocks in our lineup now.

<b>G214</b>	<b>Dwarf</b>	<b>(2.5-3.1m/8-10ft)</b>
<b>G969</b>	<b>Semi-Dwarf</b>	<b>(3.25-4m/10-14ft)</b>
<b>G890</b>	<b>Large Semi-Dwarf</b>	<b>(3.6-5m/13-16ft)</b>

## Flowering Crabapples

### PRAIRIEFIRE

In addition to having the deepest crimson-pink bloom of any flowering crab, Prairiefire is also noted as one of the most disease resistant, rarely showing any problems from scab or other issues. The exquisite flower extravaganza arrives a little later and stays a little longer than most, turning into ½" dark red fruits that do not drop. Maroon colour foliage fades out into deep green during the summer. Upright, spreading, rounded tree generally matures at 5-6 m (15-20') high and 6m (20') wide.



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

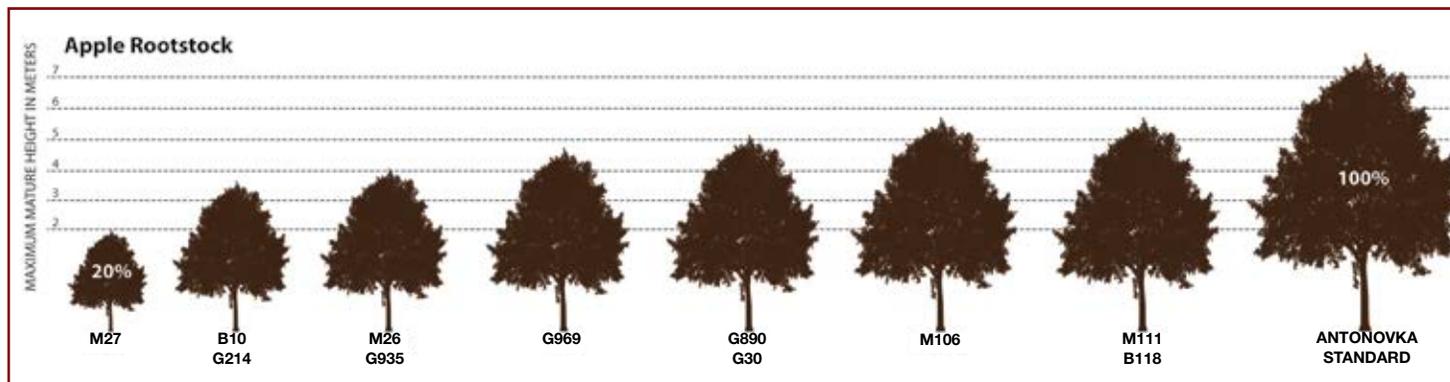
**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4**

**101-3098 Standard (Antonovka)**

**\$55.95**

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ROOTSTOCK	PROS	CONS
<b>M27 SUPER DWARF</b> (1.4 - 2 m / 4 - 6 ')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>extremely compact</li> <li>easy to pick</li> <li>fits into tight spaces</li> <li>can be grown in containers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>needs stake support</li> <li>shallow roots require more watering</li> <li>average winter hardiness</li> </ul>
<b>BUD 9 DWARF</b> (2.5 - 3.5 m / 8 - 11 ')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>very cold hardy Russian rootstock</li> <li>begins bearing at an early age</li> <li>very productive</li> <li>does well in most soils</li> <li>collar rot resistant</li> <li>better fire blight resistance than M9 dwarf</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>tree support is usually recommended</li> <li>not as drought tolerant as a bigger tree</li> <li>shorter tree lifespan (20-30 years versus 100 years for large trees)</li> </ul>
<b>B10 DWARF</b> (2.7 - 3.5 m / 9 - 11 ')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>very similar to Bud 9 in all respects, with just slightly more vigor and enhanced fire blight resistance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>tree support is usually recommended</li> <li>not as drought tolerant as a bigger tree</li> </ul>
<b>M26 SMALL SEMI-DWARF</b> (3 - 4 m / 9 - 13 ')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reasonably winter hardy</li> <li>good general purpose rootstock</li> <li>quite productive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>tree support suggested for first 5 years</li> <li>needs well drained but not too sandy soils</li> <li>not very drought tolerant</li> <li>fire blight susceptible</li> </ul>
<b>G935 SMALL SEMI-DWARF</b> (3.25 - 4 m / 10 - 13 ')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>just slightly larger than M26 at maturity, but has higher yields and at a younger age.</li> <li>very resistant to fireblight and collar rot.</li> <li>seems to induce wide branch angles for easier tree training.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>tree support suggested for first 5 years.</li> <li>less winter hardy than BUD series.</li> </ul>
<b>G969 SEMI-DWARF</b> (3.25 - 4 m / 10 - 14 ')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>almost as cold hardy as BUD 9</li> <li>begins bearing at an early age</li> <li>very resistant to fire blight</li> <li>seems to reduce biennialism in varieties such as Honeycrisp</li> <li>minimal burr knots and suckering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>tree support still suggested</li> </ul>
<b>M106 LARGE SEMI-DWARF</b> (3.6 - 5.2 m / 13 - 17 ')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>well anchored tree, needs no support</li> <li>good productivity</li> <li>quite drought tolerant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>plant only in well drained or light soils</li> <li>susceptible to collar rot</li> </ul>
<b>BUD 118 LARGE SEMI-DWARF</b> (4 - 5.5 m / 14 - 19 ')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>very cold hardy and drought tolerant</li> <li>does well in most soil conditions</li> <li>begins bearing at an early age</li> <li>most production per tree</li> <li>fire blight and collar rot resistant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>can be too large for confined spaces</li> <li>more ladder work for pruning and picking</li> </ul>
<b>ANTONOVKA STANDARD</b> (6 - 7 m / 18 - 23 ft)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>extremely cold hardy Russian root stock</li> <li>ideal for short season northern regions</li> <li>deep roots tolerate drought and poor soils</li> <li>trees can live over 100 years</li> <li>will produce tart yellow apples if not grafted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>can take 8-10 years to come into production</li> <li>it is seeding rootstock, not clonal (like all the above) so expect more variation in tree size and vigor</li> <li>takes up a lot of space</li> <li>you need a long ladder</li> </ul>



Please note: sizes given at maturity are an approximation and may vary depending on soil type and growing conditions. Another factor is the variation of vigor in different varieties. For instance, crabapples are naturally smaller, even on larger rootstock.

# Pears (*Pyrus communis*)

Pears are a great compliment to any home orchard. They usually require less maintenance than other fruit as far as pruning and spraying and tolerate heavy clay soils. Most pear orchards are gone, so Canada must import millions of pounds every year just to meet the present consumer demand. We chose this interesting collection of pears for their wonderful quality of fruit and because they are among the easiest for orchardists to grow organically.

1-2 m (3-6') bareroot trees

## European Pears

### BEURRE GIFFARD

Start the pear season on a high note with this hardy heirloom variety. Discovered in France by Nicolas Giffard in about 1825 and still considered a premium quality selection. Medium-large fruit with crisp, but tender, fine-grained flesh has a hint of vintage wine in its sprightly flavour. It works well for both fresh eating and canning and is best if picked before fully ripe. Beurre Giffard is grown commercially in Quebec and even in Alaska. Precocious, productive, and blight resistant, it has also proven to be somewhat self-fertile.

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID AUG.**

- 131-1331 Dwarf (Quince A) € \$55.95
- 131-1387 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95



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### CLAPPS FAVORITE

This hardy, dependable early season pear is named after Thaddeus Clapp of Dorchester, Massachusetts, where it originated in the mid 1800's. In our area Clapps is indeed a favourite. The sweet, juicy, melting flesh is pleasantly mild with a smoother texture than Bartlett. These pears will not store long. Pick before totally ripe. Eat fresh for several weeks and can the rest.



**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: MID-LATE AUG.**

- 132-2987 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95
- 132-2933 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 333) (2 year old) € \$64.95

### CONCORDE®

This relatively new British variety was named after the Supersonic Concorde airliner. A cross of Conference and Comice it has proven to be very winter hardy. Large attractive pink blushed, green fruit with slender necks have finely textured, juicy flesh with exceptional, sugary-rich flavour. Concorde begins bearing at a young age. It is also one of the best storing pears, keeping until late April.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

- 131-2531 Dwarf (Quince) € \$55.95
- 131-2587 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95
- 131-2597 Large Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 97) € \$55.95

### DOUGLAS

This variety comes highly recommended by Minnesota growers. Obviously very hardy, it also offers superior disease resistance including, of course, fire blight. Large golden-yellow firm fleshed fruit is a good keeper and works well for both canning and fresh eating. Douglas is productive and very precocious, meaning it starts producing young, usually by the second year after planting.



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**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

- 132-0387 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95

### FLEMISH BEAUTY

Discovered in a wooded area of Flemish, Belgium, back around 1800. In about 1920, Ulysses Hedrick of Geneva, NY, published his 'Cyclopedia of Hardy Fruits', highly recommending this pear and describing it thus, "A bright-cheeked Flemish Beauty is as handsome as any pear and is almost unapproachable in quality; the flavour is nicely balanced between sweetness and sourness, very rich, and has a pleasing muskiness". After sampling some enormous, juicy Flemish Beautys that a local orchardist insisted we try, we are on Ulysses Hedrick's team. Some serious winter hardiness in this selection.



**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

- 132-2497 Large Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 97) € \$55.95
- 132-2433 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 333) (2 year old) € \$64.95

### ACT™ HARROW CRISP

One of a number of highly fireblight resistant pears introduced at Harrow, Ontario, Harrow Crisp is one of the best commercial replacements for Bartlett, ripening in the same season. This hardy red-blushed pear also works well for homeowners with smooth, grit-free creamy white flesh that remains firm, even when fully ripe. Mild, sweet flavour. Will keep for up to two months if picked early.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

- 132-4087 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95

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**HARROW DELIGHT NEW**

We are now offering Harrow Delight as an early season selection instead of Sunrise, simply because Sunrise seems to take forever to start bearing, while Harrow Delight is more precocious than most pears. It will often begin fruiting by the second or third year after planting. Harrow Delight is also highly resistant to fireblight and pear scab. This is a good choice to start the pear season at a farmstand. Fruit size, appearance, and texture are almost identical to Bartlett, and while flavour is similar, it has its own distinctive sweet and pleasant taste. Pick them before they are fully ripe to extend their short shelf life.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**  
**132-4187 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**

**HONEY SWEET**

Similar to the well known Seckel or Sugar pear but in a larger longer-keeping fruit. Delectable, smooth, creamy flesh is supersweet and firm. Honey Sweet is hardy and resistant to fire blight and foliage diseases. It is one of the few pears that will set fruit without a pollinizer, but the fruit will be bigger if you have another variety nearby.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**  
**132-4531 Dwarf (Quince A) € \$55.95**  
**132-4587 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**

**HUMBUG**

We don't expect anyone to plant a whole orchard of these, but someone on the watch for weird and wonderful stuff may well find Humbug irresistible. Many things in life have more than one valid viewpoint, including the reason to plant fruit trees. In the case of this exotic pear, even its background seems to be open for debate. Version One has the Ukraine as the place of origin. There it is called 'Pysanka' which means an Easter Egg. The story states these fancy fruits were traditionally stored over winter, then displayed as table decorations before eating at Easter time to celebrate the arrival of spring.



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Version Two claims this pear is actually called 'Schweizerhose' and turned up in Switzerland in about 1800. Did the Swiss wear striped stockings back then? Who knows? Whatever, it is definitely funky, it does keep all winter, and the tree is now available here. Humbug bears loads of mid-sized fruit which is rock hard at picking. Towards spring the juicy white flesh under its thick, ornamental skin becomes softer, sweeter, and somewhat savory.

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID OCT.**  
**132-5287 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**

**MAGNESS**

A medium sized greenish-brown pear with light russetting, Magness is considered by many to be the very finest flavoured of all the pears when fully ripe. Its rich, sugary, smooth, aromatic flesh is juicy and grit free with a slightly tougher skin which reduces insect damage and contributes to longer shelf life. Can be stored up to four months. Extremely fireblight resistant tree grows more spreading than most pears and is moderately productive. Needs a strong pollination partner, such as Honey Sweet or Rescue.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE SEPT.**  
**133-4531 Dwarf (Quince A) € \$55.95**

**MAX RED BARTLETT**

An attractive, solid reddish-brown pear. Discovered in Washington State in 1938, this unique and interesting variation of the old familiar Bartlett offers some distinct advantages that are more than skin deep. It has the tangy, regular Bartlett flavour but is decidedly sweeter. The tree is slightly more fire blight resistant and tends to start bearing at a younger age. Also considered to be every bit as cold hardy and compact.

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**  
**133-4887 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**



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We also have some availability in the following common commercial Pear varieties in both 'Regular' and 'Orchard Grade' trees.

**BARTLETT**  
**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**  
**131-1187 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**

**BOSC**  
**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**  
**131-1687 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**

# European Pears Continued

## NOVA

Introduced by Bill MacKentley of St. Lawrence Nurseries of upstate New York. He considered it his best variety and named it after his daughter Nova. Large, thin skinned pear has a smooth, creamy texture. Delightful fresh eating and also one of the best for canning. Appears to be scab and fire blight resistant as well as self-fertile. Growth habit is more spreading than most pear trees. Nova is naturally quite compact and nearly as hardy as Patten.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**  
**133-6587 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**

## PARAGON

Meet Paragon, a virtually unknown pear, which recently edged out Bartlett, to top the 'overall liking' list in a consumer preference study at the Oregon State University. In the 2021 project they had 219 die-hard pear lovers sampling 23 different varieties. They examined attributes ranging from taste to texture and juiciness to woodiness, with the 'overall liking' score measuring the participants' gut reaction after biting into a slice of the fruit. Now that our own Paragon has started fruiting our gut reaction agrees with the Oregon study. Despite its unassuming appearance, this pear is a standout – juicy, honey-like, sweet flavour, buttery texture, with thin, palatable skin. Paragon is a cross of Comice x Max Red Bartlett. Large green fruit turns yellowish with ripening and will store up to four months.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**  
**134-0387 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF87) € \$55.95**

## PATTEN

Introduced in 1922 and still esteemed as the best quality large hardy pear available, with proven winter survival below -40°C! Fruit size and shape is similar to Bosc. Tender, juicy, fine textured flesh with subtle almond flavour makes great fresh eating. Also works well for canning. Ideally, it is picked a week before maturity then allowed to ripen. Good fire blight resistance. One of the best pollenizers for other varieties.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID-LATE SEPT.**  
**134-0187 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**

**SEMI FERTILE\*** Means it will bear fruit if planted alone. It will usually bear more (and possibly larger) fruit if you plant a second (different) variety for cross-pollination.

## POTOMAC

Potomac is a Moonglow x Anjou cross introduced by the Ohio State University in 1993. With its excellent fireblight resistance and exceptional fruit quality, it is a top pick for both home orchards and commercial growers. Organic producers, in particular, favour this vigorous and precocious (starts bearing at a young age) variety. The fruit is similar to Anjou in both form and flavour, with buttery, fine-textured flesh, and a pleasant, well-balanced taste profile. Potomac is a first-rate fresh eating pear that can keep for several months. It also works very well for canning.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE SEPT.**  
**134-0487 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**

## RESCUE

Here is one we've brought back after encountering the fruit. As Raintree Nursery puts it, "Everyone who sees and tastes these huge, handsome pears insists on buying a tree!" Bright yellow fruit has an orange-red blush. The flesh is creamy, smooth, and meltingly juicy with a mild flavour like a Clapp's Favourite. The small core makes it easy to can. Productive tree, can benefit from support to prevent branch breakage due to fruit overload.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**  
**134-1131 Dwarf (Quince A) € \$55.95**  
**134-1187 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**

## SHENANDOAH™

A newer variety from the USDA program at Ohio State University, introduced in 2002. Shenandoah is ideal for folks who want a Bartlett type pear with a slightly more pronounced Bartlett flavour, and keeps much better, but best of all, is practically immune to fireblight. This versatile later-season pear is a perfect fit for either commercial or home use. Exceptional storage life—can be kept for up to five months.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**  
**134-2587 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**

## SIERRA

For those of you who know you prefer the Bartlett pear, Sierra is sure to please. Although very similar in flavour, texture, ripening time, etc., the Sierra is of noticeably finer quality. With its thin skin and fine grained flesh it is slightly more susceptible to bruising, so although Bartlett is more suited for commercial growers, the home owner will appreciate Sierra's superior quality, better disease resistance, and winter hardiness. Ripens mid - late September and will keep until January.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID-LATE SEPT.**  
**134-2933 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 333) (2 year old) € \$64.95**

**SUMMERCRISP**

Discovered in Minnesota in 1933, this early ripening pear is great for both fresh eating and canning. Medium-sized fruit is mild and sweet with a crisp texture similar to an Asian pear. If picked in mid-August when the fruit is still green with a red blush, it will keep up to two months. This dependable annual-bearing tree is very hardy and also fire blight resistant.

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: MID-LATE AUG.**

**134-3333 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 333) € \$55.95**  
**134-3387 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**WINTER BARTLETT**

We can't remember where we got the start for this variety, but it was from one of our numerous loyal customers, who thought the world of his old pear tree, and wanted it replicated. After grafting it for him we planted several in our own orchard. When these began fruiting we soon decided it should be made available, even though we're unable to fill in any background. The name itself really nails it. It bears a remarkable resemblance to the well known Bartlett, not only in shape and size, but also in flavour and texture. Winter Bartlett, however, gets picked about three weeks later and can be stored away for months. They make wonderful fresh eating after Christmas and also work well for cooking and canning. In our own experience Winter Bartlett is trouble free and productive, with no indication of fireblight.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

**133-3587 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**

*Russian Pears***FAVORITKA**

Favoritka is known as one of the best pears grown in the Ural region of Russia. Great! But does it work here? Yes, you don't need to know a syllable of Russian to grow it. Nor to eat it. The large chubby-cheeked yellowish-green fruit is very juicy, with a buttery sweetness that lends itself well to both fresh eating or preserves. Favoritka's resumé also includes high productivity, disease resistance, and, of course, winter hardiness.



On the topic of variety names – are some an Anglicized version of a Russian name, while this one is Russianized English? We really don't know, but in the meantime, go right ahead and enjoy your Favoritka 'pearka' while wearing your 'favoritka' parka!

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID SEPT.**

**133-1938 Standard (Pyrus Ussuriensis) \$55.95**

**KRAZULYA**

Plant breeders in Russia have spent decades crossing and recrossing Siberian pears with commercial varieties. In recent years a number of these ultra-hardy, high quality cultivators have been experimented with here in Canada. One of the most promising selections is the Krazulya (which means 'beauty' in Russian). The roundish red-blushed, yellow pear is about the same size as 'Ure', but much tastier. Unlike most European pears, Krazulya can be tree ripened for your immediate fresh eating pleasure.



Courtesy of Bernie Nikolai

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**

**133-2597 Large Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 97) \$55.95**  
**133-2538 Standard (Pyrus Ussuriensis) \$55.95**

**LOVING**

Another super-hardy Russian selection that has proven to perform well for Dr. Ieuan Evans and others in Edmonton. We were favourably impressed when our Loving tree began fruiting, so we've now started propagating it. The large, chubby green pears with barely any neck acquire a slight golden blush at ripening. With tender, juicy flesh, it lends itself well to both fresh eating and processing. Although winter hardiness is its foremost claim to fame, Loving also scores high in productivity and disease resistance.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

**133-3687 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) € \$55.95**  
**133-3697 Large Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 97) € \$55.95**  
**133-3638 Standard (Pyrus Ussuriensis) \$55.95**

**MARSHAL ZUKOV**

Marshal Zhukov was a Russian Minister of Defense in the old Soviet regime. We have no idea how robust he was, but the pear named in his honour is extremely hardy, so that's good enough for us. This attractive new variety provides another viable option for areas where winter temperatures drop below -40°C. Fruit size is variable, ranging from quite large to supersize at well over ¾ pound! The tender, very juicy flesh consistently ranks high in taste tests with one review reporting a 5 out of 5. To sum it up - high quality fruit from a productive, disease-resistant tree which stays relatively compact.



Courtesy of Bernie Nikolai

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

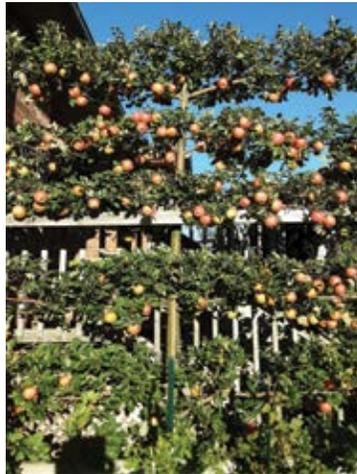
*Pollination Tip*

All European (regular), Russian and Asian pears will pollinate each other providing their bloom times overlap. Generally you can go by the expected harvest time, meaning only the very early and the very late might not be compatible with each other. However, since Asian pears, on average, bloom earlier than Europeans and Russians, you might pair an early European or Russian with a mid or late Asian.

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## Espalier Training

Espalier (es-pal-YAY) refers to training trees or plants onto trellises or against walls in an orderly, two dimensional form. Thought to date back to the age of the Egyptian Pharaohs, espalier became popular with gardeners in the Roman era who found that the warmth from stone walls created a microclimate which allowed them to grow fruits that were otherwise too tender for their region. Sometimes espaliering has been done simply for the satisfaction of creating fantastic, living works of art. Nowadays, especially in urban settings with limited space, espalier is quite popular.



5 yr old apple tree

### SELECTING THE RIGHT TREE

Young apple and pear trees such as we offer at Whiffletree are perfect for espalier training. Stone fruits such as plums and peaches can be done with varying degrees of success, while **pears, both European and Asian, are probably the easiest.** In apples, a great deal depends on the growth habit of a particular variety. To assist you in selecting the best espalier choices (Spur-bearing and semi-dwarf or smaller) we have identified them as shown below.

134-2587 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) €

'The Pruning Book' by Lee Reich contains a very helpful selection on espalier pruning and training.

## Pear Rootstock

### PYRUS USSURIENSIS (Standard) (Mature size is 5-7m/16-23')

The most cold hardy pear, this seedling rootstock is also known as Stone Pear. Vigorous grower is ideal for short-season, northern areas where trees naturally stay smaller. In warm zones trees on this rootstock can become larger than desirable. Resistant to fireblight but not to pear decline.

### OHxF 97 (Large Semi-Dwarf) (Mature size is 4-5.75m/14-19')

The Old Home & Farmingdale series was developed in Oregon in the 1930's. The main goal was a fire blight resistant pear rootstock that would start producing at a younger age. OHxF97 will make a tree almost full size, but more productive than *Pyrus communis*, with the benefits of fire blight resistance. Hardy to Zone 4.

### OHxF 87 (Semi-Dwarf) (Mature size is 3.5-5.25m/12-17')

Produces a well anchored tree 65-85 % of standard size. Very precocious means tree starts producing fruit quickly. Fire blight resistant. Hardy to zone 4.

### OHxF 333 (Semi-Dwarf) (Mature size is 3.5-5m/12-16')

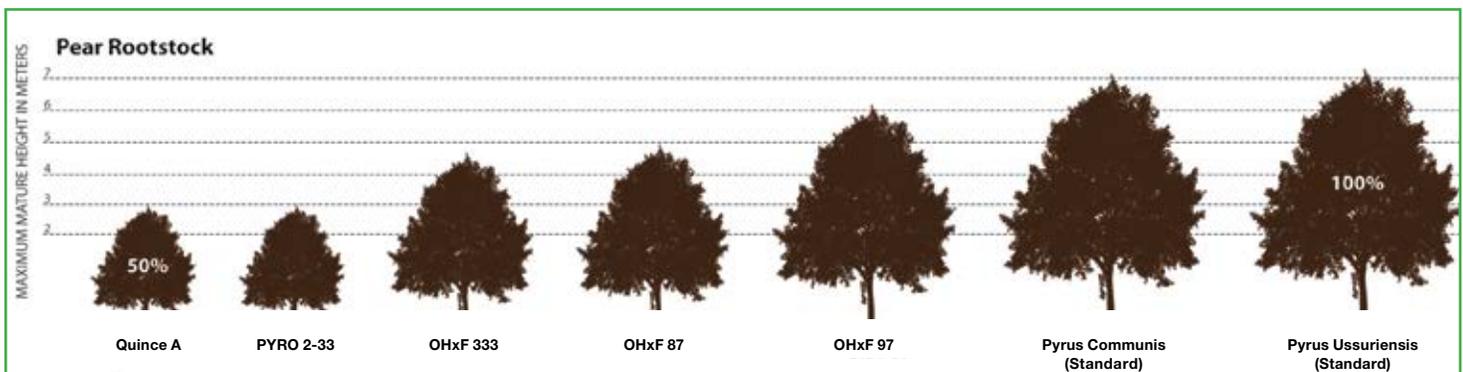
Produces a tree 60-75% of standard size. A precocious, well anchored tree bears fruit between 3 and 4 years old. Tolerates a broad range of soils. Hardy to zone 4.

### QUINCE A (Dwarf) (Mature size is 3-3.5 m/9-12')

Produces a tree 50% of standard size which bears heavy crops of large fruit. Tolerates damp, heavy soil. Quince rootstock lacks the hardiness required for northern regions in low-snow years. Hardy to zone 5.



Espalier Pear trees



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# Asian Pears (*Pyrus pyrifolia*)

Asian pears are crunchy and very juicy with a refreshing flavour totally different from European pears. The Chinese and Japanese have been growing them for 3000 years. In the California Gold Rush of 1849, they were introduced to America by Chinese miners. In recent years they have become better known and quite popular. Asian pears are very productive and should be hand-thinned for better fruit size and to avoid limb breakage. In contrast to European pears, they are best when thoroughly ripened on the tree. To avoid bruising, handle gently when picking. Storage life is outstanding, some in excess of six months.

Asian pears develop the best flavour in a hot summer, so plant in a somewhat sheltered location with full sun exposure. The trees are more compact than European pear trees and offer great visual appeal with their masses of white blossoms in the spring followed by waxy green leaves that turn into a spectacular array of fall colours.

1-2 m (3-6') bareroot trees

## DRIPPIN' HONEY

It's hard to imagine a more catchy, evocative name for an Asian pear, but in all fairness, it fits surprisingly well. So is this a totally new pear, or did someone rebrand an existing variety? We have not been able to figure out, but in the meantime, we're growing it and enjoying the fruit. Although very similar to Mishirasu in taste and texture, it differs in appearance. Nijisseiki looks almost identical, but Drippin' Honey™ seems somewhat sweeter. However, none of this speculation should keep you from planting your own tree!



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**

**132-0497 Large Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 97) € \$55.95**

## KOSUI

Kosui produces attractive medium-sized yellow-orange fruit with a slight bronze russet. Sweet, low-acid flesh gives this crisp, juicy pear the delightful flavour it is noted for. Compact tree with spreading growth habit shows more fireblight resistance than most Asians. Kosui means 'good water' in the Japanese language.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE SEPT.**

**134-2333 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 333) (2 year old) \$64.95**

## Growing Tip



Asian Pears are very precocious which means they tend to produce quite heavily when only a few years old. This can result in a weakened tree as all its energy is going into producing fruit instead of forming a sturdy tree. For this reason we recommend removing most of the fruit for the first several years.

## MISHIRASU

Mishirasu would be the sumo wrestler of the pear world - a Bartlett so bulked up that its shape is barely recognizable. Fruit weighing over a pound is not unheard of. But it is what's inside that matters, and beneath its massive, rather intimidating exterior lies a delicately sweet interior. Ridiculously juicy with a satisfying crunch, Mishirasu won us over, not by might, but by gentle persuasion. This pear is a keeper - it stores all winter.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**

**133-5097 Large Semi-Dwarf (OHxF97) € \$55.95**

## OLYMPIC

Although this is clearly a superior pear, it seems slightly unusual that a single variety should attract so many names. The Olympic has been sold as 'Korean Giant', 'Large Korean', 'A-ri-Rang', 'Dan Bae', and, last, but not least-'Kenko'. In our experience, at least, the variety we have been selling as 'Kenko' is virtually identical to 'Olympic' in every respect. However, Shakespeare supposedly said, "A rose by any other name smells as sweet." And all the good things we've been saying about Kenko still apply when we call it Olympic. The fruit excels in all categories-appearance, flavour, and storage. Although it is surprisingly winter hardy, a hot summer will really enhance the refreshing taste which mellows in storage. Olympic is productive, precocious, and quite fireblight resistant. For maximum size, thin the crop to at least 30cm (12") between fruits.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

## SHINSEIKI

A cross between Nijisseiki and Chojuro, Shinseiki is a medium sized early ripening fruit that has bright yellow skin. Its Honeycrisp-textured white flesh is mild, sweet, and extremely juicy. Shinseiki is very precocious and an early producer, sometimes bearing fruit when the tree is only two years old. Fruit stores very well.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**

**134-2787 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 87) \$55.95**

**134-2797 Large Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 97) € \$55.95**

**134-2733 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 333) (2 year old) \$64.95**

## SHINSUI

An early season favourite with exceptional flavour, this Japanese selection was introduced in 1967. Mid-sized yellow-bronze, russeted fruit has crisp, juicy, fine-textured flesh that is sweet and intensely aromatic. Shelf life is approximately 6 weeks. Shinsui seems better adapted to areas with cooler summers than many Asian pear varieties. The vigorous upright-growing tree shows some fireblight resistance. Shinsui is being grown commercially in some areas. It will also make a fine addition to the home orchard. The name translates to 'new water' or 'new juice'.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**

**134-2897 Large Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 97) € \$55.95**

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## Asian Pears Continued

### YOINASHI

Yoinashi means "good pear" in Japanese. It is considered one of the more cold-hardy Asians. Sweet, richly aromatic flesh with flavour that has been described as "having a little bit of zip". Excellent quality, large, orange-brown fruit is crisp and finer-textured than most Asian pears. Upright-growing tree is resistant to both Pseudomonas disease and fireblight.

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID OCT.**

**135-4797 Large Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 97) €**

**\$55.95**



### TAYLOR APPLE PEAR

Back by popular demand, the Taylor Apple Pear is definitely the most cold-hardy Asian pear we know of. In overall tree health and vigor, it is also at the head of its class. An interesting aspect of the Asian pear, particularly this variety, is how their flavour is influenced by growing season conditions. A summer with adequate sunshine and lots of moisture propels the Taylor Apple Pear right up there in refreshing crispness and flavour complexity. Not as juicy as some varieties, this is also a good one for drying. Ranks with the best in terms of storage.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

**135-0197 Large Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 97) €**

**\$55.95**

## European Pear x Mt. Ash Cross

### SHIPOVA (x *Sorbopyrus auricularis*)

Shipova is a unique, hard-to-find cross of Mountain Ash and European Pear.

A rare hybrid dating back to the early 1600's, this Yugoslavian native is one of the few really exotic fruits that is also very hardy. Attractive pyramidal shape trees with dark silver-grey foliage mature at 14-18ft tall and produce highly fragrant, golden-yellow seedless fruit the size of a small pear. Lee Reich describes the flavour thus: "The buttery flesh - a bit more meaty than a pear - melts with each bite to fill the mouth with semi-solid, sweet, and fragrant ambrosia."

The Shipova is a trouble-free tree, however it is in no hurry to start bearing - expect 7-10 years. Although basically self-fertile it will cross pollinate with pears or with other Mt Ash crosses.

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

**169-6533 Semi-Dwarf (OHxF 333)**

**\$59.95**

See page 53 for other Mountain Ash crosses.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

## Quince (*Cydonia oblonga*)

These lumpy-looking yellow fruits have a unique tangy and tropical taste. They are typically not eaten fresh but are famous for making wonderful jellies, marmalades, chutneys, and preserves. Dried Quince leaves can be brewed to make an extremely healthful tea. It has reputed benefits for a lengthy list of conditions including anemia, bronchitis, indigestion, insomnia, and stomach ulcers. We offer hardy European dwarf trees that are highly ornamental with their masses of white flowers in spring. These compact trees seem to be more tolerant of wet soils than any other fruit trees.

1-2 m (3-6') bareroot trees



### GIANT OF ZAGREB

Originally from Yugoslavia, Giant of Zagreb has established a solid reputation as the hardiest quince here in Canada. The knobby, pear-shaped fruit is large (obviously) with firm white, highly aromatic flesh. Add some quince to apple pie or sauce for a zesty, pineapple zing. Keeps until Christmas, if stored properly in a cool, dry place. Quince will bruise easily and should be laid out in a single layer, preferably not touching. Their fragrant scent will infuse the whole room.



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

**140-2631 Dwarf (Quince A)**

**\$55.95**

### QUINCE OF PORTUGAL

This old European variety has large pear shaped fruit with flavourful flesh that becomes a deep crimson when cooked. Mix one Quince of Portugal with a dozen apples.

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

**140-6131 Dwarf (Quince A)**

**\$55.95**

## Flowering Quince (*Chaenomeles* spp.)

These ornamental bushes are distantly related to the quince featured above and even bear similar, although smaller, fruit. However they do NOT cross-pollinate with regular quince trees. Check out our flowering Quince selection on **page 56-57**.



# Wildlife Tree Packs

Sometimes a tree is disfigured, slightly damaged, or simply a misfit. At other times we have mixups, missing tags, or just too many of a particular variety. These make ideal candidates for wildlife areas or food forests. They will attract deer and other wildlife, providing nourishment for them and for the one who planted the trees.



Most packs are pre-bundled while sorting trees during the winter. We cannot guarantee names of any specific variety. If you want a certain variety, you must order it from the main section.

Tree size (dwarf, semi-dwarf or standard) is random. If planting for deer or wildlife, we suggest planting dwarf trees deeper, with the graft covered, so it becomes a full size tree.

## REGULAR APPLE PACKS

These packs contain a random selection of any apple varieties, not only those listed in the catalogue, but even left-over custom grafted trees or R+D specials.

199-0406 6 trees \$109.95  
199-0412 12 trees \$174.95

## NORTHERN APPLE PACKS

These packs contain a random selection of apple varieties rated at Zone 3/4 or colder. Ideal for cottage country.

199-0506 6 trees \$119.95  
199-0512 12 trees \$184.95

## MIXED WILDLIFE PACKS

Mixed packs generally include several pears and several stone fruit trees which could be anything in plums, chums, cherries, and apricots or even nut trees. We cannot guarantee that all pollenizer needs are covered within a pack. Zone ratings for hardiness are random.

199-5306 6 trees \$119.95  
199-5312 12 trees \$184.95



# Chums



These tough, resilient, shrubby trees derive much of their hardiness from the sandcherry (*Prunus pumila* var. *besseyi*) side of the family. Crossing sandcherry with native wild plums (*Prunus americana*) and in some cases with Japanese plums (*Prunus salicina*) beefed up the fruit with sweet flesh. The result was a fairly wide range of varieties known as cherry-plums or simply chums. Chums are very disease resistant, drought tolerant, and precocious (start bearing at an early age). They make a fine ornamental too, especially in spring with arching branches covered in blossoms. While all chum fruits have astringent skin, we have selected varieties where the least of this trait comes through.

1.25-2 m (4-6') bareroot trees

## MANOR

Developed at the Morden Research Station in Manitoba about 1945. Dark purple 3cm fruit has mildly astringent skin, but sweet dark, red-purple flesh. Good for fresh eating when fully ripe, and of course also for cooking and baking. Like all chums, the fruit can show some cracking in wet weather right at ripening. Tree form is somewhat more spreading.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID AUG.**  
**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

## KAPPA

Kappa is one of a number of Chum varieties developed by Cecil Patterson at the University of Saskatchewan and released in 1960. Dark, bluish-black fruit with sweet dark red flesh is great for fresh eating as very little astringency is noticeable from the skin. Vigorous upright-growing small bushy tree.



**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY AUG.**  
151-3658 Semi-Dwarf (Sapalta Seedling) \$63.95

## SAPALTA

One of the first chum varieties was developed by Professor N.E. Hansen of South Dakota in 1908. He called it 'Sapa'. Later, in 1941, a Sapa seedling was selected near Brooks, Alberta, which had superior fruit size and quality to its parent. Consequently it was named 'Sapalta' - derived from 'Sapa' and 'Alberta'. The reddish-purple fruit has very dark red, sweet/tart flesh. Sapalta is one of the best for fresh eating. It makes great jam and is good for canning. Tree form and size is similar to Compass but the fruit is sweeter, more freestone, and ripens slightly earlier.



**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: MID-LATE AUG.**  
151-7655 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang) \$63.95

# Plums (*Prunus spp*)

Plums come in a wide range of shapes, sizes, colours, and flavors. They are possibly the easiest stone fruits to grow. Most varieties are relatively compact with a shrub-like growth pattern. Please note: European and Japanese plums do not cross-pollinate.

1.25-2 m (4-6') bareroot trees

## American Hybrid Plums

Ideal for harsher climates, these robust hybrids are the result of crossing Asian or Japanese plums with the smaller, hardier wild American plums. Disease resistance is high – black knot is very seldom an issue. Sweet fleshed fruit across the board, although in most varieties the skin is slightly astringent (sour).

Pollination is more of a challenge for these plums. Planting several varieties next to each other, in fact, so close that the branches touch, will help. Wild American and Toka are the best pollenizers, so try including one of them. Chums also seem to cross pollinate with the American hybrid plums.

### CANWOOD NEW

If you have several American hybrid plum trees which bloom, but fail to fruit, then this might be what you need. While the American hybrids, as a whole, can thrive in the North where other plums falter, they are notoriously persnickety to pollinate in a cool spring. Wild plums have long been recognized as the best pollenizers, especially for earlier blooming varieties. The University of Saskatchewan sent us this budwood from a tree identified as being exceptional in this respect. Tuck one in next to your other plums and use its fruit for tasty preserves.



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**  
148-0155 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang) \$63.95

### BLACKICE™

A sensational new variety from the University of Wisconsin, BlackIce™ is a large California-type plum that can take the worst of winters here in Canada! This juicy red-fleshed fruit with dark, purple-black tender skin has excellent flavour and quality, making it the new fresh-market favourite! The naturally compact tree has good disease resistance and will begin producing at a young age. The preferred pollenizer for BlackIce™ is the Toka plum but Compass or Sapalta chums will also work.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**  
142-1255 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang) \$63.95

### FOFONOFF

Fofonoff can confidently be classed as one of the most cold-hardy plums in Canada. Rumored to be of Russian descent, it is named after Wasal Fofonoff of Buchanan, SK, who introduced it in 1973. It has, at times, also been sold as 'Homesteader'. At ripening time, the round, 4cm (1½"), lime-green fruit develops a rosy-red blush. With firm and very sweet yellow-green freestone flesh and thin, tender skin, it is a fine fresh-eating plum. It is also a jams and preserves type of plum, rather than canning.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: MID-LATE AUG.**  
**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

### KAHINTA

Kahinta, which was introduced in 1912, is one of the more uncommon hybrid plums developed by Danish plant breeder N.E. Hansen. He gave many of his introductions Sioux names, such as Pembina, Toka, and Waneta. Kahinta is a Sioux word meaning 'to sweep'. Although we fail to follow the logic behind this name, it could possibly sweep you off your feet when you bite into a tree-ripened Kahinta. At any rate, the ultra juicy sweet-'n-spicy amber flesh makes it a refreshing and enjoyable experience. Medium to large size, purple-red plums keep surprisingly well in the fridge. Compact tree begins bearing early and continues with consistent abundance.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID SEPT.**  
144-2555 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang) \$63.95

### LEE-RED

Lloyd Lee of Barrhead, AB, devoted much of his life to developing hardier varieties for prairie fruit growers. One of his many contributions is this hybrid plum bearing his name. (We also sell several of his Saskatoon berries) Lee Red is often the first plum of the season to ripen, making the mid-sized crimson-maroon fruit all the more a welcome sight. Firm, scarlet-orange flesh is very sweet, which ensures they are appreciated for more than just outward appearance. Vigorous, fast-growing tree is known for generous crops.



**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 2/3 | LATE JULY-EARLY AUG.**  
**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

### PATTERSON'S PRIDE NEW

Dr. Cecil Patterson was head of the Department of Horticulture at the University of Saskatchewan from 1922 to 1961. During his illustrious career he created over fifty fruit varieties. Patterson Pride is probably his best plum. This late ripening variety is one of the largest and sweetest of the really hardy plums. Deep red, 4-5 cm (1 ½ - 2") fruit has golden freestone flesh that is firm and juicy. It stores quite well. The tree has a unique droopy or weeping growth habit which tends to keep it more compact.



Courtesy of Konrad Ilg

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID SEPT.**  
146-2855 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang) \$63.95

**PURPLE HEART**

Very little is known about the background of this highly uncommon variety. John Bunker (of Fedco fame) declares it to be the most delicious plum they grow. Our own experience would definitely support his opinion. Mild, juicy, and rich, it is crisp and sweet with no hint of astringency. Both skin and flesh are dark reddish-purple on this meaty round 4-5cm (1½-1¾) plum with a very small pit. The naturally compact tree has a spreading form and bears at an early age. Cross-pollination appears to be achieved by either a Japanese or another American/Japanese hybrid plum.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | EARLY-MID AUG.****145-4041 Dwarf (Krymsk 1) \$63.95****SOUTH DAKOTA**

Small to medium-sized yellow freestone fruit has a rosy, red blush and juicy, sweet, meaty yellow flesh. Fine for both fresh eating and processing. South Dakota is highly recommended as a pollenizer for all hybrid plums, because of its extra-long, later flowering period and American pedigree. Vigorous, very hardy, and productive.

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 3 | MID SEPT.****146-1655 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang) \$63.95**

Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SUPERIOR**

Selected for exceptional size, vigor, and hardiness. Very large golden fruit with deep reddish blush. Peels like a peach to reveal firm, fine-textured clingstone flesh. The 'superior' choice for either fresh eating or canning and preserves. This hardy tree is known for aggressive growth, early bearing, and brown rot resistance.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.****146-1755 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang) \$63.95****TOKA**

Sweet, rich, distinctive flavour is Toka's hallmark. In fact, the spicy, aromatic yellow flesh of this bright red, barely medium-sized plum has earned it the nickname of 'Bubblegum Plum'. Extremely vigorous, hardy tree blooms profusely every spring. It is considered one of the best pollenizers for other hybrid varieties.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.-EARLY SEPT.****145-2841 Dwarf (Krymsk 1) \$63.95****146-2855 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang) \$63.95****UNDERWOOD NEW**

For over 100 years the fruit breeding folks at the University of Minnesota have worked on developing better quality plums with adequate cold hardiness. They have released well over 20 new varieties that combine *Prunus americana* strains with the best Japanese cultivars. Although many have gone by the wayside now, the oldest one still being planted is Underwood, a Shiro cross related in 1921. The relatively large 4-5 cm (2") red fruit has a golden-yellow semi-freestone flesh. The plums, which ripen over several weeks are tender, sweet, and juicy for ideal fresh eating, but also keep a bit longer than most hybrid varieties, so processing for jam, etc., is also a good option. Beautiful golden fall foliage is another fringe benefit.

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID-LATE AUG.****146-0155 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang) \$63.95****European Plums**

European plums bloom later than Japanese varieties and have firmer flesh. Good for drying, canning, and preserving as well as fresh eating. They are very productive but may take a year longer to begin bearing. We've selected the most black knot resistant varieties.

**BLUEBYRD**

Medium to large, deep blue fruit with amber flesh. Bluebyrd's high sugar content enhances its excellent flavour. This vigorous, productive, newer variety shows exceptional black knot resistance making it ideal for both the commercial orchard and the backyard.

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID SEPT.****142-1324 Semi-Dwarf (Marianna 26-24) \$63.95**

Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**CASTLETON™**

Castleton™ comes out of the Cornell University research program. Since its release in 1993, it has become known as the sweetest of the early ripening Europeans. This mid-size, high-quality, deep blue plum will colour up well before maturity, so your best bet is to check them by biting into one to determine when to pick. Castleton™ is considered a dual-purpose variety – a fine early dessert plum, but also excellent for processing or drying. The tree is a somewhat slow grower with a spreading pattern, but is a consistent heavy producer.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.****142-2954 Semi-Dwarf (Myrobalan) \$63.95**[Click here to go back to the index](#)

## European Plums Continued

### COUNT ALTHANN'S GAGE

Unique, uncommon, and unusual are all apt adjectives for this hardy, highly flavoured and highly favoured gage type plum. First grown by the gardener of a certain Count Althann in Swoyshitz, Bohemia, back in the 1850s, it is also known as 'Reine Claude Conducta' in some locations. The large luminous lavender-pink plum is certainly endowed with skin-deep beauty, but as one bites into the rich amber flesh, the real appeal becomes evident. Somewhat crisp and very sweet, it delivers delight in every juicy morsel. With proven hardiness down to -35°C, Count Althann becomes a viable option for many backyard plum growers.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**

**142-2824 Semi-Dwarf (Marianna 26-24)**

**\$63.95**

### DELICATE

The genteel name of this newer Russian selection obviously refers to taste, rather than lack of hardiness as it has proven to be robust enough to survive temperatures lower than -40° in Edmonton, when even the venerable Mont-Royales did not. In many respects, Delicate seems very similar to Mont-Royale. This includes appearance, flavour, ripening time, and growth habits. Fruit size, on average, is just slightly smaller. Black Knot has not been seen, although it is likely too early to rule out the possibility entirely. Delicate shows great promise for any European plum enthusiast, but especially for those in frigid areas.



Courtesy of Bernie Nikolai

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

**143-0355 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang)**

**\$63.95**

### GERMAN PRUNE

Possibly the oldest plum in existence, this variety is thought to have been brought to Hungary by returning Crusaders. During the 16th century it was introduced to Prussia (Germany) and from there eventually to America around 1850. It is still one of the most popular prune-type plums and grown widely all over the world. The medium-sized purple-black fruit has firm yellow flesh with a pleasant, mild, sweet flavour. In fact, it is also known as the 'Sugar Prune'. Excellent for drying, desert, or canning. Shows some black knot resistance.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**

**143-3341 Dwarf (Krymsk 1)**

**\$63.95**

**143-3324 Semi-Dwarf (Marianna 26-24)**

**\$63.95**

### GREEN GAGE

Also known as 'Reine Claude', these small to medium round yellowish-green plums have been a favourite in Europe for over 500 years! The rich, honey-sweet flavour of its juicy, smooth-textured amber freestone flesh is what makes it esteemed as the ideal dessert plum although it works equally well for canning, drying, or baking. Thin skin may split if it rains near harvest. Naturally compact tree. Shows slightly lower resistance to black knot.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**

**143-3924 Semi-Dwarf (Marianna 26-24)**

**\$63.95**

### IMPERIAL EPINEUSE

Those of you who love a solid, meaty European plum for fresh eating will be blown away by the fabulous, rich flavour of this hard-to-find, classic prune plum. At least, that was our experience. Back in 1870 it was discovered in an abandoned monastery near Clairac, France, and was soon introduced on this side of the Atlantic. Imperial Epineuse has long been used at the National Fruit Trials in England as the standard of comparison to judge other varieties. The large handsome oblong plum has a mottled dark and lighter purplish-red skin covering its wondrously sweet and flavourful greenish-yellow flesh. The vigorous spreading tree is moderately productive.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**

**144-1354 Semi-Dwarf (Myrobalan)**

**\$63.95**

### EARLY ITALIAN

The original Italian plum, or prune, as it is often referred to, is quite common and widely recognized, as well it should be, considering that it has been around for over 200 years. The Early Italian, or Richards Early Italian, as it is sometimes called, is a bud mutation of the good old Italian. Don't let the 'mutation' part frighten you. This was a naturally occurring variation which turned up almost 100 years ago, long before genetic modifying was even thought of. So here we've got the same dark purple prune plum, with the same firm greenish-yellow freestone flesh, but it ripens 2 weeks earlier. Oh, and some sources claim it is sweeter than the original Italian, so we won't argue with that.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID SEPT.**

**144-1524 Semi-Dwarf (Marianna 26-24)**

**\$63.95**

### MOOERS ARCTIC

'A hardy Damson' best describes this dark purple, prune type plum which A.T. Moore discovered as a chance seedling in northern Maine, back in 1881. How, when, or why its name became 'Mooers' will likely remain one of life's deep mysteries. It is known, however, to be a very productive, compact tree that is extremely resistant to black knot.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID SEPT.**

**145-0724 Semi-Dwarf (Marianna 26-24)**

**\$63.95**



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

### MONT-ROYALE

Discovered as a chance seedling near Montreal and introduced in 1903, it is still considered as the hardest European or prune type plum and possibly also the sweetest one. Naturally compact tree requires very little pruning and bears abundant annual crops of mid-sized oblong dark blue fruit with firm, juicy yellow flesh. Less susceptible to black knot than most Europeans.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

**145-0624 Semi-Dwarf (Marianna 26-24)**

**\$63.95**

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**OPAL**

The hardiest European plum and also one of the best for short summer regions – it ripens dependably every year in Edmonton and even in Anchorage, Alaska. Midsized round reddish-purple plums with golden-orange flesh have a complex, sweet flavour. Desirable for both dessert or drying. Tree is vigorous, productive and precocious.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID AUG.****145-2741 Dwarf (Krymsk 1)****\$63.95****PEARL**

This uncommon heirloom plum developed by Luther Burbank in 1898, shows the 'Reine Claude' influence, putting it in the Gage plum category. Back in 1911, U.P. Hedrick described it like this - 'rich golden colour, large size, fine form, melting flesh, and sweet, luscious flavour... unsurpassed in quality by any other plum'. The fruit itself continues to be profusely praised by all who encounter it. Although the tree is barely productive enough for commercial pursuits, Pearl is still a first-rate homeowner tree - hardy and trouble free, with regular yields of fancy, fresh-eating fruit that are perfect for drying too.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.****145-3754 Semi-Dwarf (Myrobalan)****\$63.95****SENECA**

Seneca is one of our fresh-eating favorites. Extra large reddish-purple plums with firm very sweet amber-yellow fine-textured flesh. Fruit resists cracking, holding well on the tree, and ripens over an extended period. Although too tender for shipping, it is perfect for home gardens and farm markets. Also excellent for drying and canning. Developed at the NY Research Station in Geneva, Seneca is a dependable annual producer. Vigorous upright tree has some black knot resistance.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID SEPT.****146-1441 Dwarf (Krymsk 1)****\$63.95****YAKIMA**

This heirloom variety was discovered about 1902 by a Theodore Suksdorf in Washington State. It is still among the hardiest European plums known. Very large oblong mahogany-red fruit is well over 5cm (2") long, with firm and tender golden flesh. This sweet freestone plum is ideal for both fresh eating and preserving. Yakima typically ripens over a 2-3 week period and is one of the best for storage. Vigorous and productive tree.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.-EARLY SEPT.****147-3941 Dwarf (Krymsk 1)****\$63.95****147-3924 Semi-Dwarf (Marianna 26-24)****\$63.95**

## Japanese Plums

Japanese plums are the earliest bloomers. The fruit is large and very juicy with softer skin than European and hybrid plums. Great for fresh eating as well as preserving. Easy to grow, they often begin bearing by the second year.

**AU ROSA NEW**

This updated version of the venerable Santa Rosa has the same winning flavour profile while featuring much better resistance to bacterial leaf spot, black knot, scald, and brown rot. In fact, of all the plums in the AU series, developed at Auburn University in Alabama, AU Rosa is ranked the highest for disease resistance. Large firm dark red fruit with juicy saffron-yellow flesh is great for fresh eating, canning, and cooking. Like the Santa Rosa, it ships and stores relatively well. Vigorous, healthy, upright-growing tree.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID-AUG.****142-0453 Semi-Dwarf (St Julien A)****\$63.95****LUISA**

This is one of those gifts from nature that no-one can take credit for developing. It appears to be a chance seedling found growing in Hamilton, New Zealand. When it started producing delicious, funny looking plums, the property owners got it checked out. After it was determined to be a unique, new variety, it was named 'Luisa' after the owner's Guatemalan grandmother. This large plum with an unusual, pointy, football shape has an attractive rosy blush over a yellowish background. Sweet and very juicy, yellow freestone flesh has a tangy apricot edge. Luisa is ranked highly for fresh eating as well as canning and drying. Unlike many Japanese plums, it can be stored in the fridge for several months. Luisa makes an ideal backyard tree as the fruit ripens over an extended time period.



Courtesy of Cabbage Tree Farm

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID SEPT.****144-4124 Semi-Dwarf (Marianna 26-24)****\$63.95****EARLY GOLDEN**

This high quality, early season plum is preferred for the savory sweetness of its golden amber, apricot-flavoured flesh. Vigorous tree produces copious crops of mid-sized round yellow, red-blushed fruit. Early Golden is considered as one of the more cold hardy Japanese varieties. It needs another early blooming Japanese such as Beauty or Spring Satin Plumcot as a pollinizer.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY AUG.****143-1141 Dwarf (Krymsk 1)****\$63.95****143-1154 Semi-Dwarf (Myrobalan)****\$63.95**[Click here to go back to the index](#)

## Japanese Plums Continued

### OBILINAJA NEW

Obilnaja originated at the former Russian Experimental Station in Yalta, Ukraine, and no, that should not keep you from trying it. As awareness of this hardy Japanese x Myrobalan cross plum increases here in North America, so does reputation and popularity. The name in Russian means 'very productive'. This holds true here too! Thinning is usually required so the deep purple-red fruit can size up to its 4-5 cm (1 7/8") potential. Obilnaja is impressing both backyard and commercial growers with its rich sweet/spicy flavour and distinctive crispy texture. These plums have unusually small pits, and the pinkish yellow flesh is firm enough for shipping and/or storing. We expect Obilnaja to gain a following.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE AUG.**

**145-2541 Dwarf (Krymsk 1) \$63.95**

### ELEPHANT HEART

An old favorite developed by Luther Burbank in 1929. It is one of the largest Japanese plums. Heart shaped fruit turns a deep reddish purple when fully ripe. Juicy blood-red flesh has a rich, distinctive flavour. Ideal for fresh eating, canning, or freezing. Vigorous trees is quite hardy, but will benefit from being in a sheltered spot. Freestone. Ripens early September.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.-EARLY OCT.**

**143-1341 Dwarf (Krymsk 1) \$63.95**

### SATSUMA

In 1883 Luther Burbank received a packet of plum seeds from an acquaintance in the Satsuma province of Japan. From the subsequent seedlings Luther selected the most promising trees. One became the 'Burbank' plum and the other he named 'Satsuma'. It is also known as the 'Blood Plum' for its deep red flesh. This distinctive medium to large sized maroon plum has a small pit and a rich, lively, almond-like flavour for both fresh use and processing.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**

**146-1241 Dwarf (Krymsk 1) \$63.95**

### SHIRO NEW

Shiro is well-known and widely recommended. It has been around since 1899 when Luther Burbank introduced it and is a consistently prolific producer. The sunny yellow fruit is larger than Early Gold, and ripens 10-14 days later. Bend forward to bite into a Shiro, as the tender, melting, translucent flesh is unbelievably juicy. Pick it slightly green if you want to store it longer. The tree has a very spreading growth habit. Although it usually grows no taller than 3-3.5m (10-12') it can become almost twice as wide.



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE AUG.**

**146-1954 Semi-Dwarf (Myrobalan) \$63.95**

## Plum Crosses

Some interesting crosses between apricots and plums have been developed over the years and even between plums and other stone fruits such as cherries! Japanese plums can also provide cross-pollination.



**1.25-2 m (4-6') bareroot trees**

### NORTHERN SUNSET PLUMCOT

The original plum/apricot hybrid introduced by Luther Burbank, sometimes referred to as the Burbank Plumcot. Both the tree form and fruit appearance show the plum influence. The tree itself is much more vigorous and is healthier looking than most apricots. In fact, with its glossy abundant foliage and tall shrubby form it makes an ideal landscaping specimen. Large round fruit has melon-red blush over yellow skin. Golden yellow, super juicy, plum-like flesh has a tangy touch of that aromatic apricot flavour. In our opinion, a tree-ripened Plumcot offers a delectable eating experience that is unparalleled in the entire fruit realm!

**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY AUG.**

**152-7041 Dwarf (Krymsk 1) \$65.95**

**152-7054 Semi-Dwarf (Myrobalan) \$65.95**



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

### SPRING SATIN PLUMCOT

A newer plum/apricot hybrid. Medium-large, deep blue, high quality, freestone fruit. Sweet, tender, translucent orange flesh is juicy, aromatic, and suggestive of apricots. Spring Satin trees are very vigorous and resistant to most plum diseases including bacterial spot and bacterial canker. Picture perfect fruit even in a cool, damp summer. They are also proving to be more winter-hardy than we expected. Real commercial potential here!



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**152-8541 Dwarf (Krymsk 1) \$65.95**

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### NADIA CHERRY PLUM (Prunus avium x Prunus salicina)

An exciting new development from the folks down under, Nadia was created by crossing a dark Australian sweet cherry called Supreme with a Black Amber plum. The result will tickle your taste buds with lively cherry accents! Rich, juicy, deep red fruit is sweet, firm and crack resistant, has high levels of antioxidants and reportedly stores well. The new favourite for snacking, it will also make delectable pies or preserves. Plant with a Plumcot or a Japanese plum for cross pollination.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**

**152-6841 Dwarf (Krymsk 1) \$65.95**

### DAPPLE DANDY PLUOT®

Pluots, by definition, are three-quarters plum and one-quarter apricot. Possibly the best known Pluot variety is Dapple Dandy, created by famed fruit breeder Floyd Zaiger of Modesto, California. The skin of this large, chubby-cheeked fruit turns to a mottled maroon and pale-yellow when ripe, giving rise to the whimsical name of 'Dinosaur Egg', under which it has also been marketed. The flesh, which is bright red, fading to a pinkish-white near the centre, is incredibly sweet with a distinct plum-apricot flavour that has given Dapple Dandy the winning edge in numerous taste tests. It is known as a good pollenizer for other pluots and plumcots.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5/6 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID SEPT.**

**152-2141 Dwarf (Krymsk 1) \$65.95**

### FLAVOR QUEEN PLUOT®

Flavor Queen® is fairly firm, but so juicy the tender greenish-yellow skin can barely contain it! Although it has more plum than apricot in its parentage, it offers more exquisite apricot flavour in its golden flesh than any of the other pluot siblings. Large candy-sweet fruit ripens over several weeks, making this Zaiger Hybrids selection an ideal homeowner tree. Pairs well with Dapple Dandy® or another Japanese plum.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 6 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.-EARLY SEPT.**

**152-4341 Dwarf (Krymsk 1) \$65.95**

### FLAVOR SUPREME PLUOT®

Another winner from Zaiger Hybrids in California, Flavor Supreme® is the first pluot of the season to ripen and as one grower put it - "The most coveted early fruit in our orchard." Greenish-purple mottled skin covers the rich, honey-sweet, burgundy-red flesh with dribble-off-your-chin juiciness. Like all pluots, Flavor Supreme® boasts a substantially higher sugar content than either a plum or an apricot can attain on its own. It will cross-pollinate with other pluots or a Japanese plum such as Santa Rosa.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 6 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID AUG.**

**152-3941 Dwarf (Krymsk 1) \$65.95**

## Custom Grafting

We will custom bud-graft almost any variety and rootstock you prefer in the quantity you request, from a minimum of 2 trees right up to thousands. Contact us for competitive pricing.

**VARIETIES:** We have access to a vast assortment of old and hard to find varieties as well as numerous new and exciting selections. This includes apples, pears, chums, plums, plum crosses, apricots, peaches, nectarines, cherries, medlars, and almonds. You can also send us budwood from trees you wish to duplicate.



Please note the expected waiting time for custom trees: Bud-grafting is done from mid-August through the first week of Sept. These trees will be available to plant a year and a half later. **EXAMPLE:** You order up to June 30, 2026, we bud-graft in August 2026, you plant your trees in April or May 2028.

### Growing Tip



**Plum curculio** has long been the most challenging fruit pest an organic grower faces. As Michael Phillips says in 'The Holistic Orchard'-'... for two hundred years now, this snout-nosed weevil has



Courtesy of Brett Blaauw

outwitted us hands down'. Although stone fruit are usually targeted first, apples and pears can also be affected.

In many cases the aspiring orchardist notices nothing amiss until his precious plums or apricots start dropping off the trees in late June. The actual damage had already occurred shortly after petal fall. When temperatures rise above 21°C (70°F), the adult curculios emerge from their overwintering hideouts under leaf litter, fencerows, etc. The females fly into the trees and start laying eggs into the small fruitlets. Within a week the eggs hatch and the larvae feed within the fruit for another 2-3 weeks. When the fruit drops, the larvae burrow into the soil to pupate for 16 days.

A common practise in the olden days (it still works) was to lay sheets under the tree every morning at dawn for 2 to 3 weeks after petal fall and beat the branches with a padded stick to cause the curculio to drop so they could be gathered up and killed. A small flock of chickens scratching under the trees will also reduce the pest population significantly.

See **page 106** for more methods of control.

# Apricots (*Prunus armeniaca*)

Homegrown, tree-ripened apricots are healthy, delicious eating- fresh, canned, or dried. Apricot trees are notorious for waking up too early in the spring, and then getting their blossoms zapped by a late frost. You can help by planting on a sheltered north-facing slope. Another trick some old-timers used was spreading a layer of compost or horse-manure under the tree in early winter AFTER the ground was frozen. This slows down soil (and root) warm up in spring, consequently also delaying budbreak. We try to help by offering some of the later-blooming varieties.



1.25-2m (4-6') bareroot trees

## HOYT MONTROSE

The original Montrose apricot was discovered at Montrose, Colorado. It is a hardy, frost resistant variety that we sold for a number of years. Hoyt Montrose, which we are now making available, is a seedling of the original. This one is from northern Idaho. Unlike the original, it is not a sweet pit type, and fruit size is much better at 4-5cm (1 1/2 -2"). The sweet, juicy yellow flesh of Hoyt Montrose gets good reviews on flavour, texture, and quality. The tree is vigorous and precocious. In addition, some folks in marginal areas have had better success setting fruit with this variety than any other, due to the late, prolonged bloom time.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**  
**157-6255 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang)**

**\$67.95**

## JERSEYCOT

Released from the New Jersey program in 1986, Jerseycot has inherited the extra late blooming capability from Zard, its Persian parent. The sweet, hint-of-melon flesh of this medium size, orange yellow fruit is too tender for commercial orchards, but is perfect in a backyard. Especially considering the tree's outstanding resistance to mid-winter thaws, spring frosts and practically all apricot ailments. Reliable, heavy producer, so fruit size benefits from early thinning. Ripens mid to late July and needs to be picked before it drops.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JULY**  
**157-7055 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang)**

**\$67.95**

## Growing Tip



One of the key factors that determines cold-hardiness for tender fruit trees such as apricots and peaches is how well they harden off in the fall. Any activity that stimulates growth should be avoided after August 1. This includes fertilizing, overly frequent watering and pruning.

## HARGRAND (HW 410)

Some of the most dependable and productive apricot varieties available for either commercial growers or home gardeners have come out of the Harrow Research Station. One of the best is Hargrand, introduced in 1980. Firm yellow-orange fruit is typically very large—up to 6 cm (2.5"). High quality, freestone flesh with fine texture and outstanding flavour. Like all the Harrow series, Hargrand features a late (for apricots) bloom period and impressive all-around disease resistance.



Courtesy of Adams Co

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY AUG.**

**157-5653 Semi-Dwarf (St. Julien A)**

**\$67.95**

**157-5654 Semi-Dwarf (Myrobalan)**

**\$67.95**

## HARGLOW

This selection from the Harrow Research Station here in Ontario gets a glowing review from Bob Purvis, the apricot guru. Medium sized fruit has exceptional flavour and texture. When ripe, the bright orange, red-blushed skin is almost luminous, giving rise to the 'Harglow' name. Like all the Harrow Series, it scores high on disease resistance, will take fluctuating winter temperatures well, and blooms relatively late.



Courtesy Raintree Nursery

**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**

**157-5553 Semi-Dwarf (St. Julien A)**

**\$67.95**

## ACT™ HAROBLUSH

Released in 2000, ACT™ Haroblush could be considered a second generation graduate of the Harrow Research Station, as it was created by crossing Harglow and Harcot. This flavourful, attractive apricot is productive and disease resistant just like all of the Harrow series. Medium-sized fruit with glossy, bright red blush over an orange background is an ideal choice for fresh eating or drying. With its impressive cold-hardiness and ability to handle fluctuating winter temperatures, ACT™ Haroblush is definitely one of the best mid-season cultivars for Eastern Canada.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY-EARLY AUG.**

**157-5055 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang)**

**\$67.95**

## PRECIOUS

An exceptional, but very uncommon variety, it originates from an old tree discovered just south of Georgian Bay. Back around 1900 the Fruit Growers Association brought over some hardy apricot seedlings from Russia. This tree is suspected of being one of them. Small to medium-sized fruit has thick yellow-orange skin, sweet melting flesh and an edible almond-like kernel in the pit. It is relatively late blooming, quite disease resistant and handles late frosts unusually well. A dependable producer in Quebec and the New England states.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**158-2155 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang)**

**\$67.95**

**SEMI FERTILE\*** Means it will bear fruit if planted alone. It will usually bear more (and possibly larger) fruit if you plant a second (different) variety for cross-pollination.

## Prairie-Hardy Apricots

### CAPILANO

Capilano's background is just opaque enough to add a certain compelling mystique to this up-and-coming variety. The story starts with three apricot trees growing along the street in Edmonton's Capilano neighbourhood. Local fruit hobbyists and foragers took notice when they began bearing. As nearly as anyone can ascertain, they are likely apricot seedlings, probably planted by a local resident sometime in the 1960s. The fruit itself cannot be faulted. Of the three trees, the southernmost one in particular, had gained enough of a following to make it inevitable that it would be propagated and spread abroad. Here is your chance to grow your own Capilano tree and harvest some of the same sweet 5cm (2") fruit that endeared the original to the good folks in Edmonton.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JULY**

**157-1955 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang) \$67.95**

### DEBBIE'S GOLD

Debbie's Gold is a Prunus Armeniaca Sibirica seedling selected by Aubin Nurseries in Carman, MB, and introduced in 1980. Medium-sized, golden-yellow, freestone fruit is esteemed as the sweetest of the hardy prairie varieties with no tartness or astringency. It is ideal for both fresh eating or canning. Vigorous, upright-growing tree is a dependable, annual producer. Like all the western varieties, it can handle extreme cold better than the fluctuating winter temperatures we sometimes get in the eastern provinces.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**157-3255 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang) \$67.95**

### WESTCOT

A popular Scout x McClure cross developed at the Ag Canada research station at Morden, Manitoba, and released in 1982. It is very similar to Debbie's Gold. While Debbie's Gold is slightly sweeter, Westcot has slightly larger fruit. Some of our western friends heap lavish praise on Westcot. Bernie Nikolai, for instance, says 'Awesome taste, vastly superior to any store bought apricot'. Although it can tolerate brutally cold prairie winters, Westcot will not necessarily be as adaptable to the temperature fluctuations of winters in the east.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**158-8155 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang) \$67.95**

## White-Fleshed Apricots

### SUGAR PEARLS

A very promising white-fleshed variety from New Jersey released in 2005. Medium-large, pale yellow fruit with an orange blush. Juicy, smooth, fine-textured flesh has exceptionally rich, honey sweet flavour. Excellent both fresh and dried. Spreading, stocky tree handles mid winter temperature swings quite well and shows good disease resistance across the board. Requires cross-pollination from another late blooming variety.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE JULY-EARLY AUG.**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

## Nectarines

*(P. persica var nucipersica)*



Nectarines and Peaches are practically the same fruit, differing only at one gene- the one that gives the peach its fuzzy skin is missing in the nectarine.

**1.25-2m (4-6ft) bareroot tree**

### HARDIRED

Our main gripe with Hardired is the spelling of the name. If 'Hardy Red' is what they meant, why not just make it that? But really, aside from this minor wrinkle, Hardired has maintained a solid reputation since being introduced by the Harrow Research Station. Touching taste we quote Micheal Phillips - 'Tree-ripened flavour is pure ambrosia'. Top that! This is one of the few nectarines with sufficient winter hardiness for most of us and still seems as good as any in terms of resistance to the possible peach problems (canker, brown rot, bacterial leaf spot) No resistance to squirrels though! Hardired is extremely productive, so fruit thinning is recommended. Large, showy, pink blossoms in spring are a bonus.



Courtesy of Fred Lichti

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**

**155-3251 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey) \$65.95**

### HARBLAZE NEW

AC™ Harblaze is a Stark Delicious x Hardired cross, which makes it a second generation graduate from the Harrow Research Station. In various field trials, AC™ Harblaze has shown impressive performance compared with other nectarine varieties, including Harko. It consistently came out on top for winter hardiness, canker resistance, fruit size, firmness, and flavour. Although it has lower productivity numbers, this really translates to say less fruit thinning is required. AC™ Harblaze is a real stunner in spring with large, showy pink blossoms, but the real reward is the glossy, scarlet fruit.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**

**155-2951 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey) \$65.95**

### MERICREST

This seldom seen old-timer still bears the title of 'the hardest nectarine'. Developed by Elwyn Meader of New Hampshire, it supposedly withstands winter temperatures of -29°C. Mid-sized fruit with smooth, dark red skin and firm, juicy, freestone flesh has rich and sweet, yet tangy flavour. Mericrest has respectable disease resistance for a nectarine, particularly to brown rot and bacterial leaf spot.



Courtesy Dave Wilson Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**

**155-3251 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey) \$65.95**

# Peaches (*Prunus persica*)

Everyone would love picking peaches off their very own tree, but for many of us here in Canada it remains an elusive dream. The bitter, relentless cold of some recent winters took a terrible toll, but true to their fickle nature, some trees survived in unlikely locations, while others in supposedly ideal settings gave up the ghost. Protection from frigid winds is almost certainly a benefit. The take-home message? Be aware of the risks, but stay cautiously optimistic and keep planting a tree or two.

1.25-2 m (4-6ft.) bareroot trees

## CONTENDER

Contender is building a reputation as the best flavoured of the hardier peaches since being introduced in 1987. Large, beautifully coloured fruit has firm, sweet, freestone flesh that resists browning when cut and a small pit. In short – the ideal canning peach. Two of the reasons why Contender is becoming known as a dependable producer are its cold hardy fruit buds and late blooming habit. It also shows considerable resistance to bacterial spot. Definitely one to try.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**  
153-1251 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey)

\$65.95

## FLAMIN' FURY PF 24C

This newer variety from Michigan has earned a reputation for setting heavy crops when other varieties around it were being wiped out by a late spring frost, making it an obvious candidate to try in our less than ideal Canadian settings. Large, firm, highly coloured freestone fruit has sweet, juicy, yellow flesh.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**  
153-2251 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey)

\$65.95

## Growing Tip



**Stop!** Do not plant your peach or nectarine tree in that sheltered nook of the south side of your house. Although well meant, this very common mistake is almost certain to doom your new tree. Of course extreme cold is hard on peach trees, but the warm noonday sun on a late winter day is actually worse. A dark tree trunk will warm up considerably but then the temperature drops and the bark refreezes. To avoid this fluctuation, look for a planting site in the winter shade (north side) of a building or group of evergreens. In other word, close enough to the building to be shaded from the low winter sun but far enough back to get full exposure in the summertime when the sun is high. The goal is uniform cold so as not to interrupt dormancy.

Some growers white wash the trunks and lower branches of older peach trees in late fall with a cheap interior latex paint to protect from sun damage in winter.

## FROST®

Showy pink blossoms in spring translate to medium-large, crimson-hued fruit. Yellow fleshed, semi freestone peaches with rich, sweet flavour for both fresh eating and canning. If peach leaf curl is a concern, this is your best bet as Frost is still unsurpassed in resistance to this common problem.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**  
153-2451 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey)

\$65.95

## HARROW DIAMOND

This is one we've brought back due to positive customer feedback on both fruit quality and winter survival. Some growers refer to Harrow Diamond as the first really good peach of the season. Medium-sized, red-blushed fruit has sweet, juicy, non-browning yellow flesh that is freestone when fully ripe. Significant disease resistance across the board.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID AUG.**  
153-3551 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey)

\$65.95

## INTREPID™

Although most tree ripened peaches offer a sublime fresh eating experience, Intrepid is an overwhelming family favourite with unequaled wow power. Selected at the Sandhills Research Station in North Carolina in 1990, it seems largely unknown as yet. We expect this to change, as it appears to match the cold-hardiness of its parent Reliance, while improving on size, flavour, texture, and firmness. Late blooming combined with outstanding frost tolerance means fruit set is usually heavy enough to require significant thinning. Intrepid is also noted for high resistance to bacterial leaf spot.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**  
153-3951 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey)

\$65.95

## REDSTAR NEW

Redstar® is one of a whole lineup of cultivars developed by the Stellar Peach breeding program based in Coloma, MI. It is being touted as an improved Red Haven, ripening at the same time. Our experience with Redstar®, although still rather limited, aligns well with what other growers have told us. For a peach tree it is surprisingly strong, resilient, and cold hardy, as well as bacterial spot and canker resistant. In terms of taste, you'd be hard pressed to tell the difference between Redstar® and Red Haven. Same familiar high quality, but Redstar® has an edge in appearance - beautiful red blush all over, and sunshine-yellow flesh that does not brown when cut.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**  
153-6151 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey)

\$65.95

## RELIANCE

Widely recognized as the ideal choice for northern climates where peaches are not typically grown, Reliance is a medium-sized freestone peach with a dull red blush over a greenish-yellow background. Juicy, bright yellow flesh is good for canning, freezing and of course also fresh eating. Hardy, productive tree seems somewhat resistant to peach leaf curl.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**

**153-5951 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey)**

**\$65.95**

## Columnar Peaches

### CRIMSON ROCKET

Unique, narrow, upright tree is ideal for smaller backyards, however even some commercial growers plant it for its space saving attributes (1.5 - 1.8m / 5 - 6' wide) and high quality freestone fruit. Medium to large sized peaches have excellent colour with firm, sweet, yellow flesh.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5**

**HARVEST: MID AUG.**

**153-5951 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey)**

**\$65.95**

## White Fleshed Peaches

### RARITAN ROSE

An older variety introduced back in 1936, it still gets top marks as a fresh eating peach. Attractive, large, freestone fruit has juicy, melting, aromatic, white flesh with a rich, honey-sweet flavour. Vigorous, productive tree has good winter hardiness and excellent resistance to bacterial spot.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE AUG.**

**153-5751 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey)**

**\$65.95**

## Peento Peaches

Everyone loves these unique, flavourful peaches. Wonderful to eat fresh, right off the tree! They have been grown in China for centuries. Now Canadians are enjoying their exceptionally sweet and juicy white flesh that comes in an unusual donut shape.

### SATURN 'THE DONUT PEACH'

Extremely productive and almost as cold hardy as Reliance, Saturn also holds its own as an ornamental tree with masses of fragrant, pink flowers in the spring. Small to medium-sized, reddish-orange, donut-shaped fruit is white-fleshed, very tender and wondrously juicy with a high sugar content. Makes a perfect snack.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**

**154-3651 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey)**

**\$65.95**

## Stone Fruit Rootstock

The rootstocks listed below are used for grafting various stonefruit species including plums, chums, plumcots, apricots, peaches, nectarines and almonds. Several are used exclusively on a few species, but most are used successfully across the various types.

Although there are slight differences in vigour, most of the following are considered as standard size. You will notice that they show up as **Semi-Dwarf** in the catalogue. This is because they are the same size as semi-dwarf apple, pear and cherry trees.

In most cases **Mature Size is 4-5m (13-16')**

### BAILEY

Bailey seedling has long been the standard peach rootstock. It is still preferred by many growers. Does best on well drained lighter soil.

### MARIANNA 26-24

Standard choice for apricots and plums. Marianna 26-24 has a shallow root system and has good tolerance for wet soils. Prone to suckering.

### MYROBALAN (*Prunus cerasifera*)

A vigorous and disease resistant rootstock that adapts to a wide range of soil conditions. Myrobalan has a somewhat shallow root system but still produces well anchored trees. Prone to suckering.

### MUSTANG® (*Prunus x 'Jefchum'*)

The most cold hardy stonefruit rootstock we know of. Vigorous cherry plum cross developed in Manitoba provides strong anchorage with large fibrous root system. Mustang works well with chums, plums and apricots.

### SAPALTA

Very similar to Mustang® in terms of cold-hardiness, anchorage and adaptability to various soil conditions. As a seedling rootstock, slight variation in vigour is probable.

### ST. JULIEN A (*Prunus insititia*)

**80-85% of standard size (3.5-4.5m/11-14')**

Slightly dwarfing plum rootstock used successfully on all stonefruit. It has a solid, dependable reputation, even in colder areas.

### KRYMSK® 99 (*Prunus besseyi x Prunus salicina*)

**70-80% of standard size (3-4m/10-13')**

A promising new Russian rootstock compatible with plums and apricots.

### KRYMSK® 1 (*Prunus tomentosa x Prunus cerasifera*)

**50-75% of standard size (2.5-4m/8-13')**

Cold hardy Russian rootstock adapts well to most soil types. However, usage is rather limited due to unresolved non-compatibility issues.

### PUMISELECT®

**50-70% of standard size (2.5-3.5m/8-12')**

A promising new German rootstock compatible with peaches, nectarines, and apricots. Selected from *Prunus pumila* (sandcherry).

**Please Note: sizes given at maturity are an approximation and may vary depending on soil type and growing conditions.**

## Growing Tip



Peach trees are usually unaffected by pests or diseases in northern areas, the occasional exception being **peach leaf curl**. PLC is not a fatal problem but it does need to be controlled if you get hit with it. Look for crinkled or puckered foliage in spring. Remove affected leaves and compost them (**See page 106** for solutions).

# Cherries (*Prunus* spp)

Cherries have been a popular tree fruit since the days of the Roman Empire. They were brought to North America by both British settlers and Spanish missionaries. These bright, shiny jewels are one of the first fresh fruits of summer whose ripening is eagerly anticipated by both humans and birds!

## Sweet Cherries (*Prunus avium*)

True to their name, these are the favourites for fresh eating. Unfortunately, they are also the most challenging to grow. Although they are more winter hardy than peaches, arctic winds can beat them up badly. They prefer a reasonably sheltered, well-drained site. Since humid, rainy weather at harvest time can cause cracking in sweet cherries, we have selected varieties that are both crack resistant and cold hardy.

1.25-2m (4-6') bareroot tree

### BENTON®

A premier quality, dark red cherry from Washington State, Benton is similar to Bing, but hardier. The late-blooming, midseason variety is quite crack resistant and is preferred for its flavour. Commercial growers are enthused with Benton's vigorous growth and superior fruit size.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID JULY**  
159-0672 Semi-Dwarf (Gisela 12)

\$65.95

### BLACK GOLD™

A popular Cornell University introduction known for its consistent heavy yield of large dark well-flavoured fruit. Black Gold has good crack resistance and blooms very late making it extremely frost resistant. This exceptional sweet cherry is self-fertile and also a good pollenizer, but not for early blooming varieties.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**  
159-1075 Dwarf (Gisela 5)  
159-1076 Semi-Dwarf (Gisela 6)

\$65.95

\$65.95

### BLACK PEARL®

This new, very early selection from Cornell University features impressive flavour, firmness, and crack resistance and is tops for storability. High sugars and a crunchy texture help make Black Pearl® the early season, dark cherry of choice for both backyard and commercial settings. The vigorous tree is hardy and canker resistant.



Courtesy of Van Wells Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY JULY**  
159-1272 Semi-Dwarf (Gisela 12)

\$65.95

### EBONYPEARL® (NY 32)

Another rising star from the Pearl series out of Cornell. EbonyPearl® features massive, meaty, dark red cherries with superb flavour and quality. Very firm fruit has exceptional resistance to rain cracking, which makes this 'pearl' highly desirable for both commercial and homeowner settings.



Courtesy of International Plant Management

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID JULY**  
159-2172 Semi-Dwarf (Gisela 12)

\$65.95

### LAPINS

This unique, dark, mahogany-red cherry is a Van x Stella cross from B.C. Excellent quality fruit is large and highly split resistant with rich full flavour. It has largely replaced the Bing cherry, but ripens two weeks later. The self-fertile tree is a great pollenizer for other cherry varieties. Customer feedback and our own experience indicate that Lapins is solid and dependable with winter hardiness second to none.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY - EARLY AUG.**

159-4575 Dwarf (Gisela 5)  
159-4572 Semi-Dwarf (Gisela 12)

\$65.95

\$65.95

### SANDRA ROSE

A new variety developed at Summerland, BC. Sandra Rose consistently captures first place for the "best tasting sweet cherry" in taste tests. Large, glossy, nearly black fruit is very attractive and quite crack resistant. Although barely firm enough for commercial shippers, Sandra Rose will win the hearts of homeowners whose priority is flavour.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JULY**  
159-5372 Semi-Dwarf (Gisela 12)

\$65.95

### STELLA

The very first self-fertile sweet cherry. Developed in British Columbia in 1968, it is still considered as one of the most cold hardy. Ideal for the backyard grower. Dark red, juicy, heart-shaped fruit has great texture and flavour.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JULY**  
159-6075 Dwarf (Gisela 5)

\$65.95

### WHITE GOLD®

An outstanding, newer, self-fertile variety from Cornell University, White Gold is 'the Rainier of the North'. Very hardy Stella x Emperor Francis cross produces large, crack-resistant yellow cherries with a shiny crimson blush. Firm, clear, yellow flesh has excellent canning quality. Heavy yielding tree is a reliable pollinator for other varieties.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JULY**  
159-8876 Semi-Dwarf (Gisela 6)

\$65.95

## Sour Cherries (*Prunus cerasus*)



Sour cherries (also known as tart cherries or pie cherries) are more cold hardy than sweet cherries. They bloom later and are simply better suited for colder climates than their sweeter cousins. They are also by nature a smaller, compact tree. Although generally quite care-free and disease resistant, sour cherry trees are not immune to black knot.

The health benefits of this fruit are well documented. Trouble falling asleep at night? Sour cherries are a good natural source of melatonin. Drinking several glasses of sour cherry juice daily has been shown to reduce the severity of insomnia and improve overall sleep quality and efficiency. In addition to being a natural sleep aid alternative, research also indicates that sour cherries may help promote heart health and reduce inflammation related to arthritis.

1.25-2 m (4-6') bareroot tree

### EVANS

Russian heritage tree discovered near Edmonton in 1923, so cold hardiness can be counted on. After renowned plant breeder, Dr. Ieuan Evans began promoting it in the late 1970's, it eventually became known as the 'Evans' cherry. Amazingly productive English Morello type cherry with dark red rich fruit. Excellent for pies, jams, and juices.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**161-1875 Dwarf (Gisela 5)**

**\$65.95**

### MONTMORENCY

This old favourite originated in France in the 17th century and is still the most popular pie and dessert cherry in North America. It is actually a cross between a sweet cherry and *Prunus tomentosa* (Nanking cherry). Medium to large, bright red fruits with firm yellow flesh have rich, tart, tangy flavour. Cold hardy and disease resistant tree has spreading form.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: MID JULY**

**161-4775 Dwarf (Gisela 5)**

**\$65.95**

**161-4770 Large Semi-Dwarf (Mahaleb)**

**\$65.95**

### SUREFIRE

Surefire is essentially a cross between Morello-type and Montmorency-type sour cherries. Developed at Cornell University, NY, in the late 1990's, its bloom period starts nearly a week later than Montmorency while ripening time is almost 2 weeks later. The 'Surefire' name was inspired by its ability to avoid most spring frosts. The cherries are bright red with firm red flesh. In comparison to Montmorency, Surefire has larger fruit but is slightly less productive. The tree is easy to maintain with an open growth habit which has made this variety quite popular for U-Pick orchards.



Courtesy of Raintree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**161-7875 Dwarf (Gisela 5)**

**\$65.95**



## Cherry Rootstock

Although the Cherry family is technically also considered to be stone fruit, they have their own rootstock requirements. In Cherries the choice of rootstock can make a substantial difference in mature tree size.

### MAZZARD (Standard)

**(Mature size is 7-10m/22-32')**

Mazzard (*Prunus avium*) is a common seedling rootstock that has been used for grafting cherries for hundreds of years and it is still the most widely used worldwide. It produces a large, well-anchored tree with a fibrous root system which works well in a wide range of soils, providing it is reasonably well drained. Quite hardy and drought resistant, but can take 6-8 years to begin bearing fruit.

### MAHALEB (Large Semi-Dwarf)

**90% of standard size (6-8.5m/20-28')**

Mahaleb is slightly less vigorous than Mazzard and fruiting begins a bit earlier. It is still widely used in sour cherries and has shown a small advantage in winter hardiness, as trees on Mahaleb enter dormancy slightly earlier in the fall. Well anchored and drought tolerant, but does poorly in heavy soil.

### KRYMSK® 5 (Semi-Dwarf)

**70-85% of standard size (4-6m/14-20')**

This semi-dwarf rootstock developed at the Krymsk Vavilov Institute in Russia produces a tree with excellent cold hardiness and better bacterial canker resistance that can easily be maintained at 15'. Its large root system adapts well to various soil types (better in clay than Mazzard) and makes a sturdy, free-standing tree with better drought tolerance than Gisela. Fruiting starts earlier than Mazzard, although not as young as Gisela.

### GISELA™ Series (Dwarf and Semi-Dwarf)

**45-60% of standard size (2.5-4m/8-13')**

The most dwarfing cherry rootstock currently available. Developed at the University of Giessen in Germany, these rootstocks have proven their value with early and heavy fruit production, compact tree form, and increased winter hardiness. Small trees are ideal for small spaces and are easy to pick. The roots are also smaller, so staking a tree and watering in dry spells is recommended. The Gisela series include several similar rootstocks with only slight differences in size and vigor. They are known by their numbers, such as Gisela 3, Gisela 5, as well as 6 and 12. Our dwarf cherry trees are mostly on Gisela 5.

Gisela 12 is considered a semi-dwarf rootstock. While mature sizing is comparable to Krymsk 5, preliminary trials indicate Gisela 12 may have slightly higher productivity.

## Shrub Cherries (*Prunus cerasus* x *Prunus fruticosa*)

Compact and coldhardy shrubs have made commercial cherry production possible far north of normal fruit growing regions. These tough plants are on their own root, so there is no graft to protect.

### ROSE

'Lutowka' is the original name of this esteemed Polish processing cherry. When it came to Canada in the late 1990's, it was renamed the 'Rose Cherry', in honour of Canadian hockey broadcaster Don Cherry's wife Rose, who had just passed away. By either name and in both countries, this variety's rich and refreshing sweet/tart flavour profile is prized for freezing and pies, jellies and jam, juices and wine. If picking is delayed to the darkest garnet red stage, these meaty 5-7gram cherries are sweet enough for pleasurable fresh eating. Rose is the best cherry shrub for landscaping purposes too. It has the vigour to reach the full height of 2-3m (6-10') fairly quickly and its tidy, fine-stemmed form ages gracefully.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**209-6191** 15-30 cm (6-12") plant **\$24.95**  
**209-6193** 60-90 cm (2-3') plant **\$41.95**

### AMAZING CHERRIES FROM THE PRAIRIES

In 2003 the University of Saskatchewan released a number of new shrub cherry varieties – namely Romeo, Juliet, Valentine, Cupid, and Crimson Passion. Collectively known as the 'Romance Series' their fruit quality, size, and yield potential quickly made them a hot item for cold areas. The dark flesh is high in antioxidants as well as sugar levels, with flavour about midway between a sweet cherry and a regular sour cherry. Mature shrubs are only 2-2.5m (6-8') high and wide.

### CUPID

At 6.5 gram average, Cupid has the largest fruit of the Romance Series. Firm, milder-flavoured, meaty cherries are almost the size of a quarter. Very productive, slightly later-blooming shrub has minimal suckering. This local favourite makes a perfect U-pick bush.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**

**209-1492** 30-60 cm (12-24") plant **\$35.95**  
**209-1493** 60-90 cm (24-36") plant **\$41.95**



Courtesy of University of Saskatchewan

### CRIMSON PASSION

Very dark flesh and also juice. High sugar content at 22° Brix, as well as high acid, gives it intense flavour. Maturing at 5-6' it is the most compact Romance Series bush. Crimson Passion has a very low tendency to sucker.



Courtesy of University of Saskatchewan

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**209-1392** 30-60 cm (12-24") plant **\$35.95**  
**209-1393** 60-90 cm (24-36") plant **\$41.95**



Courtesy of Honeyberry USA

### D'ARTAGNAN

D'Artagnan is closely related to Crimson Passion and Juliet from the Romance Series. Fruit size, flavour, and quality are all very similar to these varieties. The main difference is really in the growth habit of the bush. D'Artagnan suckers freely (sends shoots up from the roots) like a red raspberry. For anyone thinking of a tight, fruiting hedge, this is actually an asset. Prepare and mulch a strip 1m (3') wide and place these plants 1 m apart down the centre of the strip, and you should get a solid hedge 1m (3') wide and 2m (6') tall. D'Artagnan has proven to be the most consistently productive cherry, even after brutally harsh winters.



Courtesy of Miehs

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**209-1692** 30-60 cm (12-24") plant **\$35.95**  
**209-1693** 60-90 cm (24-36") plant **\$41.95**

### NANKING CHERRY SEEDLINGS (*Prunus Tomentosa*)

In spite of the popularity of the Romance Shrub Cherries, the good old faithful Nankings are still in demand. Partly it is because they demand so little attention and yet yield such bounty and beauty too. Nanking cherries originate from the Manchurian region of central Asia where temperature extremes range from under -40° in winter to over 40°C in summer! They were introduced to North America in 1882 and now thrive in some of our most inhospitable regions. Makes an excellent hedge plant that tolerates drought, severe cold, road salt, and neglect. Nanking cherries can also be used as an understory in shelter belts, as they will tolerate some shade.



Gracefully arching branches, profusely bedecked with white or pinkish blossoms in early spring are followed by heavy crops of tart, tangy dark red cherries in early summer. A smaller version of regular sour cherry, Nankings work well for pies or preserves. Some folks do enjoy eating them right off the bush. Mature height 2-3m (6-9').

**PLANT 2 FOR POLLINATION | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: JULY**

**209-4352** 45-60 cm (12-24") On own root **\$27.95**  
 Qty of 10+ **\$21.95 Each**  
**209-4353** 60-90 cm (24-36") On own root **\$32.95**  
 Qty of 10+ **\$25.95 Each**

# Cornelian Cherries

(*Cornus mas*)

This is not a true cherry, belonging rather to the dogwood family. Elongated fire engine red fruits are considerably more tart than regular sour cherries, but can be used for sauces, preserves and syrups, or left for the birds to enjoy. The tree itself offers visual appeal throughout the seasons. Masses of golden yellow blossoms swath the branches for several weeks in early spring followed by satiny green leaves and the striking, glossy red fruit. This large shrub or low branched tree adapts easily to a wide range of conditions and can grow to 3 to 6 meters (10 or 20') depending on soil type or whether in shade or a sunny site.

## GOLDEN GLORY NEW

Golden Glory is often sold as an ornamental shrub and for good reason. It is an 'RHS Award of Garden Merit' winner, starting off early in the spring with a profusion of bright yellow, forsythia-like blossoms. The glossy, dark green foliage turns reddish-purple for the fall. Of course, the bright crimson fruit also adds ornamental appeal. These 16mm (5/8") long drupes taste much like sour cherries with a cranberry twist.

Cornelian cherry trees or shrubs will tolerate severe pruning, so Golden Glory is also a good candidate to create a pest-free, disease resistant, fruiting hedge. With no pruning they can reach 4-6m (13-20') in height and width.

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**

**163-2151 20-40cm (8-16") shrub**

**\$27.95**



## RED DAWN (Siretski cv.)

Red Dawn™ is known for bountiful yields of glossy crimson fruit. Large, elongated cherries can reach 3 cm (1¼") in length and ripen over a period of several weeks. In some areas cornelian cherry trees are sought after for sprigs to use in spring floral arrangements. Cut branches can also be taken indoors very early and enticed into bloom. Red Dawn™ is disease resistant and easy to grow.



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**

**163-6042 60-90 cm (24-36") grafted**

**\$49.95**

# Mulberries (*Morus spp*)

A vigorous, hardy, disease and pest resistant tree, the mulberry was often planted to attract birds keeping them away from other tree crops such as sweet cherries. It really is no wonder the birds love the juicy berries - the pleasing blend of sweetness and tartness makes it one of the best flavours of all fruits!



Now new research is indicating that from a health standpoint, mulberries may actually be the most valuable tree fruit. Dried mulberries and even the leaves are being touted as the latest superfood. The fruit itself has an impressive antioxidant punch, but a compound in the leaves called DNJ is what's creating excitement. Drinking mulberry leaf tea with your meal helps to control blood sugar and possibly prevent diabetes. The tree is also appreciated for its ornamental appeal, however, the dark fruited varieties should be planted away from sidewalks and driveways, as the fallen fruits can cause staining.

## GERARDI DWARF

(*Morus alba x rubra*)

'Here we go round' the mulberry bush...' The children's nursery rhyme fails to identify the mulberry, but the fact it is called a bush might implicate Gerardi. With a mature height of only 2-2.5m (6-8') this is about as compact as it gets in the mulberry clan. This naturally dwarf form of mulberry was introduced by Gerardi Nursery of O'fallen, Illinois, after being selected in the wild by Louis Gerardi. Some sources go on to suggest it was originally from the Himalayas. Well, Himalayas or no, the consensus on the fruit seems unanimously positive. Similar to Illinois Everbearing in fruit size, quality, and even production and not a bit behind in flavour. Much to the dismay of your feathered friends, Gerardi is also easy to net.



**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: JULY-AUG.**

**167-3293 60-90 cm (24-36")**

**\$62.95**

## ILLINOIS EVERBEARING (Morus alba x rubra)

A vigorous, hardy variety it is a natural cross between white and red mulberry trees. Considered by many to be the best flavoured mulberry of all, it bears bountiful crops of large 3.5 cm (1.5") sweet, glossy, virtually seedless black fruit continuously throughout July, August, and September. This slender, fast-growing tree can reach 5-8m (16-20') at maturity but is easily kept much shorter by pruning.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: JULY-AUG.**

**167-3442 30-60 cm (12-24") 1 gallon pot**

**\$54.95**

## Mulberries Continued

### TRADER™ (*Morus alba x rubra*)

This exciting selection is named for the Trader family who planted the original tree about 1892 at their new homestead near Oriska, North Dakota. Family tradition indicates the mulberry was brought from Germany when William Trader immigrated to the U.S. Today, 130 years later, this same tree is still producing sweet, delicious berries! Fruit size, flavour, and ripening pattern are all very similar to Illinious Everbearing, but Trader is substantially more winter hardy. It can be grown either as a single trunk tree or multiple trunk shrub with size regulated by pruning.



Courtesy of Northern Tree Specialties

**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: EARLY JULY-EARLY SEPT.**

**167-7693 60-90 cm (2-3') \$62.95**  
**167-7694 90-180 cm (3-6') \$69.95**

### CARMAN (*Morus alba x Morus rubra*)

If you love mulberries but dislike the purple stains on fingers or sidewalks then this might be the one for you. Carman will give you large, delicately sweet, creamy-white fruit that doesn't turn mushy when fully ripe like some white mulberries do. Of course, they are great for fresh eating, but with the amount of fruit it bears, you might have to stay up at night to eat all of it! Drying them is an excellent option too. The fruit ripens over a span of a week or two so some folks spread tarps beneath the tree and shake it for easy harvest. With the lighter colour this fruit attracts less attention from freeloading birds.



Courtesy of Grimo Nursery

Carman's origins are interestingly obscure. Here in Ontario its propagation started some years ago with scionwood provided by a fellow of European descent. By now you will find Carman listed in European nurseries as originating in Canada. So all we can say for sure—it has found favour on both sides of the Atlantic.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: JULY-AUG.**

**167-1444 90-180 cm (3-6') Grafted \$69.95**

### CONTORTED BLACK MULBERRY (*Morus alba unryu*)

As a unique edible landscaping addition, it is prized for its gnarled and twisted branches. In the winter time, in particular, the wavy, contorted limbs are rather eye-catching. Like all mulberry trees, it grows quite quickly for the first few years, but matures at only 2.5-3.5m (8-12'). Container growing is a possibility. And yes, it does also produce tasty, jet-black mulberries.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 |  
HARVEST: JULY-AUG.**

**167-1642 30-60 cm (12-24") 1 gallon pot \$54.95**

**SEMI FERTILE\*** Means it will bear fruit if planted alone. It will usually bear more (and possibly larger) fruit if you plant a second (different) variety for cross-pollination.

## Medlars (*Mespilus germanica*)

Medlar trees with their sweet, soft and delicious apple-like fruit are very rare and quite unique. Their history goes back to medieval times in England and Europe. In the Middle Ages most walled monastery gardens included a number of these craggy but elegant trees. They can be extremely long-lived. A certain medlar tree in England, planted during the reign of King James I in the early 1600's, was reportedly still alive and well quite recently!



A medlar in bloom will rival a rose bush in dignified beauty with its large white blossoms nestled in a whorl of dark green leaves.

### BREDA GIANT

Medium sized fruit with a spicy applesauce flavour and texture. This picturesque variety has somewhat droopy branches. A slower grower, it can eventually reach 4.5-6 meters (15-20'). It is originally from Holland.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

**164-0831 Dwarf (Quince A) 1-1.5m (3-5') bareroot tree \$65.95**

### ROYAL

Royal is more upright growing with a rounded form. An attractive, moderate-sized tree, it is also very productive. 2.5-4 cm (1-1.5") nut brown fruit has cinnamon applesauce flavour.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

**164-7031 Dwarf (Quince A) 1-1.5m (3-5') bareroot tree \$65.95**

### MARRON™ (*Mespilus #3 cv.*)

This naturally compact tree has a rustic charm of its own. Beautiful white blossoms are followed by ample crops of golf-ball sized, russet-brown fruit with a brisk, refreshing flavor.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

**164-4131 Dwarf (Quince A) 60-90cm (2-3') 1 gallon pot \$55.95**

## Growing Tip for Medlars



Medlars prefer a somewhat sheltered, well-drained site with lots of sunshine. Medlars also have a few unique requirements:

1. They should be planted with the graft union several inches below the soil level to allow the scion to form its own roots.
2. The fruit is still rock-hard and mouth puckering when picked late in the fall. They need 2 to 4 weeks to soften up (a process called bletting) before they are ready to eat, bake or roast, or make jellies and jams.

## WESTERVELD **NEW**

Westerveld is another old Dutch variety. The compact, elegant tree has a slightly weeping growth habit. Fruit size is quite large - up to 5cm (2") in diameter. It is known as one of the best varieties for making medlar jelly. Like all medlars, it is best to wait until after several good frosts to pick them.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.**

**164-8731 Dwarf (Quince A) 60-90cm (2-3') 1 gallon pot \$55.95**



## 4 IN 1 HARDY APPLE COMBO

Combines at least 4 of the following 5 varieties: Goodland, Parkland, Battleford, Norland, and September Ruby.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: SEPT. TO OCT.**

**170-0898 Standard (Antonovka)**

**\$82.95**

## 4 IN 1 EUROPEAN PEAR COMBO

Combines at least 4 of the following 5 varieties: Anjou, Bartlett, Comice, Red Clapps Favorite, and Rescue.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: SEPT. TO OCT.**

**170-2931 Dwarf (Quince)**

**\$82.95**

## 4 IN 1 ASIAN PEAR COMBO

Combines at least 4 of the following 5 varieties: Chojuro, Nijiseiki, Shinseiki, Shinko, and Kosui.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: SEPT. TO OCT.**

**170-3331 Dwarf (Quince)**

**\$82.95**

## 4 IN 1 HARDY PLUM COMBO

Combines at least 4 of the following 5 varieties: Black Ice, Brook Red, Pembina, Toka, and Waneta.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: AUG. TO SEPT.**

**170-4455 Semi-Dwarf (Mustang)**

**\$82.95**

*Unfortunately, we are unable to honour requests for trees with specific varieties as these combo trees are grafted by another grower. At times they can even come with 1 or 2 varieties different from what we expect. However, all 4 varieties on your tree will be clearly labeled.*

## Combination Trees

Tight on space? On a budget? Simply can't decide what varieties to try? Combination trees take several different varieties and graft them conveniently onto one single tree. The different varieties will pollinate with one another and bear fruit at different times allowing for an extended harvest period.

1.5-2m (5-6') bareroot trees

## 4 IN 1 APPLE COMBO

Combines at least 4 of the following 5 varieties: Akane, Chehalis, Honeycrisp, Beni Shogun Fuji, and Jonagold



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: SEPT. TO OCT.**

**170-0606 Semi-Dwarf (M106)**

**\$82.95**

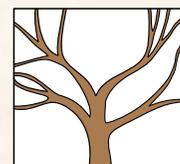
## Growing Tip for Combo Trees



We suggest growing your combination tree as an 'open center' by trimming out secondary branches that grow into the middle. If one variety starts overgrowing the others, it can be slowed down by spreading the branch or tying it down.

Summer pruning can also be helpful for the more aggressive varieties, while less vigorous ones can be stimulated by dormant pruning in spring.

With a bit of trial and error pruning, you can keep all of the varieties well balanced.



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# Pawpaws (*Asimina triloba*)

Long before Columbus sailed the ocean blue, North American Indians were enjoying the vanilla custard flavoured flesh of this northern banana. Large, lush, drooping leaves give the pawpaw a tropical appearance. A slow growing, pyramidal shaped tree, it can reach anywhere from 10-25' at maturity. It has virtually no insect or disease problems and requires very little pruning. This exotic and fascinating native tree is in high demand.



## SEEDLING PAWPAWS

Native to Eastern North America, the pawpaw is a small tree that produces hanging clusters of delicious oval shaped fruit that has a banana or vanilla custard like flavour. With its large drooping leaves and delicate purple flowers in spring, the pawpaw tree has great ornamental appeal. Pawpaws also have few pest or disease problems. Plant in well drained soil and protect from strong winds and grass competition for the first two years.



Courtesy of Bakker Nursery

**PLANT 2 FOR POLLINATION | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: OCT.**

- 165-0152** 25-50 cm (10-20") 1 gallon pot **\$45.95**
- 165-0155** 90-150 cm (3-5') 3 gallon pot **\$89.95**

## Pawpaw Varieties (Grafted)

Grafted Pawpaws are more consistent and productive than seedlings and will begin bearing fruit sooner. Although they are less winter hardy than seedling trees, these selected varieties are worth trying in protected areas.

Plant two different varieties for pollination or plant one seedling and one grafted tree.

### ALLEGHENY

Neil Peterson's tireless dedication to researching and evaluating this largely forgotten fruit culminated in the release of seven superior cultivars, which he named after American rivers with Indigenous names. Allegheny® is pawpaw enthusiast Michael Judd's personal favorite due to its 'strong growth, abundant fruiting and balanced flavours.' Mid-sized fruit has a slight citrus accent to its rich, sweet, smooth-textured yellow flesh. Fruit thinning early in the season is recommended for this precocious, productive cultivar. Overall tree health will benefit, as well as bigger fruit size.



Courtesy of S. Harnell

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**  
**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

### KSU-BENSON™

This 2016 release from Kentucky State University's paw paw program looks like another winner! KSU-Benson can bear upwards of 150 medium-large, melon-shaped fruit which ripen in early midseason every fall. It was rated very high for both flavour and texture at a recent taste test and has a low seed weight. Orange flesh has a thick, custardy texture and a sweet richness to its tropical flavour.



Courtesy of Kentucky State University

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**  
**165-3741** 20-30 cm (8-12") 1 litre pot **\$42.95**

### KSU-CHAPPELL™

Kentucky State has another knockout champion with KSU-Chappell just released Sept. 2018! Pawpaw enthusiasts such as Michael Judd and Cliff England are profuse in their praise of its thick, creamy texture and rich complex flavour. It also gets high marks for production, fruit size, vigorous growth, and healthy foliage.



Courtesy of Kentucky State University

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**  
**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

### CAMPBELL NC-1

Considered to be one of the most ornamental pawpaw trees, NC-1 is consistently robust and healthy with large, disease-free, dark green leaves. Selected in 1976 by R. Douglas Campbell here in Ontario, it ripens in mid-September, making it especially suited for colder climates. Large fruits have thin yellowish-green skin, buttery yellow flesh with few seeds and very good flavour. Highly recommended across the board.



Courtesy of Northwoods Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**  
**165-1045** 90-150 cm (3-5') 3 gallon pot **\$124.95**



**OVERLEESE**

An older variety selected from the wild in 1950 on the property of a Mr. Overleese in Rushville, IN. Not only is it a superior pawpaw in its own right, it is also the parent of a number of newer varieties, including Campbell NC-1 and Shenandoah. Overleese features a lighter, less intense flavour which many folks find preferable. This long-proven performer provides reliable production of large fruit ripening in early-to-mid season. A low seed-to-pulp ratio in a fruit firm enough to ship makes Overleese an overall desirable choice.



Courtesy of Bakker Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE SEPT.**

**165-5545 90-150 cm (3-5') 3 gallon pot**

**\$124.95**

**PA GOLDEN**

Despite its name, Pennsylvania Golden was selected and introduced by John Gordon of Amherst, NY. Medium-sized, yellow-skinned fruit is one of the earliest to ripen. PA Golden is known for winter-hardiness and heavy production. It is also reputed to be a good pollinating variety.



**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID SEPT.**

**165-6145 90-150 cm (3-5') 3 gallon pot**

**\$124.95**

**POTOMAC®**

Potomac® is one of seven superior patented varieties developed by legendary pawpaw breeder Neal Peterson. It produces the largest fruit of any pawpaw, with documented cases of whoppers tipping the scales at over 2 pounds! With such a girth, some fruit splitting can occur, if you get heavy rains right at harvest time. The tree itself is less spreading than most, with a more compact, columnar form.



**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

**SHENANDOAH™**

The extra large fruit of this patented Peterson variety can weigh close to one pound! Pale green skin covers the delectable creamy yellow custard-like flesh. With its smaller percentage of seeds and a mild sweet flavour, Shenandoah is becoming a popular choice.

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**



Courtesy of S. Harnell

**SUNFLOWER**

Sunflower was discovered in Kansas by Milo Gibson, circa 1970. The tree has proven to be strong, vigorous, and resilient, tending to grow more wide than tall. Fruits are generally medium-large with some real jumbos tipping the scales at over a pound! Excellent, complex flavour is described by Blake Cothron as 'caramel-vanilla-nutty with a mild, fruity aroma.' Sunflower has stood the test of time and according to some sources it is practically self-fertile.



Courtesy of Northwoods Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**

**165-7745 90-150 cm (3-5') 3 gallon pot**

**\$124.95**

**SUSQUEHANNA®**

Neil Peterson says if he had to pick a personal favorite from among his patented varieties, this would be the one! For starters, it consistently produces the largest fruit, often 500grams or more, and only 3% seed by weight. With a relatively thick skin, Susquehanna® is less fragile than most, which is an obvious bonus for harvesting and handling, and translates into longer storage life too. Blake Cothron describes the interior thus-'has a firm, luscious, buttery, avocado-like texture, and a rich honey-like caramel sweetness. Too intensely sweet and strong for some, the favorite of others.' The slower-growing tree is not as vigorous as some, but has particularly attractive, healthy-looking foliage.



Courtesy of Peterson Pawpaws

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.**

**165-7845 90-150 cm (3-5') 3 gallon pot**

**\$124.95**

**WABASH™**

Another one of Peterson's noteworthy selections, Wabash™ has medium-large, round cannonball-shaped fruit with delectable, tropical/caramel flavoured flesh. Fruit quality and quantity and vigor, but is known for being slightly more challenging to graft and get started. To sidestep this potential issue, we offer it only in the larger 3 gal size of tree.



Courtesy of Peterson Pawpaws

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

*Growing Tip*



It is common knowledge that blueberries require acidic (low pH) soil. In many areas of Canada the soil is naturally not acidic enough (pH too high). Here we recommend our popular **Blueberry Booster** (see **page 113**). A number of other trees also prefer more acidic soil and will benefit from annual applications of **Blueberry Booster**. These include **Chestnuts, Pawpaws, and Persimmons**.

**Suggested Rate:**

- When planting trees - 250g (1 cup) top dressed and lightly raked in before soaking with water.
- For established trees - 500g (2 cups) per 25mm (1") of tree trunk diameter broadcast under tree in early spring.

In addition, another way to accommodate these 'special needs' plants is to add vinegar or citric acid to their irrigation water. (2.5 litres common white vinegar to a 20 litre bucket of water).

# Persimmons

*(Diospyros virginiana)*

American persimmon trees are very attractive with an upright form and distinctive 'alligator hide' bark pattern. Waxy, blue-green droopy leaves turn a striking golden yellow in the fall with their orange, golf ball sized fruit which ripens very late, often hanging on the tree after the leaves drop. When fully ripe, persimmons are soft and honey-sweet with a dash of spice. The unusual, delectable flavour possibly explains the Latin name for persimmon which means 'food of the gods'.

**NOTE ON DELAYED LEAFING:** Be patient with Persimmons. They are usually the last to break dormancy. Watering them while dormant will not help, it can even hurt the roots, if overdone. They simply need lots of heat to wake up, so in a cool spring it could take a month or even longer yet.

## SEEDLING AMERICAN PERSIMMONS

Seeding persimmons are either male or female. Only the females bear fruit, which is how to tell them apart. Like any other seedling, some variation in fruit quality, size and ripening time can be expected. However, they do have the advantage of being more hardy than a grafted tree.

**PLANT SEVERAL | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: OCT.-NOV.**  
**166-0152 30-45 cm (12-18") 1 gallon pot \$35.95**

## American Persimmons (Grafted)

We have selected only self-fertile persimmon varieties. They will set fruit without having a male pollenizer nearby.

### GARRETSON

The old classic American persimmon, Early Golden, is the parent of this variety. Garretson was named in 1920 and is still considered as one of the most cold-hardy and reliable choices. High quality, deep orange fruit is somewhat superior to Early Golden in both size and flavour. It also ripens a week earlier. Garretson is resistant to anthracnose, has gorgeous fall foliage and produces well.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**  
**166-3345 90-150cm (3-5') 3 gallon pot \$124.95**

### MEADER

One of the most cold hardy varieties, Meader produces tomato shaped fruits that are approximately 4 cm (1.5") in diameter. These persimmons have an outstanding, very sweet flavour. The apricot coloured fruit has a red blush and ripens through October. The tree is productive and quite ornamental with a narrow form similar to a pear tree.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**  
**166-5645 90-150cm (3-5') 3 gallon pot \$124.95**

### MOHLER

Well known author and avid gardener Lee Reich singles out Mohler as one of his favourites for flavour. It is also one of the first to ripen—usually starting to drop it's pale orange fruit by mid September. Mohler combines good size (up to 5 cm across) high quality and sweet, winsome flavour.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**  
**166-5841 20-30cm (8-12") 1 gallon pot \$54.95**

### PRAIRIE STAR®

James Claypool was an American persimmon enthusiast in St. Elmo, Illinois, who devoted an unbelievable amount of time and energy to developing new, hardy, earlier ripening varieties. At one point he had over 2000 trees under evaluation. The 'Prairie' selections now being introduced are the results of his tireless work.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

This one has Yates/Juhl parentage which accounts for its unusually large, early ripening fruit, however Prairie Star™ is said to have improved colour and clearness of pulp. Naturally compact tree is very productive.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID OCT.**  
**166-7641 30-60 cm (12-24") 1 gallon pot \$64.95**

### PROK

Selected by John Gordon of Amherst, NY, Prok was a Cornell University program seedling. Renowned for very large (6-8 cm/2½-3"), firm, high-quality fruit with few seeds, it is rated by many enthusiasts as the best tasting American persimmon. This early ripening variety is recommended for growers on the northern fringe of persimmon territory.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**  
**166-7845 90-150cm (3-5') 3 gallon pot \$124.95**

### YATES

Discovered by Ed Yates of Cincinnati, Ohio, this is another American persimmon worthy of consideration for Canadian growers. Yates delivers a double whammy—one of the largest fruits, it is also one of the very earliest to ripen. Tasty, sweet and seedless, the dull orange, tomato-shaped fruit can reach 6cm (2¼") in size and is a favourite of many. Yates is known as a heavy producer. It is believed to be the same variety as Juhl.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**  
**166-9745 90-150cm (3-5') 3 gallon pot \$124.95**

## Growing Tip



Plant your persimmon trees in a well-drained, sunny location, but don't let them dry out. After you have successfully started them, persimmons are extremely easy to grow and care for. Seedlings may eventually reach a mature height of 15m (50') while grafted varieties usually remain considerably smaller, usually only 5-9m (16-30').

## American x Asian Persimmons

### NIKITA'S GIFT™

#### (D. virginiana x Diospyros kaki)

This unique cross of American and Asian persimmon comes from the Nikita Botanical Garden in Yalta, Ukraine. It offers the advantage of larger fruit on a more compact tree without losing too much in cold hardiness. The delicious, reddish-orange, seedless fruit that is produced bountifully on this highly ornamental tree can be up to 6.5 cm (2.5") in diameter!



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5/6 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.**

**166-6542 60-90cm (2-3') 1 gallon pot**

**\$74.95**

### KASANDRA

#### (Diospyros virginiana x Diospyros kaki)

An exciting newer selection developed by David Lavergne, and with enough cold hardiness to make it worth trying here! Cliff England rhymes off Kasandra's pedigree 'as a hybrid of 'Great Wall' crossed by an F2 male of Rosseyanka hybrid, backcrossed to Diospyros virginiana'. Don't worry if that gets too deep. Find a sheltered spot to try a tree. The fruit is reported to reach 7cm (2.75") in diameter with a Brix test of 21 (it obviously needs lots of sun for that!) With Diospyros kaki parentage you also have less fruit astringency than the straight Americans and larger, glossy green leaves.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5/6 | HARVEST: MID-LATE OCT.**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

## Figs (*Ficus carica*)

The beloved fig needs no introduction to Bible readers or anyone who has lived in the Mediterranean region. Its home territory is hot and dry so obviously it needs a bit of help to survive in Canada. However, many people are convinced it is worth the effort to be able to pluck fresh, sun-ripened fruit from their own tree. While some folks in protected areas do grow them outside with elaborate winter protection strategies, they are, in most cases, much better off in pots. From the varieties that are most adaptable to container growing, we offer the ones with the best productivity and fruit quality.



Figs are sub-tropical deciduous plants. They need a winter dormancy period in your basement or garage, with low light and temperatures in the range of 2-12°C (35-55°F) to promote bud formation.

### PETER'S HONEY

Peter Danna of Portland, Oregon, procured this one from Sicily, where he was born. Since then it has established a reputation as one of the very best fresh eating figs. Glossy, lime-green fruit with delectably tender and sweet, dark amber flesh is also superb for drying and canning. Peter's Honey will thrive in a hot, sun-baked corner of your patio.



Courtesy of Northwoods Nursery, Inc.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 6/7 | HARVEST: SEPT.**

**218-7082 1 gallon pot**

**\$29.95**

### PETITE NEGRA

Considering that Petite Negra is probably the smallest shrub of any fig at maturity, it produces a surprising amount of fruit. 100-120cm (3-4') is generally the biggest it will get. Medium sized, violet-black fruit with deep, ruby-red flesh is a flavourful fresh-eating favourite. It will often produce both an early and a late crop, so moving it indoors to finish ripening the late harvest is likely the best way to maximize Petite Negra's potential.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 8 | HARVEST: AUGUST, DECEMBER**

**218-7182 1 gallon pot**

**\$29.95**

### CHICAGO HARDY

Probably the most cold-hardy fig, it has a reputation of being able to grow back and produce fruit after freezing to the ground. Originally from Sicily, it was brought to Chicago by some long-forgotten enthusiast and selected from there. Prolific crops of medium-sized, purplish-brown fruit with rich, sweet amber flesh. Works well in containers, but if you insist on planting outdoors, this is one to try.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 6/7 | HARVEST: SEPT.**

**218-2382 1 gallon pot**

**\$29.95**

**218-2383 2 gallon pot**

**\$44.95**

### OLYMPIAN

Olympian produces large figs with thin, green and purple skin, and extra sweet, violet coloured flesh. This exciting variety is gaining quite a following as it becomes better known. Denny McGaughy, a retired biologist, began propagating from a venerable, approx. 100 year old tree in Olympia, Washington. The fruit seemed similar to that of the Latarulla variety, but Denny set out to see if the tree could be identified. Subsequent DNA testing revealed that it did not match any of the 200+ figs in the U.S. Germplasm Repository. From this perspective it can rightfully be considered a new variety! It is certainly one of the most cold-hardy figs and as reliable as any for producing two large crops in cool climates.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 6/7 | HARVEST: SEPT.**

**218-6683 2 gallon pot**

**\$44.95**

## Growing Tip



In most cases, we recommend planting bareroot fruit trees at their permanent site as soon as you get them. However, the trees in this section of the catalogue (**Pawpaws, Persimmons, and Jujubes**) will often benefit from spending a few more years in a pot. Since these species do not take as well to bareroot handling, we receive them as very small trees in pots. We suggest you repot them in a larger container and grow them for several seasons. Pawpaws in particular, will appreciate this, as the tender young trees will prosper much more if you can keep them out of direct sunlight. This way you also have the option of overwintering them in your garage until they are bigger and stronger.

See **Page 109** for Root Trapper® Containers.

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# Jujubes

*(Ziziphus jujuba)*



In China, jujubes are eaten fresh, dried, smoked, pickled and candied. Jujubes, sometimes referred to as 'Chinese Dates', have also been used as herbal medicine for thousands of years throughout Asia. Besides being loaded with vitamins, minerals and amino acids, they inhibit the growth of free radicals, lower blood pressure and alleviate stress.

Growing these compact trees is also stress-free. They will thrive in almost any poor or compacted soil, are very drought resistant, need little pruning and have virtually no pest or disease problems. Visual appeal is enhanced by jagged, drooping branches and small glossy leaves.

Since they are more of a hot, dry climate tree, we suggest planting in sheltered or even sun-baked urban locations. They do well in containers too.

## AUTUMN BEAUTY™

**(Qui Tue Xian cv.)**

The dark, chocolate brown fruit of this popular Chinese variety can reach up to 5cm(2") long. Crisp and sweet with a spicy apple flavour, it is ideal for fresh eating or drying. Autumn Beauty™ is also known for its early ripening. The tree stays quite compact and can be successfully grown in a pot.



Courtesy of Northwoods Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5/6 | HARVEST: SEPT.**  
**169-0142 20-40cm (8-16") 1 gallon pot**

**\$64.95**

## EMPRESS GEE™ NEW

**(Wang-dae-choo cv.)**

This unique Korean variety is nothing to sneeze at, despite the fact the cultivar name ends in 'dae-choo!' Empress Gee's mahogany brown fruit is actually among the largest of any jujube variety, and has the quality, crispness, and flavour to match. Attractive, naturally compact trees makes small spaces or even containers an option.



Courtesy of Northwoods Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 5/6 | HARVEST: SEPT.**  
**169-0542 20-40cm (8-16") 1 gallon pot**

**\$64.95**

## LI

Another very popular variety. Li is noted for its large (4-5 cm) egg shaped fruit with a very small pit. While Lang should be left on the tree to ripen, Li can be picked when still yellow-green and will ripen to a sweet, date-like flavour. One of the best for fresh eating. Productive tree has an attractive arching branch structure. Ripens with Lang.



Courtesy of Northwoods Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 5/6 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.**  
**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

## WINTER DELIGHT

**(Mango Dong-Zao cv.)**

Winter Delight™ is one of several newer varieties imported from northern China by Jim Gilbert in Oregon. Large, egg-shaped fruit is crisp and sweet. As the name implies, it is especially delightful as dried fruit for out-of-season treats. Fittingly enough, the compact tree is also quite winter hardy.



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 5/6 | HARVEST: SEPT.**  
**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

## XIAN BEAUTY NEW

**(Zhang hua dong zao cv.)**

Xian Beauty™ is another Chinese jujube which is so similar to Autumn Beauty™ it has caused some confusion in the nursery trade. Large, chocolate brown fruit hangs among the fine, lacy green foliage of this compact tree. Xian Beauty's bounty ripens over an extended period early in the fall, giving you extended enjoyment of crisp, sweet jujubes.



Courtesy of Northwoods Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 5/6 | HARVEST: SEPT.**  
**169-2942 20-40 cm (8-16") 1 gallon pot**

**\$64.95**

## ZIGZAG™

**(Yongjo cv.)**

Zigzag™ quite obviously and aptly refers to the contorted branching of this attractive, compact ornamental tree. In late fall the bountiful crops of small to medium size, crisp and tasty, brown fruits are ready for fresh eating or drying.



Courtesy of Northwoods Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 6 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.**  
**169-2942 20-40 cm (8-16") 1 gallon pot**

**\$64.95**



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

# Hardy Nut Trees

A selection of the most cold hardy nut trees available. These seedlings will grow up to add long-term value to your property and provide food for both humans and wildlife. Nut trees thrive in rich soil and seem to do well near river bottoms (but not in frost pockets or constant wet spots). Be sure though, to keep them well watered for the first summer at least. Remember that this is an investment for the future and, as such, deserves your attention to get off to a good start.



# Almonds (*Prunus dulcis*)

Almonds have been grown since ancient times. From central Asia they spread across the Mediterranean region and beyond. With their concentrated energy and desirable taste, these nutritious nuts have long played an important role in the human diet. In fact, they still do - total world production is around 300,000 tonnes per year, with 70% of that currently coming from California groves. Almonds are closely related to peaches, with similar tree size, shape, and foliage. Even the nuts in the shell closely resemble peach pits. Plant almonds well away from peaches so the flowers don't hybridize and cause bitter nuts.



1.25-2m (4-6') bareroot trees

## JAVID'S IRANIAN

It's finally here - a real almond that can thrive in Zone 5, perhaps even in a very sheltered Zone 4! When we acquired this potential celebrity, we had some questions. Can the trees survive our winters? Will the nuts ripen here? Will the flavour be as great as it is 'cracked up' to be? In our own experience, with trees fruiting at several local sites, our answer is a definite yes on all three counts. The claims for high disease resistance and late bloom period also seem to bear out, so we consider it 'the real deal'! This intriguing variety originated in the mountains of northern Iran, finding its way to North America through an acquaintance of Kentucky nurseryman, Cliff England, named Javid. Now it's yours to enjoy!

**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: OCT.-NOV.**

**181-2651 Semi-Dwarf (Bailey) Grafted**

**\$65.95**



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

# Heartnuts

(*Juglans ailantifolia* var. *cordiformis*)

A variety of the Japanese walnut, these heart-shaped nuts open like a locket when tapped on its side easily releasing a kernel that is mild tasting, buttery and slightly sweet, unlike typical walnuts that can have a bitter taste. With its huge fern-like leaves, pendulous catkins and hanging clusters of nuts, the Heartnut tree makes a stunning ornamental. A broad round top tree that can easily grow to be as wide as it is tall, making it an excellent shade tree if you have the space. Mature seedling heartnuts can be over 15m (50') wide and tall, yielding over 90kg (200lbs) of nuts per tree! We offer 2 types of heartnuts: grafted (genetically identical) and seedlings.



Courtesy of Grimco Nursery

## Heartnut Varieties (Grafted)

Nut trees, such as heartnut and pecan are very difficult to graft compared to fruit trees. Grafted heartnuts often start producing in 2-4 years. Early spring pruning is important for young heartnut trees to develop a proper 'central leader' type of tree form.



Plant 2 different varieties for pollination or plant 1 seedling and 1 grafted tree.

## IMSHU

The 'Imshu' name is a blend of 'improved' and 'Schubert'. It originates from a Korean seedling which was brought home to the US by a soldier who served in the Korean War. This variety is now considered the best, hardiest heartnut with bountiful annual crops of medium sized nuts.

Mature height 8-12m (25-40')

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID OCT.**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

## SEEDLING HEARTNUT

Heartnut seedlings are more hardy than grafted varieties. However, they do take longer to begin producing- usually 4-7 years. Nut quality will vary from tree to tree and in most cases they do not crack as easily. With a bit of luck, you could also end up having a seedling tree that is as good or better as any grafted variety! Heartnuts have possibly the most potential of any nut tree in Canada. Mature height 10-16m (30-55')



**PLANT 2 FOR POLLINATION | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: OCT.**

**184-8152 30-60cm (12-24") On own root**

**\$34.95**

**184-8153 60-100cm (24-36") On own root**

**\$39.95**

## Juglans Family (Walnuts)

### BLACK WALNUTS (Juglans nigra)

This majestic and valuable timber thrives in deep, well drained fertile soil. In fact, when the first Mennonite settlers came to Ontario in the early 1800s, it is said that they watched for walnut trees as a reliable indicator of where the best land could be cleared for farming. Nowadays walnut is probably the most widely used tree in alley-cropping systems in North America providing shade, nuts, firewood and eventually timber. Black walnut is valued for its high quality wood used in fine furniture, gun stocks, and cabinet making. The nuts will add their distinctive flavour to ice cream and desserts, or can be used in baking. Even the crushed nut shells have a multitude of uses with some large nut processing plants finding it difficult to satisfy the demand. Mature height 20-30m (65-100').



**PLANT 2 FOR POLLINATION | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.**  
184-4152 45-60 cm (18-24") On own root

\$27.95

### BUTTERNUTS (Juglans cinerea)

The butternut, also known as 'white walnut', is native to Eastern North America. It is known as one of the hardiest nut trees, thriving in most Zone 3 areas that have deep, loamy soils. Our seedlings come from North Dakota parent stock.



Butternuts, with their open, spreading crown, make an attractive ornamental tree. Wood-carvers appreciate the light-coloured wood with a grain similar to black walnut but easier to work with. The nuts have an oily, aromatic, and buttery flavour and have been collected for fresh eating and baking since the days of yore. Mature height 15-25m (50-80').

**PLANT 2 FOR POLLINATION | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.**

184-0152 30-60 cm (12-24") On own root  
184-0152 60-100 cm (24-36") On own root

\$29.95  
\$34.95

### BUARTNUTS

#### (Juglans ailantifolia x Juglans cinerea)

Buartnuts are a natural hybrid of two other walnut family members—the butternut and the heartnut. This cross combines the cold hardiness, adaptability and sweet flavour of the butternut, with vigour, more easily cracked shells and higher yields of the heartnut. In general, buartnut trees tend to be healthier and more disease resistant than pure butternuts and exhibit the spreading growth pattern of heartnuts. Buartnuts offer an interesting alternative that will cross pollinate with either of the parent species.



Courtesy of Grimo Nut Nursery

**PLANT 2 FOR POLLINATION | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.**

184-2153 60-100 cm (24-36") On own root

\$39.95

### ENGLISH WALNUTS

#### (Juglans regia carpathian)

A close relative of Black Walnut, the English Walnut is known by a number of other names including Carpathian and Persian. They do, in fact, originate in ancient Persia, but most seedlings were brought to North America by early settlers from Germany and Eastern Europe. When fully dormant, English Walnuts are just as cold hardy as Black Walnuts and have survived -40°, however they are more susceptible to fluctuating temperatures and late spring frosts. Many people do prefer the high quality English nuts with their thin shells and milder but full bodied flavour. Mature height is 15-18m (50-60').



As with Butternuts and Black Walnuts we recommend planting two seedlings for pollination, however, they are partially self-fertile. Some cross pollination may also occur amongst the various juglans species.

**PLANT 2 FOR POLLINATION | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.**

184-6153 60-100 cm (24-36") On own root

\$39.95

## Seedling vs. Grafted Trees: What is the difference?



A **seedling** is a tree that has been grown from a seed. Like children, seedlings are each genetically different. They will not be an exact copy of either parent. A seedling often is not true to fruit (meaning that you will not necessarily get the same quality of fruit or nut). Without graft tissue, seedling trees are usually more winter hardy, grow more vigorously and may grow into much larger trees at maturity. Selections marked as '**On own root**' have generally been grown from seed.

A **grafted** tree is a tree which has been reproduced to have consistent fruit quality and a controlled tree size (a cutting or bud from the 'Mother tree' is joined to a rootstock). Grafted trees will always be true to fruit producing the same high quality as the superior Mother tree. They will also begin bearing at a younger age and usually remain a more compact tree.

## The Black Walnut Neighbourhood



As some of you already know, many plants simply do not grow well when planted close to a walnut tree. The roots of both the black and English walnut as well as the butternut give off a toxic substance known as juglone which eliminates their competition. It will kill most evergreens, as well as some fruit trees and a number of vegetables. Most grasses seem not to mind, and some plants actually seem to thrive.

### The following is a short list of some of the best neighbors for a walnut tree:

Black raspberries	Black locust	Currants
Grapes	Goumi	Elderberries
Rugosa roses	Persimmons	Sweet corn
High bush cranberries	Paw paws	Beans
	Mulberries	Onions

### Some of the poorest choices include:

Apples, pears, blackberries, tomatoes & alfalfa.

# Hazelnuts

(Corylus spp.)



Hazelnuts are currently attracting lots of attention and for good reason. But even without considering the possible confectionery or snack market, this versatile shrubby tree offers multiple possibilities. Since the kernels are high in both oil and protein, they could potentially replace soybeans. Recent research indicates that hazelnuts produced the most oil per acre of any perennial plant. Even hazelnut shells can be used as fuel as they have almost twice the BTU as wood.

## SEEDLING HAZELNUTS

Our superior northern seedlings were selected for their resistance to disease and their comparable nut quality. With their dense, beautiful foliage, hazelnut seedlings are especially useful for creating a hedge or windbreak.

Mature height 2.5-3.5m (8-12')

### PLANT 2 FOR POLLINATION | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: SEPT.

**183-0153** 45-100 cm (18-36") On own root **\$38.95**  
**183-0154** 100-150 cm (3-5') On own root **\$43.95**

## Hazelnut Varieties (Layers)

Hazelnuts are propagated by layering, much like black raspberries. For commercial settings they offer the advantage of genetically-identical trees for predictable ripening and consistent superior nut quality.

### GENE™

A superior variety from the Geneva, NY, program offering large nut size, high production, and total immunity to Eastern filbert blight. The most promising one for commercial production. Mature height is 3.5-4.5m (12-15').

### POLLINATE WITH CARMELA | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.

**183-3774** 100-150 cm (3-5') Layer **\$51.95**

### CARMELA

A great match with Gene™, with even bigger nut size, comparable yields and high blight resistance. Tree size is similar as well. Commercial producers tend to prune for a single trunk, but they will make an ideal hedge if left to grow multi-stemmed.

### POLLINATE WITH GENE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.

**183-2174** 100-150 cm (3-5') Layer **\$51.95**



Courtesy of Orchard People

The exciting new hybrids listed below make hazelnut production possible in much colder regions. They are the result of crossing European hazels (Corylus heterophylla) with native Quebec trees (Corylus americana).



### ALDARA™

In the quest for hardier hazelnuts, many seed sources were considered. Aldara™ is currently considered as the best selection of Corylus heterophylla hybrids from Northern Asian crossed with native Quebec trees (Corylus americana) It has been proven to be a prolific producer of midsized, high-quality nuts. Superior resistance to bud mite and Eastern filbert blight add to Aldara's admirable attributes. Mature height is 3-4m (10-13') with a spread of 3m (10').

### POLLINATE WITH FRANK | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.

**183-1174** 45-100 cm (18-36") Layer **\$46.95**

### FRANK

Frank represents 'the best of the west'. Hazelnut development continues at the University of Saskatchewan using superior selections from Geneva, NY, and crossing them with cold hardy, prairie adapted, native American hazels. Frank checks off all the desirable boxes with nut size (medium), production (high), and ripening time (early). The final hazelnut hurdle always seems to be pollination compatibility. Here again you can relax when planting with Aldara™. Mature tree size is similar as well.

### POLLINATE WITH ALDARA | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: MID AUG.

**183-3374** 45-100 cm (18-36") Layer **\$46.95**

### NORTHERN BLAIS

Northern Blais has the same parentage as Andrew (with the name alluding to the Quebecois part of its heritage) and has similar nut quality and blight resistance. In recent hazelnut yield comparison trials in Minnesota, Northern Blais ended on top of the heap. It appears to be a good pollination companion for Andrew as well as the seedling selections.

### POLLINATE WITH ALDARA | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**



## Other Hardy Nut Trees

### AMERICAN/CHINESE HYBRID CHESTNUT (*Castanea dentata* x *Castanea mollissima*)

Native American chestnuts were once the dominant forest tree in eastern North America, sometimes attaining heights of close to 60m (200')! The lightweight, decay-resistant wood was important for timber and the low oil, high carbohydrate nuts were consumed by humans, farm animals, and wildlife.

In the early 1900's, a deadly fungal disease now known as 'chestnut blight', practically wiped out the entire American chestnut population. Much effort has gone into crossing blight-resistant Chinese chestnuts with the taller, hardier American chestnuts to bring back this valuable tree. These chestnut crosses produce large, sweet nuts that are tastier than imported nuts.

These hybrid seedlings, which are derived from superior Earl Douglass parent stock are your best bet for nut quality, hardiness, and tree form as well as blight resistance. Mature height is 15-25m (50-80'). Please note that chestnut trees prefer sandy loam soil with a pH of 4.5 to 6.5.



Courtesy of Grimo Nursery

**PLANT 2 FOR POLLINATION | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.**

**182-0352 30-60 cm (12-24") On own root \$39.95**  
**182-0353 60-100 cm (24-36") On own root \$49.95**

### BUR OAK (*Quercus macrocarpa*)

Consider carefully before you plant a bur oak- it might be there for the next 200-300 years! This majestic, towering native tree is extremely hardy and adaptable, tolerating bitter cold, scorching heat and air pollution. It has the largest acorns of any oak species with low tannin content, making them the most suitable for human use. Acorns have always been important for wildlife as well as farm animals with acorn-fed pork enjoying a recent surge in popularity. Mature height 18-28m (60-90').

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.**

**182-4853 60-100 cm (24-36") On own root \$34.95**



### HICANS

#### (*Carya ovata* x *Carya illinoensis*)

Hicans are a natural hybrid of two different hickory family members, in this case, the Shagbark Hickory and the Pecan. This cross adopts some of the better characteristics from both parents. While the nut shape and thin shell of the pecan are retained, the shagbark hickory influence enables earlier ripening. This is a valuable attribute as the pecan is notorious for needing a very long summer. Hicans grow slowly for 5 years or so, but then make good growth, to become a tall, stately, long-lived tree. They should cross-pollinate with either of the parent species.



Courtesy of Grimo Nut Nursery

**PLANT 2 FOR POLLINATION | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: OCT.-NOV.**

**182-5153 60-100 cm (24-36") On own root \$46.95**

### KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE

#### (*Gymnocladus dioica*)

A coffee tree? Competition for Tim Hortons? Hardly. The story goes that early colonial settlers observed how some Natives, such as the Meskwaki and Pawnee drank roasted ground seeds in a hot beverage similar to coffee. The pioneers readily adopted this practice, bestowing the term 'coffee trees' on these majestic trees. The name stuck, but the usage did not. It was soon considered inferior to real coffee and likely still is.



Courtesy of Bakker Nursery

Although the Kentucky Coffeetree is still considered a rare species, it's popularity as an urban street tree has swelled the ranks of this native American considerably. Here's how Michael Dirr describes it - 'like the ugly duckling that turns into the beautiful swan, this one-armed nursery broomstick slowly develops an elegant branch structure, becoming better each year to become one of the finest of the noble trees. A magnificent shade tree.'

The Kentucky Coffeetree is also known to be a nitrogen fixer. No doubt this enables it to adapt to such a wide range of soil ph and fertility. Drought and urban pollution don't seem to faze this fine tree either.

One last thing - if you intend to gather the seed pods to brew some alternative coffee, be sure to roast the seeds. Some sources suggest the raw seeds may be toxic.

#### ZONE 4

**169-8153 60-90cm (24-36") On own root \$42.95**  
**169-8154 120-180 cm (4-6') On own root \$62.95**

### PECANS

#### (*Carya illinoensis*)

Pecans are a member of the hickory family, which is well known for its dense, very strong wood. Pecan trees are straight and tall, rather than a spreading form like the heartnuts. They grow well in a wide range of soils, even heavy clay.

Although pecan trees are considered to be quite winter-hardy, the nuts require a long summer to ripen. Only the very earliest-ripening varieties are suitable for Canada. Northern pecan trees produce small tubular nuts that are sweeter and tastier than conventional southern pecans. They have a thin shell that is easy to crack.

These tall, majestic trees are hardier than the grafted varieties but they are in no hurry to begin producing- 10-15 years is common. Mature height is 15-20m (50-65')

**PLANT 2 FOR POLLINATION | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: OCT.-NOV.**

**186-0153 60-100 cm (24-36") On own root \$46.95**



Courtesy of Grimo Nursery

**GINGKO**  
(*Gingko biloba*)

Also called Maidenhair tree. This unique, ancient tree is known for its extreme longevity, exceptional resistance to disease and/or pollution as well as various uses in both traditional and modern medicine. A 200 year old Gingko situated only 1 mile from the epicenter of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, survived and continued producing nuts! In some Oriental countries the Gingko was regarded as a sacred tree with many planted close to temples. The small nuts or kernels are esteemed as a delicacy in China and along with extracts from the leaves play a prominent role in Chinese folk medicine. More recent European studies have substantiated Chinese claims and now Gingko leaf extracts have established a reputation as a brain tonic. Among other beneficial effects, it improves short-term memory, alertness and drive. Tree plantations have been set up in numerous countries to yield leaves for the pharmaceutical industry. The distinctive, fan-shaped foliage is unlike any other leaf in the world, making the tree easy to identify. In the fall they turn to a gorgeous, golden yellow.



Gingkos are widely adaptable, but slow growers, taking 30 years or more to reach 10m (35'). Flowering may not occur until trees are 25-35 years old, hence there is a long wait for nuts! In order to bear fruit, both male and female trees are needed. These are unsexed seedlings. Plant 2 or more to increase the chance of fruiting.

**PLANT SEVERAL | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: OCT.**  
**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

*Evergreens*

**WHITE SPRUCE**  
(*Picea glauca*)

One of the most common evergreens is the good old spruce tree. There are, of course, numerous varieties within the species to 'spruce up' your lawn. If you have lots of space or are planning an all-season windbreak, the white spruce is a good option to consider. As a North American native it is well suited for practically all of us. As one tree guide describes it - 'Dense in youth but more open with age, it has a slim, conical outline. It is distinguished by deer resistance, and salt, drought and heat resistance.' Although white spruce has a slightly slower growth rate than Norway Spruce, it is more tolerant of alkaline (high pH) soils and also of damp planting sites. Since it also has fewer disease issues than Colorado or blue spruce, the white is becoming the spruce of choice for many people. Mature size is usually about 12-18 m (40-60') tall and 3-6m (10-20') wide.



Courtesy of Allen McGregor

**ZONE 2**  
**191-6152 40-60 cm (16-24") 1 gallon pot**  
**Qty of 10+**

**\$19.95**  
**\$15.95 each**

*Stone Pines (Pinus spp)*

Several species of these tall majestic evergreens produce edible seeds called pine nuts which are in surprisingly high demand. Current figures indicate that Canada imports nearly 30 million dollars worth of pine nuts every year! The pine cones typically contain 60-80 pine nuts each. Stone pines can be difficult to transplant. We suggest adding some soil from under another pine tree to inoculate the roots. They also require some form of shade for the first few years to prevent desiccating in the hot sun. Patience is needed as it may well take 15 years or so until your stone pine begins producing.



**SWISS**  
(*Pinus cembra*)

The Swiss stone pine is an extremely hardy, slow growing evergreen with soft, 5-needled, blue-green foliage. As a young tree it has a narrow, pyramidal shape, eventually becoming 12m (40') or more in height with a broad rounded crown. If drainage is adequate it can thrive in fairly heavy clay. Besides being an attractive landscaping tree, it produces one of the largest edible pine nuts. Although the cones take 3 years to mature, new ones are forming every year, so you can expect a continuous crop after they begin bearing.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE FALL**  
**187-7355 50cm (20") 7 gallon pot PICKUP ONLY \$159.95**

**SIBERIAN NEW**  
(*Pinus cembra sibirica*)

The Siberian stone pine is a subspecies of the Swiss stone pine and obviously is very similar. As could be expected, the Siberian version comes with extreme cold hardiness. Cones are practically identical to the Swiss, with thin shells on the pine nuts for easy processing. The young blue-green needles are supposedly edible and vitamin-rich. I suspect a pine needle diet would also be very effective for weight loss! Siberian stone pines make attractive landscaping specimens, eventually reaching 18m (60') or more in height, but they are notoriously slow growing when young.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: LATE FALL**  
**187-7355 30-45 cm (12-18") plug \$35.95**

# Eastern White Cedar *(Thuja occidentalis)*

The highly adaptable, hardy, and resilient cedar is so common we tend to take it for granted. Perhaps it would command more respect if referred to by the proper name of 'Arborvitae', which means 'tree of life'. Traditionally arborvitae was considered purifying and used by Native Americans for colds, fever, cough, headache, skin disorders, swollen extremities, and rheumatic problems. The powdered foliage can be used as an insect repellent.

Aside from the regular cedar (arborvitae) that seems able to thrive anywhere from swampy areas to dry, rocky sites, the *Thuja occidentalis* family includes all sorts of varieties with different shapes and sizes, developed in the landscaping industry. One of the most popular applications is for hedging.

## FULL SPEED A HEDGE *(Thuja occidentalis 'American Pillar')*

When plant breeder John Houser of Georgia discovered an unusual branch mutation on an arborvitae on his property, he realized he had found his 'one in a million shot'. This mutation was an ultra-fast growing branch sport with a dense, narrow growth habit. John was so convinced of the stupendous potential of his discovery that he postponed his retirement at age 85, to start up a nursery based on it! He had his new 'baby' patented in 2009 as 'American Pillar', and since then it has steadily been convincing many others in the industry. Spring Meadow Nursery, a sizeable wholesale grower in MI, has recently devoted an extra 9 acres of greenhouse space to this one special variety!



YEAR 3



YEAR 5

So what makes this shrub so special? Full Speed a Hedge (American Pillar) is slightly hardier than Emerald Green and Green Giant (the most common hedging cedars) but what really sells it is the phenomenally fast growth. At a rate of nearly 1m (3') per year, you can watch your living privacy screen become reality at a gratifying pace. Under ideal conditions, in 5 or 6 years it should potentially be close to the mature size of 4.5 - 6 m (15-20') tall and 90-150 cm (3-5') wide. At the suggested spacing of 75cm (30"), 1 tray of 8 plants will buy you 6m (20') of all-season privacy. You can even cut the spacing to 60 cm (24") if you desire a tight hedge sooner.

<b>ZONE 3</b>		
191-1582	1 litre pot	\$34.95 Each
191-1508	1-4 trays of 8 1 litre pots	\$231.60 per tray
	5 or more trays of 8 1 litre pots	\$183.60 per tray
191-1583	2 gallon pot PICKUP ONLY	\$55.95 Each
	Qty of 10+	\$45.95 Each

## Other Functional Trees & Shrubs

# Lindens *(Tilia)*



In medieval days the stately linden was revered by various Germanic tribes and in many villages it served as the appropriate place to congregate when weighty matters were deliberated. Festive gatherings were also common under its spreading branches. It is still one of the most versatile and reliable landscaping trees, adapting well to most soils, climates, and locations, whether in the city or country.

Did you know that both the fragrant flowers and young leaves are edible? In Europe linden cordials or tea have long been held in esteem, while young growth foliage makes a delicious lettuce-like addition to any salad. Littleleaf linden (*Tilia cordata*) is considered the best tasting of the linden family.

## GREENSPIRE® LITTLE LEAF LINDEN *(Tilia cordata PNI6025)*

In 'The Tree Book' Michael Dirr states "If a contest were held for the tree with the ideal pyramid shape, this would be the winner." This fast-growing, grafted selection can eventually reach 15m (50') in height and 10m (30') in width, with tidy, dense foliage. Small, glossy, heart-shaped leaves change from dark green to yellow in the fall. Bees love the spicy, fragrant, cream-yellow blossoms which appear in early to midsummer. Greenspire Linden is likely your overall best choice to fill in any blank spots created by ash trees that succumbed to Emerald Ash Borer.



Courtesy of Bailey Nurseries

SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE JUNE  
189-3344 120-180 cm (4-6') Grafted

\$62.95

# Maples *(Acer)*



No other trees are as distinctly Canadian as the majestic maples. Among the multiple benefits they provide are summer shade, fiery fall colours, and, of course, maple syrup. All the numerous sub-species of maple could be tapped for the sap to boil for syrup, but it is mostly the slow growing *Acer saccharum* (Sugar Maple) which has the high sugar content in the sap to make the efforts worthwhile. If it is not necessarily the sap you are after, then some of the other types of maples may be more suitable for your setting while offering other advantages.

### AUTUMN BLAZE® (Acer x freemanii 'Jeffersred')

Autumn Blaze® combines the fast growth and drought tolerance of its Silver Maple parent, with the finer branching, denser foliage, and gorgeous fall colour of its other parent, the Red Maple. This highly adaptable shade tree is very popular because of its quick landscape impact and early transition from vibrant green to brilliant, scarlet leaves. Autumn Blaze® will tolerate high soil pH and urban sites, but needs enough space to accommodate its broad, oval form. Mature size will often reach 15-17m (50-55') in height and 12-14m (40-45') in width. With its Silver Maple ancestry, Autumn Blaze® may at times require corrective pruning as a young tree, to eliminate narrow crotch angles or Y shaped leaders which are susceptible to splitting in ice storms.

#### ZONE 3

**188-0354 120-180 cm (4-6') On own root \$49.95**  
**188-0355 180-240 cm (6-8') On own root PICKUP ONLY \$59.95**



## Hawthorns (Crataegus)

The Crataegus family includes over 250 species of hawthorn. Many have edible fruit called haws and most have thorns (surprise!) The miniature fruitlets are generally of more interest to birds and wildlife, than to the human race, but the medicinal aspect which was steeped in centuries of folklore has been verified by more recent studies. In fact, the leaves, flowers, fruit and seeds are all beneficial to health. Clinical evidence supports the cardiovascular, circulatory and hypertension benefit claims. Last but not least, a hawthorn tree in full bloom makes a stunning ornamental specimen.



### ARNOLD NEW (Crataegus arnoldiana)

Arnold is a large shrub or small tree which is better suited for conservation or windbreak settings, than a playground or front lawn. It is definitely tidy and attractive enough, but don't tangle with it. Arnold is equipped with serious thorns! This, of course, also lends itself well to create a formidable fence or barrier. Vigorous, dense growth provides tight screening while the form, foliage, and flowering are all visually appealing. In late spring the tree is well-covered with dainty white blossoms making it a pollinator and bee destination. Many songbirds use this tree for nesting as well as food. The edible berries are also good for human consumption, ripening in late August. Mature size is approximately 5m (15-18') high and wide.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**  
**189-0253 60-90 cm (24-36") Grafted \$27.95**

## Mountain Ash (Sorbus)

First a word of clarification. The Mountain Ash or Sorbus species is actually part of the rose family. They are not related to true Ash (the Fraxinus family) and are not threatened by emerald ash borer.



Within the Sorbus family we find a handful of different types of Mountain Ash, but beyond that it gets really interesting. There are a number of unusual crosses of Sorbus with other fruiting plants such as aronia and hawthorne, even apple and pear! All are both edible and ornamental.

### IVAN'S BEAUTY™ HYBRID MOUNTAIN ASH (Sorbus acuparia x aronia)

A highly unusual and very attractive compact tree, Ivan's Beauty™ is a unique cross of Russian Mountain Ash and Aronia berry. Large clusters of pink-tinged white flowers are followed by dark maroon berries the size of small pie cherries. Usually used in preserves, juice and wine. Developed by Ivan Michurin, the famed Russian horticulturist, this exotic edible landscaping tree rarely grows over 3.5 meters (12') tall.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**  
**169-5191 15-30 cm (6-12") 4" pot \$22.95**

### CRIMSON CLOUD

The name of this selection aptly describes the mid-late May floral display. Fine textured, new, glossy green foliage makes a becoming backdrop for the domed clusters of vivid crimson flowers. Each individual blossom is accented with an exquisite star-shaped white center. The fall display of shiny red 13mm (1/2") fruit persists into winter, providing both visual appeal and a bounty for birds. Crimson Cloud makes a useful tree where light shade is desired. It is thornless and quite resistant to leaf spot and blight. Matures at 4.5-6m (15-20') high and 3-6m (10-20') wide.



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE FALL**  
**189-0444 120-180 cm (4-6') Grafted \$62.95**

## Willows (*Salix*)

Even though willows are not a food producing tree, they do serve a special purpose, as they are one of very few trees that actually thrive in damp, poorly drained soil. In fact, in some cases, when planted in a water logged site, they have sucked up enough moisture through their massive root system that the surrounding area became drier and more hospitable to other plants! Be sure to plant them well away from septic systems or any other underground drainage tile.

### PUSSY WILLOW (*Salix discolor*)

This large shrub or small tree is very beneficial as it inspires hope in winter-weary mortals that spring is actually just around the corner. Silvery-pink, fuzzy catkins appear almost before winter's grip is loosened, and clipping stems for indoor displays is a common occurrence. Shiny, dark green leaves have a silvery bottom side. Pussy Willow is a vigorous, upright grower that will thrive in areas too damp for most plants. This also makes it valuable for pond or stream bank stabilization. Mature size is 4-5m (12-16') high x 3-4m (10-12') wide.



**ZONE 2**  
169-4252 30-60 cm (12-24") On own root \$26.95

### SCARLET CURLS® (*Salix 'Scarcuzam'*)

Very similar in growth and form to Golden Curls but has the added feature of scarlet stems. This colourful effect intensifies with the first frost. The unique curly soft-green leaves turn yellow in the fall. Mature size is approx. 6m x 6m (20').



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**ZONE 4**  
169-4084 90-180 cm (3-6') On own root \$49.95

### GOLDEN CURLS

Distinguished by its golden-yellow upright, spirally twisted branches with wavy leaves that are sought after for use in flower arrangements. It provides a very attractive solution to problematic landscaping sites. Mature height 9-10m (30-35') with 4.5-6m (15-20') spread.



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

**ZONE 4**  
169-3084 90-180 cm (3-6') On own root \$49.95



### LACE WEEPING WILLOW (*Salix babylonica 'Lace'*)

This hardy version of the classic weeping form of willow originated in Mongolia. Lace is reported to be at least as coldhardy as Prairie Cascade and also has more graceful features. Although it looks best with the long, pendulous branches drooping down over the edge of a pond or stream, any moist location with enough space will fit the bill. Willows are well known as one of the fastest growing trees. Lace Weeping can reach 12m (40') in height, with a spread of 9m (30').



**ZONE 3**  
169-4452 50-80 cm (20-32") 1 gallon pot \$33.95

## Magnolias

You should definitely plant a magnolia tree for the health benefits it provides. The spectacular early spring flowers can, of course, do wonders for your mental vitality, but apparently it also possesses therapeutic properties which might provide benefits from your ears on down to your toes. Both the bark and the flowers have played a role in traditional Chinese medicine for thousands of years with a list as long as your arm of physical ailments reputedly relieved. Magnolia bark extracts are still commercially available and dried flower buds can be used in a tea for sinus congestion and headache. Plant in a sheltered location and enjoy!

### CENTENNIAL BLUSH (*Magnolia stellata 'Centennial Blush' PP22,248*)

This newer First Editions® selection can conjure up a fantastic floral display of delicate pink covering the entire plant. It has the ability to brighten the early spring landscape yearly from a very young age. Rosy pink buds open to form incredibly full (50-60 tepals) and exquisitely fragrant pale pink flowers. These trees look good all summer, thanks to their compact, shrubby, oval form and smooth, deep green foliage that turns yellow-bronze in the fall. Star magnolias are very care free. Any pruning you might wish to do should be done immediately after flowering so you don't cut off next year's flower buds. Centennial Blush grows quite vigorously, maturing at 3.5-5.5m (12-18') in height and 3-4.5m (10-15') wide.

**ZONE 4/5**  
194-1182 30-60 cm (12-24") 1 gallon pot \$36.95



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

## BUTTERFLIES

(*Magnolia acuminata* x *M. denudata*)

Rich yellow blooms sit like tulips on the bare branches of this unusual variety in early spring. With their numerous (8-16) cupped petals, the visual effect resembles a dense flock of golden butterflies settled in the tree, especially if a light breeze ruffles the delicate lemon-scented blossoms. Large, deep green leaves appear after the flowering period, making Butterflies an attractive addition to your garden all season long. Tree form is a graceful pyramidal crown, with mature size approx. 5-6m (15-20') tall an 4-5m (12-15') wide.



### ZONE 4

194-0444 120-180 cm (4-6') Grafted

\$79.95

## Viburnum



Many of the numerous species belonging to the viburnum family are very popular landscaping shrubs. Hardy and adaptable most will even thrive in partial shade. All have outstanding ornamental attributes-tidy symmetrical growth habits with dense green foliage and spectacular fall colour. Showy white flower heads, which in the case of the highbush cranberry, turn into pendulous clusters of brilliant red berries that are extremely high in antioxidants as well as vitamins A and C. Although too tart for fresh eating, they have a long history of being turned into juice, jam, fruit leather and syrups. Wait until after a light frost to harvest to prevent bitterness. Other parts of the plant, including the bark, were also valued as medicinal components by earlier generations.

### ALFREDO COMPACT AMERICAN CRANBERRY

(*Viburnum trilobum* 'Alfredo')

As the name implies, Alfredo is a more compact version of highbush cranberry, maturing at 1.5-2m (5-6') high and wide.

With its dense, tidy form, it makes an ideal landscaping specimen, changing from an attractive green to a beautiful copper-crimson by fall. The scarlet berries add a nice touch - until the birds get them.

SELF FERTILE | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: AFTER LIGHT FROST

210-5181 30-45 cm (12-18") plant

\$27.95

### REDWING™ AMERICAN CRANBERRY

(*Viburnum trilobum* 'J.N. Select')

A newer highbush cranberry selection, Redwing® offers ornamental appeal throughout the seasons, with edible and medicinal fringe benefits. Fall colour is gorgeous, brilliant burgundy. Clusters of large, bright red berries are impressive, both from a visual and nutritional perspective. Matures at 2.5-3m (8-10') tall and 1.5-2m (5-6') wide. Plant 4 feet apart for a handsome, hardy hedge.



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

SELF FERTILE | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: AFTER LIGHT FROST

210-6881 30-45 cm (12-18") plant

\$27.95

## COMMON SNOWBALL

(*Viburnum opulus* 'Roseum')

Okay, we admit it-this plant is neither edible nor medicinal to the best of our knowledge. In fact, it produces no fruit at all, not even for the birds. Our only excuse for offering it is for the nostalgic memories it evokes for many folks. Every year in early summer, these old-fashioned, carefree bushes become covered with fleecy, white pompoms. The 'snowball' name is visually very fitting, but that's not all. Perhaps we should market it as a weather prognostic-according to a local, time-honoured adage, there is always a brief, unseasonably cool spell when the snowball bush begins to bloom. Like many weather maxims, you can count on it, it always holds true-except when it doesn't! Mature size 3m (10') x 2m (6')



### ZONE 2

210-5582 45-60 cm (18-24") plant

\$31.95

## Winterberry Holly

(*Ilex verticillata*)

No-one seems to be making any claims for either flavour or nutritional benefits on these berries, so we are not suggesting you can feed your family. But before you dismiss this plant as just another useless ornamental, take a look at its attributes:



1. It is a great foraging plant for birds and other wildlife.
2. Some parts of the plant (leaves, bark) are valued for medicinal properties.
3. It is one of very few landscaping plants that will thrive in poorly drained sites, even in standing water.

And, yes, it is a very attractive shrub. Especially in the bleak season of bare trees and short days. The brilliant, glossy red berries against a backdrop of snow can really generate cheer all winter long. Winterberry is also known as 'Black Alder', 'Swamp Holly' or 'Fever Bush'. Troublefree and adaptable with no serious pest or disease problems. You will need to plant a male bush for female plants to bear fruit.

### RED SPRITE (FEMALE)

Also known as 'Nana' this dense, compact, rounded shrub produces an amazing abundance of bright, fire-engine red, 13mm (1/2") berries which can last all winter (depending on how many feathered friends you have) Deep green foliage turns purple-bronze in the fall. Red Sprite is just right for mighty tight spaces, maturing at 60-90cm (2-3') high and 90-120cm (3-4') wide.



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

PLANT WITH JIM DANDY | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: ALL WINTER

231-7282 30-60 (12-24") plant

\$26.95

## Winterberry Holly Continued

### WILDFIRE (FEMALE) (*Ilex verticillata* 'Baifire')

If you've got the space for a big bold bush, Wildfire™ is the one. It offers multi-season interest, starting with petite, pure white blossoms in spring, glossy, dark green foliage during the summer, and bountiful crops of brilliant red fruit in fall and winter. The large, lustrous berries can attain 25mm (1") in diameter, making Wildfire™ a wonderful choice to cut stems for floral displays. The tidy, rounded shrub also works well as a hedge in naturalized wet areas. Mature size is 2.4-3m (8-10') high and wide.



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

**PLANT WITH JIM DANDY | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: ALL WINTER**

**231-9282 30-60 (12-24") plant**

**\$26.95**

### JIM DANDY (MALE)

Upright growing branches with lustrous, deep green foliage are often used for decorative displays as the leaves retain their fresh colour long after being cut. This dense, compact shrub will not produce berries, but is needed as a pollinizer. One male is sufficient for up to 6 female shrubs, providing they are planted within 9m (30') of Jim Dandy.



Courtesy of Spring Meadow

**ZONE 3/4**

**231-5282 30-60cm (12-24") plant**

**\$26.95**

## Forsythia

Forsythia bushes are one of the very first harbingers of spring, bursting into a cheery display of golden-yellow blossoms almost before the snow is all gone. If you are a beekeeper, you might want to consider planting one or two of these shrubs next to your hives, to provide a handy source of nectar just as soon as the bees wake up. The flowers are borne on the previous year's growth, so any pruning should be done immediately after flowering to ensure blooms are produced the following year. Another convincing reason to fit the forsythia into your landscape is the medicinal value of various parts of this plant. Laboratory studies have confirmed the anti-tumor, anti-bacterial, and anti-inflammatory properties of the seed pods as well as the roots. Both the blossoms and the young leaves are edible and can be used for tea and syrups.

### NORTHERN GOLD (*Forsythia ovata*)

We have selected Northern Gold as the only variety with sufficient bud hardiness to avoid dieback in northern areas. It was developed in Ottawa from *F.ovata*, a tough Korean species, and released in 1979. Mature height is 180-240cm (6-8') with a width of 150-200cm (5-7').



**ZONE 2**

**219-3382 30-60cm (12-24") plant**

**\$31.95**

### SHOW OFF STARLET®

(*Forsythia x intermedia* 'Minfor 6')

Show Off Starlet® packs quite a punch for its petite size with the first fabulous flower display of the spring season. This compact selection becomes a solid mass of bright yellow blossoms right from the base to the tip. Mature size is 60-90cm (2-3') tall and wide.



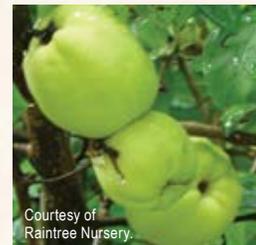
Courtesy of Spring Meadow Nursery Inc.

**ZONE 5**

**219-3582 30-60cm (12-24") 2 yr old plant**

**\$34.95**

## Flowering Quince (*Chaenomeles*)



Courtesy of Raintree Nursery

Don't confuse these old-fashioned shrubs with true quince. (*Cydonia oblonga*) Although they are distant cousins of the regular quince trees, they do NOT cross-pollinate with them. If, like many gardeners, you have one flowering quince planted for its ornamental appeal. You will likely never notice anything remotely edible, but add a second variety and both begin bearing greenish-yellow oblong fruit. Although rock-hard and sour, they have a pleasant citrus aroma and can be processed just like regular quince for syrups, sauces and jellies or as a lemon substitute. With high Vitamin C and anti-oxidant content, the list of alleged health benefits is lengthy. Flowering Quince are also wonderful bee plants with their profuse, prolonged, early spring bloom.

### PINK LADY

(*Chaenomeles x superba*)

Profuse clusters of deep, rosy pink blossoms bedeck the bare branches of this dense, multi-stemmed shrub in very early spring, before the glossy, dark green leaves emerge. Pink Lady is primarily grown as an ornamental, but it is also valued for the edible qualities of the showy, yellow 5 cm ( 2" ) fruit it bears. By early autumn, the brisk, citrus-like aroma tells you these miniature quince can be turned into preserves. The spreading, rounded bush matures at about 100 cm (3-4') high and 120 cm (4-5') wide.



**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

### TOYO-NISHIKI

(*Chaenomeles speciosa*)

We couldn't resist offering this unique Chinese variety too. A larger, more upright growing bush, Toyo Nishiki has a beautiful blend of large pink, white-pink, white and real red flowers all on the same branches! Make gorgeous, cut-flower bouquets in the spring and harvest delightfully fragrant fruits in the fall. These quince can be as large as 7 cm (3") across. Mature bush size is up to 2.5m (8') tall and wide.



Courtesy of Raintree Nursery.

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.**

**264-6683 3 year old plant**

**\$32.95**

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## TEXAS SCARLET (*Chaenomeles x superba*)

Texas Scarlet is considered the best of the red Flowering Quinces. The name has little to do with its origin as this particular branch of the *Chaenomeles* family is a cross of Chinese and Japanese plants. Bountiful, brilliant scarlet, buttercup-like blossoms develop into the greenish fruit with many culinary uses. Grows 100cm (3-4') high and 120cm (4-5') wide.



**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.**

**264-6483 3 year old plant**

**\$32.95**

## Lilacs (*Syringa*)

Everyone recognizes this old favourite. Lilacs are one of the easiest plants to grow-adaptable and nearly indestructible, faithfully producing their intensely fragrant flower plumes every spring. The 'Lilac' name is derived from the Persian word 'lilak' (meaning bluish) but amongst the hundreds of varieties, colouring can range from pure white to pink, red and every imaginable shade of purple, besides blue. Lilacs work equally well as a single plant or as a wonderfully ornamental and extremely hardy hedge.



Now, for the real bonus-this is actually an edible and medicinal plant! (It's sort of like someone you've known for years, then eventually finding out they're a doctor!) The flowers can be used for fritters, similar to elder blossoms, or to make jam and syrup. In France lilac wine and candied lilacs are both a delicacy. Traditionally the bark, branches, and foliage were used to reduce fevers. Kidney disease and malaria were also treated with it.

Lilacs are the exact opposite of blueberries. They prefer alkaline or high pH soils and will respond with gusto to wood ashes spread around the base.

We are offering several of the best hybrid French varieties.

## BLOOMERANG® PURPLE (*Syringa x 'Penda'*)

This amazing new dwarf variety blooms profusely in the spring just like regular lilacs. But then Bloomerang® comes back with a secondary wave of mid-summer blossoms and by simply "dead-heading" old blooms you can encourage continuous fresh, fragrant, lavender purple flowers til frost! A real breakthrough plant for mixed borders. The compact, mildew resistant bush matures at only 120-150 cm (4-5').



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE MAY-OCT.**

**246-1882 2 year old plant**

**\$33.95**

## LUDWIG SPAETH

This classic was introduced by the Spaeth Nursery in Berlin, Germany, in 1883 and is still considered one of the very best. The rich, dark maroon purple blooms appear just slightly later than most lilacs, extending the season for another week or so. Ludwig does send up some suckers over time, making it well suited for hedges. Can reach 3-4m (9-12') in height and width.



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: LATE MAY-EARLY JUNE**

**246-3282 2 year old plant**

**\$31.95**

## MADAME LEMOINE

This French classic dates back to 1890, but it is still the standard by which other white lilacs are judged. Creamy-yellow buds open into large, double flowers in clusters so thick the whole bush can resemble one immense bloom! Wondrously fragrant, pristine white blossoms provide a becoming contrast to the purple varieties. Madame Lemoine matures at approx 3-4m (9-12') in both height and width.



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE MAY**

**246-3282 30-45 cm (12-18") plant**

**\$31.95**

## PRIMROSE

Primrose provides a perfectly becoming contrast for the pinks and purples with its soft, creamy-yellow single blossoms. Large, exceptionally fragrant blooms are superb for cut flower arrangements. Mature size is 3-4m



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: LATE MAY**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

## VIRTUAL VIOLET®

An outstanding new First Editions® introduction with raspberry-purple buds and fragrant, violet, double blossoms. Even the new leaves have a violet hue and grow on deep purple stems. Dense, upright growth makes it a great choice for a privacy hedge. Mature height 180-240cm (6-8') and width 150-210cm (5-7').

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE MAY**

**246-8982 2 year old plant**

**\$31.95**



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

## Lilacs Continued

### SNOWDANCE™ JAPANESE TREE LILAC (*Syringa reticulata* 'Bailnce')

Very few flowering trees can meet the 'hardy and troublefree' standard set by this eminent lilac cousin. Are the blossoms edible? Not to our knowledge, but they certainly provide a feast for the eyes in early summer when most other species have finished flowering. Snowdance™ is a First Editions® selection prized for its remarkably heavy bloom of large, fragrant, creamy-white flower clusters. Other improvements on the regular Japanese lilac include: blooming dependably every year, rather than every other, starting to flower at a young age, and darker, more lustrous green foliage. Snowdance™ makes a relatively compact, yet magnificent, shade tree, spreading to about 6m (20') wide and 5.5m (18') tall.

**ZONE 3**

**194-8844 120-180 cm (4-6') Grafted**

**\$67.95**



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

## Other Ornamental Shrubs

### BLIZZARD MOCKORANGE (*Philadelphus lewisii*)

'Blizzard' was the very fitting name chosen for this Alberta selection, both for its extravagant profusion of pure white blossoms and for this fine plant's extreme hardiness. Mockorange derives its name from the refreshing citrusy fragrance of the flowers. This particular branch of mockorange or *Philadelphus* species that Blizzard was selected from is native to western North America. It was noted by Meriwether Lewis in 1806 during the Lewis and Clark expedition and subsequently named 'lewisii' in his honour.

Blizzard Mockorange provides a perfect bee and butterfly cafeteria as it blooms for the whole month of June, after many other plants have finished. Compact, carefree bush matures at 150cm (4-5') tall and 125cm (3-4') wide. It tolerates a wide range of conditions.

**ZONE 3**

**219-4882 45-60 cm (18-24") plant**

**\$26.95**



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

### LOTUS MOON™ PEARLBUSH (*Exochorda x macranta* 'Bailmoon')

The pearl意思 name of this low-maintenance, deer-resistant, First Editions® shrub refers to its round white flower buds resembling strings of pearls. When they burst open in late April, clean-white, lotus-like blossoms completely cover the bush for a number of weeks. This stunning display attracts butterflies and other early pollinators. Compact, mounded bush with bright green foliage matures at 150cm (4-5') tall and 125cm (3-4') wide. Makes a tidy, impressive hedge with hardiness to spare.

**ZONE 3**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

### STANDING OVATION SERVICEBERRY

#### (*Amelanchier alnifolia* 'Obelisk')

Standing Ovation™ could be called a crossover artist - a fruiting shrub applauded in the landscaping league. This First Editions® selection is basically a saskatoon with a tidy, columnar shape. Its upright, perfectly oval form is attractive even during winter. In spring the bush becomes a mass of fringy snow-white flowers. A regular saskatoon or another serviceberry in the vicinity will do wonders to increase the berry crops for birds or bakers. Outstanding orange-red fall colour is an added bonus. Standing Ovation™ works equally well as an accent plant or a narrow privacy hedge. Mature size - 4.6m (15') x 1.2m (4').



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: LATE JUNE-EARLY JULY**

**270-7783 45-60 cm (18-24") plant**

**\$34.95**

### DWARF FLOWERING ALMOND (*Prunus glandulosa* 'Rosea Plena')

The good news is - this is one of the best ornamental flowering shrubs. The bad news - it will never give you almonds. It could be questioned why it is even called an almond. So let's just focus on the flowers and they certainly are worthy of note. The upright, vase shaped bush is covered with vibrant pink, double 13mm (½") blossoms accented by shiny green foliage. Flowering Almond responds well to hard pruning for more blooms. It is also decidedly drought tolerant. Mature size - 1.5 (5') tall x 1m (3-4') wide.



**ZONE 4**

**219-0983 60-90 cm (24-36") plant**

**\$34.95**

**TEMPLE OF BLOOM®  
SEVEN-SON FLOWER  
(Heptacodium miconoides  
'SMNHMRF')**

Seven-son flower is a rare and unique small tree originating in China, and Temple of Bloom® is a Proven Winner® selection with a more compact growth habit and earlier bloom time. This multi-stemmed fountain-shaped shrub is actually an important nectar source for late summer and fall. The fragrant, creamy-white flowers (which bloom in clusters of seven) open in August and continue for well over a month. Butterflies, hummingbirds, and pollinator insects find them simply irresistible! When the blossoms



Courtesy of Spring Meadow Nursery, Inc.

drop, the Temple of Bloom® becomes even more attractive with showy clusters of rosy-red bracts or seed capsules for an outstanding fall display. Elegant, exfoliating bark makes this an appealing specimen, even in the dead of winter. Mature size is 2-3m (6-10') tall and wide.

**ZONE 5**

**219-7282 60-90 cm (24-36") 3 year old plant**

**\$42.95**

**TIGER EYES® SUMAC  
(Rhus typhina 'Bailtiger')**

Although the lowly staghorn sumac is at times regarded as a weed, it is certainly a useful plant, and its presence along the ditches of many major eastern Canadian highways attests to its ability to thrive in inhospitable settings, and even act as an air purifier. Here we offer a glorified First Editions® version, compact and adaptable for any setting, and extremely drought resistant. The foliage is incredible - a fascinating progression from long, finely cut, chartreuse green leaves drooping from rosy-pink stems, shading into yellow through the summer, culminating in a crescendo of golden-orange and scarlet intensity. Tiger Eyes® produces some seed cones, but not as abundantly as the regular sumac. As well as attracting birds, these edible, rust coloured cones have many culinary uses. Despite an exotic, oriental appearance, this is a native species plant. It forms a wide, spreading shape, maturing at approximately 2m (6') high and wide.

**ZONE 4**

**219-8182 30-60 cm (12-24") 1 gallon pot**

**\$27.95**



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

**EASTERN REDBUD NEW  
(Minnesota strain)**

A lovely, flowering redbud tree is likely on many Canadian homeowners' wish list and, of course, all the more so for us who live north of Zone 6. In order to stack the winter survival rate in our favour we have selected the most cold-hardy version, and in the shrub form. This particular strain is grown from cuttings collected at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.



Did you know those beautiful, rosy pink blossoms taste just as good as they look? Enjoy their nutty, sweat pea flavour when eaten raw in salads. Fritters or pancakes made with redbud blossoms are another tasty option. The seed pods are also edible when young and tender. Eastern redbuds are still a charming shrub even after the three-week flowering period is past. The glossy heart shaped foliage stays clean and dark green for the summer. When planted in an ideal, well-drained site these shrubs can reach 4-6m (13-20') in height and width.

**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: APRIL-MAY**

**219-6383 60-90 cm (24-36") plant**

**\$36.95**



*Windbreaks*

Although the idea of a windbreak may seem simple, their uses are only limited by the creativity of the landowner. Below are some less obvious solutions that can serve multiple functions.



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# Roses

For thousands of years roses have held a special attraction for mankind. Regarded as the ultimate icon of love, grace, beauty, and elegance, they continue to be the subject of art and poetry throughout the world. Here at Whiffletree we eventually succumbed to the temptation to lengthen our rose lineup. Now that we've fully fallen under the spell of this beguiling flower, you can expect this section to expand. In keeping with the rest of our catalogue, we intend to retain a strong emphasis on natural disease resistance.

-  Canadian
-  Cut Flower
-  Container Friendly
-  Fragrant
-  Hardiness Zone
-  Nearly Thornless
-  Winter Hardy
-  Partial Shade
-  Pollinator Friendly
-  Rose Hips

## Shrub Roses

### A LADY NEVER TELLS NEW

JALady

-  Hardiness Zone
-  Cut Flower
-  Canadian



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2018)  
**Group/Class:** Hybrid Tea  
**Plant Size:** 90-120cm H X 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Rounded  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Large (10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Although 'A Lady Never Tells' her age, you can judge the maturity of these blooms by their intriguing colour change. The buds unfurl red, opening to brilliant sunshine gold, with outer petals of carmine red. As the flower ages, the red colour seeps toward the center, causing a remarkable glowing ember effect. Perfect classic form roses on long cutting stems exude a clean discreet citrus scent. Vibrant, glossy foliage has the leathery look that is becoming a Jalbert trademark.

301-2242 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95



Photos Courtesy of Bakker Nursery

### ALAIZA NEW

JALalaiza

-  Hardiness Zone
-  Container Friendly
-  Cut Flower
-  Canadian



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2020)  
**Group/Class:** Hybrid Tea  
**Plant Size:** 90cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Compact  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Large (10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

World renowned, Canadian rose hybridizer Brad Jalbert brings us a gorgeous, large, double, soft peachy-pink bloom with a flouncy ruffle to the frilly petals. Lightly scented blooms are superb from bud to fully open stage, making Alaiza an excellent choice for a cutting or garden rose. The flowers just keep coming on this robust, compact shrub with clean, lush and leathery 'Jalbert' foliage.

301-2342 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95



### ANGLIA LOVE NEW

JALove, Coquitlam

-  Hardiness Zone
-  Container Friendly
-  Canadian



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2017)  
**Group/Class:** Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 60-90cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Compact  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (41+ petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Small - Medium (6-7cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Anglia Love exhibits elegant exuberance in a compact and cultured form. Frilly English style cupped blooms come in rich shades of deep pinkish peach or salmon orange with coral and apricot tones. The vibrancy can vary somewhat depending on weather, with deeper tones in cooler temperatures. Early summer brings massive clusters of modest size blooms with nearly continual flowering from then until frost shuts down the show. A carefree, dependable rose with dense, ultra glossy foliage for beds, borders, or containers. When first released, Anglia Love was named 'Coquitlam Rose' in honour of the 125th anniversary of the City of Coquitlam in B.C.

301-7842 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95



## ANNE MARIE NEW

JAL-Marie



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2021)  
**Group/Class:** Hybrid Tea  
**Plant Size:** 90cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Compact  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Anne Marie's large lovely blooms come in warm blends of peach and gold with deepening coral-pink, ruffled edges highlighting the softly glowing centers. You can lean in close to sniff the pleasant, fresh lemon-anise fragrance without getting snagged. That's right – this child-friendly shrub has very few thorns! And unlike the hybrid teas your mother grew, this one has proven to be free of black spot and mildew under very adverse, long-term trials. Ya gotta love that dense, glossy, Jalbert style foliage!

301-8842 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95



## BACK IN BLACK NEW



**Breeder:** R. Schmitz (CAN, 2020)  
**Group/Class:** Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 90-120cm H x 50-70cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (41+ petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (7-9cm)  
**Fragrance:** None  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

This recent Palatine introduction is always in style. As the name suggests, the deep, rich scarlet is very dark indeed, probably as close to a black rose as you'll find. The nearing-black hue of its outer petals extends to the edges as they are exposed to sunlight. This creates a becoming contrast with the glowing dark red centre. The elegant, classic blooms have a very full, usually quartered form and are often borne as singles. Dark green, semi-glossy foliage on a trim, well-behaved bush provides the perfectly balanced backdrop. All in all, Back in Black is a class act.



303-0642 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95

## BELINDA'S BLUSH™

Bbare



**Breeder:** Mike Shoup (USA, 2014)  
**Group/Class:** Shrub  
**Plant Size:** 120-150cm H x 90-110cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Full (30-40 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Perhaps we shouldn't cater to your propensity to avoid pain, but the possibility of providing a practically thornless rose was more than we could resist. Choosing Belinda's Blush™ will already seem rewarding while planting without prickly altercations, but wait till she begins to bloom. Large, full flowers have soft shades of blush pink with subtle creamy undertones in the classic, high-centered form that many of us favour. And we haven't even mentioned the delightful raspberry fragrance yet! Belinda's Blush™ is a colour sport of the esteemed 'Belinda's Dream', and the award-winning disease resistance seems to carry through. Plant this beauty next to high traffic pathways - no thorns to snag you. Plus, you'll want easy access for cut flowers.



303-3642 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95

## BELOVED NEW

JALclassic, Beloved Bill



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2015)  
**Group/Class:** Hybrid Tea  
**Plant Size:** 100-150cm H x 100cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Large (11cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

If you love the classic, florist-style red rose, here is one you can grow. The rich, candy-apple red blooms are high centered and mostly borne singly on long stems. Beloved has the ability to produce armloads of flawless cut flowers that are known to be long lasting, whether on the bush or in the bouquet. The fragrance is a light tea rose, and like all of Jalbert's introductions, you can count on clean, healthy foliage.

301-4642 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95



## Shrub Roses Continued

### BEVERLY ANNE CLAY NEW

JALcitrus



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2020)  
**Group/Class:** Grandiflora  
**Plant Size:** 120-150cm H x 100cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Arching  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (6-7cm)  
**Fragrance:** Very Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Another gorgeous Jalbert rose, this one is named for a long-time, late family friend, and what a tribute it is! The rose is a stunning soft peach with a warmer inner glow, and blush pink touches to the tips of her outer petals. Like practically all of Jalbert's introductions, Beverly Anne Clay has proven to be very healthy with no spraying, even in his humid, West Coast environment. This tough, easy-care beauty keeps blooming from spring until frost. With long stems and a stimulating fresh citrus fragrance you have an ideal cutting candidate.



301-5642 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora

\$41.95

### CAMPFIRE

CA 29



**Breeder:** Larry Dyck (CAN, 2013)  
**Group/Class:** Canadian Artist series, Shrub  
**Plant Size:** 45-90cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Compact, Spreading  
**Bloom Type:** Semi-Double (14-20 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (7-8cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Light up your life with First Editions® Campfire, arguably the most popular rose of the Canadian Artist series, which was developed through the joint efforts of the AAFC Research Stations at Morden, MB and St-Jean, QC. Named in honour of a painting by famous Canadian artist Tom Thomson, this selection is truly as pretty as a picture. Shapely buds with yellow and red tones open to semi-double flowers of yellow, edged in a deep rosy pink. As the season progresses, the pink edging becomes more prominent and produces an incredible blend of yellow and deep pink blooms that continue until frost. Glossy, dark green foliage has excellent disease resistance and, last but not least, it's stems are smooth with only the occasional thorn.

305-2182 2 year old #1 grade, On own root

\$41.95



### COSMIC CLOUDS™

WEKblufstow



**Breeder:** Christian Bédard (USA, 2023)  
**Group/Class:** Shrub  
**Plant Size:** 150-180cm H x 120-150cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Semi-Double (14-20 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (7-8cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

One of the newest introductions from the Weeks rose breeding program, Cosmic Clouds™ comes out of the blue, offering a strikingly different dimension. The unique colour combinations defy easy description. Rich, velvety purple with shades of lavender pink is the first impression. An intriguing accent is provided by the silvery white backsides of the frilly petals. Would this perhaps be a cloud with a silver lining?

Cosmic Clouds™ has a floribunda style habit of producing flowers in clusters, anywhere from 3 to 10. The heady aura of fruity fragrance surrounding this bush in full regalia has an almost mesmerizing effect on passersby, be they butterflies or humans. This celestial selection will grace your garden with a minimum of maintenance. It has excellent resistance to most rose maladies, including downy and powdery mildew, and rose rust.



ZONE 5

306-1242 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora

\$41.95

### DEVOTION NEW

JAL-Devotion



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2015)  
**Group/Class:** Hybrid Tea/Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 90-120cm H x 90-120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Full (26-40 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Devotion embodies the quiet strength of true love with timeless elegance, as if the name was waiting for this particular rose. Delicate peachy-pink blooms radiate warmth and tenderness, while it's light, traditional tea rose fragrance adds a gentle allure whether in the garden, or in a cut flower arrangement. Devotion is a true testament to effortless beauty – thriving without the need for sprays, it embraces a natural resilience that gardeners cherish. A sister seedling to the esteemed Dylan Rose with an abundance of it's own merits to stand on.

307-4842 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora

\$41.95



## DISTANT DRUMS NEW



**Breeder:** Dr Griffith Buck (USA, 1984)  
**Group/Class:** Shrub  
**Plant Size:** 90-120cm H x 90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Full (26-40 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

The challenge to describe this unique rose was best articulated by one nursery who called it a 'symphony in colours'. It has been expressed thus – '...clusters of brunette buds that swirl open to reveal ruffles washed with orchid pink', and also as '...shades of copper, beige with dusty pink'. When Distant Drums first came out, it was regarded as somewhat of a novelty but eventually became respected and sought after. This is not only for the rare and exquisite colours, but also as a vigorous, healthy, and hardy choice. And because its unusual colour is neither strident nor harsh, Distant Drums blends harmoniously into a perennial border.



**307-6142 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**

## DYLAN ROSE NEW



*JAL-Purity*



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2016)  
**Group/Class:** Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 90-120cm H x 90-120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

This is arguably the rose that put Canadian breeder Brad Jalbert on the map. As Jalbert himself says, 'This floribunda is not just admired – it's celebrated far and wide, as one of the most beloved introductions we've ever made.' The Dylan Rose has become known for producing large clusters of medium sized, cupped blossoms, edged with a charming, old-fashioned ruffle. Somehow, the delicate, fresh floral fragrance is exactly what you'd expect from warm, baby-pink blooms. Enjoy the romantic indulgence indoors as well – Dylan is also distinguished by long vase life.



**308-9742 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**

## DOUBLE AMBRE NEW



*Jal-Winglow*



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2021)  
**Group/Class:** Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 90-120cm H x 90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (50-80 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (7-8cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

If you happen to be a fan of classic, English-style David Austin roses, Double Ambre is well worth a second look. Especially if you appreciate refined vibrance in both hue and aroma. Flawless cupped flowers in subtle shades of apricot and amber diffuse notes of green apple and honey fragrance. These floribunda blooms are mostly borne singly, but in such profusion it can nearly cover the lush, leathery foliage that Jalbert is famous for.

**308-2342 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**



## EASY ELEGANCE® CORAL COVE



*BAlove*



**Breeder:** Peter Ping Lim (USA, 2010)  
**Group/Class:** Easy Elegance® series, Shrub  
**Plant Size:** 50-80cm H x 50-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Compact  
**Bloom Type:** Double (20 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (7-8cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

An award winning shrub rose from the Easy Elegance® collection with a vibrant colour blend, petite size, and incredible disease resistance. Coral Cove features ravishing double blooms, whose sunny yellow centers radiate into apricot orange, becoming coral pink at the outer edge. The compact, perfectly rounded form makes Coral Cove an ideal candidate for either an informal hedge along a garden path or to include in a mixed perennial planting. Practically maintenance-free and easy to grow.

**309-1382 2 year old #1 grade, On own root \$41.95**



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

# Shrub Roses Continued

## EASY ELEGANCE® MUSIC BOX

BALbox



**Breeder:** Peter Ping Lim (USA, 2012)  
**Group/Class:** Easy Elegance® series, Shrub  
**Plant Size:** 90-150cm H x 90-120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Full (30-35 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Small-Medium (5-6cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Within the Easy Elegance® lineup, several selections are specifically recognized as ones that thrive in cooler climates and Music Box is one of them. With spotless foliage and subtle charm, this classic creates harmony in any setting. Soft, creamy yellow centers surrounded by delicate, blush pink ruffles should put a song in the heart of the most grumpy gardener. Music Box boasts everblooming double blossoms so the melody continues till the first frost.



309-1882 2 year old #1 grade, On own root

\$41.95

## ELEGANZA® LA PERLA™ NEW

KORpenparo



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2008)  
**Group/Class:** Eleganza® series, Hybrid Tea  
**Plant Size:** 90-120cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (up to 45 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Large-Very Large (10-12cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

The exquisite beauty of large, cupped blooms in a pearly cream colour, contrasting with thick, leathery, dark green foliage gives credence to the La Perla™ name. With its luminous elegance it defines luxury like a pearl, especially since its exceptional disease resistance keeps the shrub, as a whole, looking stylish and dignified. Like many of the healthy hybrid teas in the Eleganza® lineup, La Perla™ has been recognized with several international awards, including both the ADR and the Baden bei Wien Gold Medals in 2009.

310-1242 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora

\$41.95



## FABIENNE NEW



**Breeder:** R. Schmitz (CAN, 2024)  
**Group/Class:** Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 90-120cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright  
**Bloom Type:** Full (26-40 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Large (10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

When the Schmitz family of Palatine Roses saw the bright, vivacious blooms of this rose, it immediately reminded them of their energetic and artistic young niece living in France. So much, in fact, they decided to name their newest creation after her. Fabienne (the flower) is joyful, vibrant, and dazzling. Vivid pink buds open to reveal nearly scarlet outer petals surrounding a full, ruffled, hot pink centre. Fabienne follows the floribunda style of setting her flowers in large clusters. So whether it is the lovely scent or the unusually vibrant blooms that first attract your attention, you are almost certain to appreciate the beauty combined with character of this Palatine introduction.



311-0342 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora

\$41.95

## FAIRY TALE® CINDERELLA™ NEW

KORfobalt



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2002)  
**Group/Class:** Fairy Tale® series, Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 150cm H x 100cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Arching  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (41+ petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (7-8cm)  
**Fragrance:** Very Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

With wonderfully frilly, cupped, English-style blooms in shades of soft pink, Cinderella™ exudes enough nostalgic charm for the name to fit like a glass slipper. The first floral flush can cover the plant like a beautiful, ruffled ball gown, and as befits a would-be princess, the delicate fruity fragrance is just right. The Fairy Tale® package is complete with very healthy, dense, glossy foliage. Among the awards Cinderella™ has been crowned with were medals in Baden-Baden, Rome, Geneva, and Tokyo in 2002.

311-1742 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora

\$41.95



**FAIRY TALE® ELEGANT™ NEW**

KORterschi



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2000)  
**Group/Class:** Fairy Tale® series, Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 120cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Arching  
**Bloom Type:** Full (26-40 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (7-8cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

The Fairy Tale® series from Kordes, the historic German rose breeders, features old-fashioned, fully petaled flowers with the excellent disease resistance that is becoming the new normal for modern roses. Elegant™ is well-named, with delicate frilly ruffles of creamy, soft pink surrounding a deeper carnation-pink centre. As the buds unfurl, they bear an uncanny resemblance to camellia blooms for some time. The relatively compact carefree bush fills out with healthy foliage right to the ground, making it an ideal candidate for various landscaping applications.

**311-1942** 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora **\$41.95**

**FAIRY TALE® KOSMOS™ NEW**

KORpriggos, Brindisi®



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2006)  
**Group/Class:** Fairy Tale® series, Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 80-100cm H x 80-100cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Arching  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (80-90 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Among the countless cultivars the Kordes clan has come up with is the Fairy Tale® series. This highly esteemed collection promises superior disease resistance with beautiful, fully petaled, old-fashioned flowers. Kosmos™ consistently honours that promise like a dream come true. Lovely ivory white roses with pale peachy-cream centres are borne in sizable clusters above flawless foliage. Its sweet, subtle fragrance



heightens the 'once upon a time' essence. Among the numerous accolades bestowed upon Kosmos™ are Silver Medals at both Le Roeulx and Kortrijk in 2006, as well as Gold Medals at the ADR in 2007 and Hradec in 2009. On this side of the pond Kosmos™ was ranked 'superior' at the New York Botanical Garden in 2009.

**311-2342** 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora **\$41.95**

**Growing Tip**

Roses can be grown with equal success in containers or in the ground. They need well drained soil with a good mulch cover and lots of sun. You can definitely boost your flower power with a good fertilizer such as our **Growers 'Rose and Strawberry'** and/or **Gaia Green 'Power Bloom'** (see page 111-112) but anything that encourages fresh growth should be avoided after September 1. Your rose bush needs to settle down for the winter.

**FOXY LADY NEW**

JALfox



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2015)  
**Group/Class:** Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 100-120cm H x 90-120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (7-9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

When Foxy Lady sets the bush aflame, the luminous floral glow will definitely turn heads. Her ravishing russet flowers are described by our friends at Palatine Roses like this – '...one-of-a-kind coppery orange fading into the most sumptuous shades of smoky salmon'. As the frilly blooms age, their richly coloured, wavy petals open wide to display the orange stamens to any passing pollinator. Foxy Lady's presence is accompanied by a discreet, spicy tea aroma, and highlighted with clean, glossy foliage. Her resumé also reads – rain tolerant, self-cleaning, and drought resistant.



**312-2842** 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora **\$41.95**

**GOLD AND GREAT NEW**

JALinspiration, Glowing Inspiration



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2020)  
**Group/Class:** Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 60-90cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Compact  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (6-8cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

One of Brad Jalbert's more recent creations, 'Gold and Great' has also been sold as 'Glowing Inspiration'. Although 'Glowing' is not part of the current title, it is easy to see what inspired it. The softly ruffled, golden-yellow blooms spread sunny cheer as they light up the corner of your garden (or patio – they work well in containers too). Depending on the climate and how the blossoms age, you will be treated to shades of apricot and even peachy pink, adding depth and complexity to the visual appeal. Gold and Great is a choice for anyone looking for a sultry golden rose with iron-clad disease resistance in a tidy, compact format.

**314-1442** 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora **\$41.95**



# Shrub Roses Continued

## KENCARA SUNRISE NEW

JALken



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2014)  
**Group/Class:** Grandiflora  
**Plant Size:** 120cm H x 100cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Large (10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Kencara Sunrise bears Brad Jalbert's signature of refinement and durability with the name alluding to its British Columbia background. The warm shades of apricot and copper can reflect the sunrise colours on the east coast as well as the west and anywhere in between. Some variations of peach and gold tones can be expected depending on temperatures. In warm, long summer settings, this tall, well-branched shrub can even function as a climber. Regardless, you can count on healthy, bright green, very glossy foliage as a backdrop for volumes of beautiful roses.



**321-5142 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**

## KNOCK OUT® ORANGE GLOW™

RADslam



**Breeder:** Will Radler (USA, 2024)  
**Group/Class:** Knock Out® series, Shrub  
**Plant Size:** 120-150cm H x 90-120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Full (up to 42 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (7cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

How could a bright orange flower exude an ethereal elegance? What would seem like a contradiction in terms, somehow comes together in a cordial blend in Orange Glow™. Softer lighting at dusk and dawn will especially highlight it's luminous glow. The official colour description of this new member of the esteemed Knock Out® Family of Roses reads thus - 'Orange suffused with coral, yellow, and pink'. The overall visual impact of profuse double orange blooms with a backdrop of lush green foliage can suffuse your outdoor living space with beauty and charm from late spring till frost. Like all the Knock Out® sisters, Orange Glow™ is exceptionally disease resistant and even self cleaning, eliminating the need to deadhead. For best performance cut the bush back to about 30-40cm (12-18') every year in early spring.

**322-1142 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**



## KNOCK OUT® PINK DOUBLE

RADtkopink



**Breeder:** Will Radler (USA, 2007)  
**Group/Class:** Knock Out® series, Shrub  
**Plant Size:** 90-120cm H x 90-120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Full (30-35 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (7cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

If you need a rose bush that can singlehandedly light up a drab setting, then look no further. Pink Double Knock Out® does not do things by halves. She is like one of those bright, perky personalities that are always so chipper and upbeat it can almost be annoying. Surely your life can't be that great! But of course, in the plant world, this is also mighty handy. The vivid, shocking-pink blooms just keep coming, creating a vibrant focal point that stands out all summer. This Knock Out® lady seems unfazed by blistering heat and is seldom nonplussed by cool, damp conditions. Get her established and her drought tolerance will rival that of most weeds. Who knew growing a classic looking rose could be so simple?

**322-1542 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**



## LOVE & PEACE®

BAIpeace, Pullman Orient Express®



**Breeder:** Peter Ping Lim (USA, 2002)  
**Group/Class:** Hybrid Tea  
**Plant Size:** 120-150cm H x 60-100cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (40-50 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Very Large (13-14cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Here's a hardy hybrid tea rose which really captures that classic look! Exquisite, soft yellow blooms have outer petals edged with carmine pink. Every flower is uniquely different but all are very large and full. It's understated myrrh fragrance along with the plant's penchant for bearing solitary blossoms on long stems, makes this a perfectly, elegant cut rose. Love & Peace® has a compact, upright habit with lustrous, dark green foliage that is very disease resistant. It keeps blooming recurrently from early summer into fall.

**324-2082 2 year old #1 grade, On own root \$41.95**



**PARFUMA® DARK DESIRE™ NEW**

KORdiagraf



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2012)  
**Group/Class:** Parfuma® series, Grandifolia  
**Plant Size:** 120-150cm H x 120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Arching  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (65-70 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (7-9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Very Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Dark Desire™ is part of the Parfuma® collection from Kordes, and as such you can count on modern, healthy, trouble-free roses with sensual, Old-World fragrance. And we haven't even mentioned the exquisite appearance. Velvety black buds gracefully unfurl to reveal stunning, deep violet/red blooms, delicately edged with even darker hues. The captivating fragrance has sophisticated intertwining floral and fruity aspects with notes of apricot, lemon, geranium, honey, and myrrh. In 2014, Dark Desire™ was honoured with the prestigious ADR award.

**331-2842 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95****PARFUMA® FIRST CRUSH™ NEW**

KORmaccup, Constance Mozart



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2012)  
**Group/Class:** Parfuma® series, Hybrid Tea  
**Plant Size:** 90-120cm H x 90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Arching  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (up to 75 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (6-7cm)  
**Fragrance:** Very Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

The Parfuma® collection from Kordes combines ambrosial old-fashioned fragrance and flower form with up-to-date, dependable disease resistance. As the First Crush™ buds begin to open they reveal a deep red colour, but the petals quickly unfurl to a soft, creamy blush with delicate silver/pink shades in the centre. The crisp, fruity fragrance is reminiscent of lemon balm and apricot, with muted jasmine notes. In addition to satisfying the senses, First Crush™ has the added maintenance-free benefit of being self-cleaning (or self-deadheading). This variety was awarded the Rome Silver Medal in 2011, and the Kortrijk/Courtrai Gold Medal in 2015.

**331-3042 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95****PARFUMA® SUMMER ROMANCE™ NEW**

KORtekcho, Comtesse Marie-Henriette®



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2014)  
**Group/Class:** Parfuma® series, Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 90-120cm H x 90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (up to 75 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (7-9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Exceptionally Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Summer Romance™ belongs to the Parfuma® collection by Kordes Roses, and combines modern disease resistance with intensely fragrant, romantic blooms. Deep pink buds open up to reveal a quartered, cup-shaped bloom in soft, velvet pink. The old-style charm is enhanced by Summer Romance's intoxicating fragrance – a spicy rose perfume with apple, licorice, and delicate floral notes.



This is surely a selection even a blind person would appreciate. It was the recipient of the coveted ADR award in 2015.

**331-3542 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95****PEACH GLORY NEW**

Tanglebank Legacy



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2020)  
**Group/Class:** Grandiflora  
**Plant Size:** 120-150cm H x 100-120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright  
**Bloom Type:** Full (26-40 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (7-9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Peach Glory has the peerless presence and poise to light up any setting, whether in the garden or in the vase. Long-stemmed, classic, English-style roses with ruffled petals in vibrant hues of deep peach-to-orange come imbued with a lovely, light and fruity scent. Peach Glory embodies easy-care elegance – you get loads of luminous blooms from a healthy robust bush. As the summer winds down, the lush green foliage turns to burnished bronze for the fall colour show.

**332-0242 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**

## Shrub Roses Continued

### POSEIDON™ NEW

KORfriedhar, Novalis®



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2010)  
**Group/Class:** Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 90-150cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (50-70 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Large (10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Being named after the god of the sea, earthquakes, and horses in Greek mythology is not the only reason this rose is rather legendary. Poseidon™ is practically alone in its colour class, plus, it has proven disease resistance that is out of this world. The flowers are usually borne in clusters of deep pink and wine coloured buds. The blooms emerge in cool shades of lovely lavender-blue which becomes more mauve as they mature. Plant Poseidon™ in a site with a bit of shade for the best colour.



**332-7342 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**

### PRINCESSE CHARLÈNE DE MONACO® NEW

MEldysouk, Duftjuwel®



**Breeder:** Meilland (FRA, 2012)  
**Group/Class:** Hybrid Tea  
**Plant Size:** 150cm H x 90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (100+ petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Very Large (13cm)  
**Fragrance:** Exceptionally Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Whenever one attempts to identify with royalty, it sets the expectation bar high, but this rose can actually deliver the goods. Extra large blooms are packed with ruffled petals in regal tones of soft apricot to shell pink. The visual appeal is enhanced by the heady aura surrounding your senses with a sweet, fruity fragrance reminiscent of strawberries, and among other things, even apples. In 2011, Charlène was the public's choice for fragrance at the Saverne Trials in France. Not only is this princess a real head turner, but she has proven to be incredibly disease-resistant and rain-tolerant too. A tall, stately bush that makes a statement in any setting.

**332-8742 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**



### RAINBOW NIAGARA™ NEW

MACtaurang, Marvelle®



**Breeder:** Samuel D. McGredy IV (NZL, 1988)  
**Group/Class:** Hybrid Tea  
**Plant Size:** 90-120cm H x 90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Large (11cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

'Gorgeous' and 'stunning' are amongst the first adjectives to come to mind when meeting Rainbow Niagara™. Its large, classic blooms are a ravishing riot of sunshine yellow and orange/pink stripes, usually complimented by a softer yellow reverse. As the flowers mature to lighter shades of coral, it balances subtle restraint with splendour. Still, Rainbow Niagara™ is seldom in danger of being overlooked. With long stems and a spicy/sweet fruit fragrance, these blooms are begging to be brought indoors. Plus, you will likely still have lots outdoors, waving above the dense, leathery foliage of the vigorous, rust resistant shrub.



**335-0542 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**

### ROYAL CITY NEW

JALapri



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2009)  
**Group/Class:** Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 60-90cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Compact  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (7-9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

For its 150th anniversary the City of New Westminster in BC commissioned Brad Jalbert to create a new rose in honour of the occasion. Royal City is the result and the rest of us are the beneficiaries. The classic elegance comes in shades of salmon-orange to apricot with a peachy-pink inner glow. Blooms are borne singly or in small clusters with long stems for easy cutting. Excellent vigour and disease resistance in a dense, compact format. Royal City really comes into its own in areas with cooler summers.

**332-0242 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**



## SOFT AND SWEET NEW

JAL-sosweet



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2020)  
**Group/Class:** Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 80-120cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Arching  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Soft and Sweet is another exquisite blend of romance and resilience. Perfectly shaped rosebuds unfurl to display slightly ruffled, creamy white petals. As the flower matures, the soft buttery yellow colour of its classic high centre bleeds outward to encompass the whole bloom. When set against the backdrop of clean, glossy green foliage, the soft-hued creamy cascade of sweetly scented blooms creates a soothing sensory experience. Especially since it can be easily maintained with no chemical intervention.



337-9782 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95

## SONNENWELT™

KORmelaus, Saint Adrien®



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2012)  
**Group/Class:** Shrub  
**Plant Size:** 90-130cm H x 70-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Full (20-30 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Over 20 years ago, the hybridizers at Kordes decided that developing healthy, no-spray roses should be their primary ambition. That goal remains their guiding star. The predictable result is an extremely loyal following of nearly fanatical rose fans all around the world. Sonnenwelt® is a primary example of old world charm combined with solid disease resistance and the ability to bloom profusely and repeatedly during the season. The Sonnenwelt® name reflects its German heritage, translating roughly to 'Sunny World' or perhaps even 'The Realm of the Sun'. This falls neatly into place when you see the radiant golden-yellow blooms tinged with a soft apricot orange along the edges of the outer petals. Dark pink buds provide an interesting complimentary contrast. Sonnenwelt® is much too proper to announce its presence from afar, but the rich, fruity, yet discreet fragrance adds to the allure as you draw near.

338-0942 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95



Courtesy of Bakker Nursery

## SUNBELT® SAVANNAH™ NEW

KORvioros



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2013)  
**Group/Class:** Sunbelt® series, Hybrid Tea  
**Plant Size:** 90-120cm H x 90-120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Upright  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (155-160 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Large (10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Very Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Like the rest of the Sunbelt® collection from Kordes, Savannah™ performs well in heat and high humidity. Although the term 'fresh as a daisy' might be almost insulting to a hybrid tea rose, these perfect, old-fashioned, quartered type blooms look crisp and classy at high noon. The abundant, dark green foliage on a healthy, compact bush provides an excellent backdrop for the fragrant, salmon-pink, button-eye blooms. Savannah™ was the 2015 winner of Overall Best Rose, and Most Fragrant Rose at the Biltmore Rose Trials. Consider what it could do for you.

338-5442 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95

## SUNBELT® SOUL SISTER™ NEW

KORconvert, Rosafrica



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2011)  
**Group/Class:** Sunbelt® series, Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 90cm H x 90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Spreading  
**Bloom Type:** Full (25-32 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

The Sunbelt® collection by Kordes Roses features selections that can thrive in drought and high heat. They can also keep their colour with less fading than most. Even here in Canada, having desirable options for direct sun locations is a definite benefit. Soul Sister's frilly petaled flowers come in warm shades of amber and peach with highlights of coppery pink. When the large, old-fashioned blooms are spent, they drop off, giving way to a fresh flush of sunny summer cheer. Make Soul Sister™ part of your flower family.

338-5642 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95



Canadian Cut Flower Container Friendly Fragrant

Hardiness Zone Nearly Thornless Winter Hardy

Partial Shade Pollinator Friendly Rose Hips

## Shrub Roses Continued

**SUNBELT® SOUTH AFRICA™ NEW** ⑤     
*KORberbeni, Golden Beauty*



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2005)  
**Group/Class:** Sunbelt® series, Grandiflora  
**Plant Size:** 120-150cm H x 120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Large (10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Very Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

South Africa® is a real class act! The rich, glowing, golden-amber roses radiate refined charm. Even in dry, demanding locations with direct sunlight, their vibrant hues resist fading. Alluringly scented, high centred blooms make wonderful cut flowers. Excellent health and vigour in a sturdy, upright bush, worthy of a prominent place in your garden. South Africa® has been honoured with various awards, including the Glasgow Gold Medal in 2006, Gold Standard award in 2009, and in 2018 the Gold Medal at the Australian National Rose Trials.

**338-5742 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**



### Grafted vs. Own Root Roses

Roses are grafted for almost the opposite reason as fruit trees. Apples, for instance, are grafted onto dwarfing rootstock to reduce the tree's natural growth to keep it at a more manageable size. By contrast, **roses are grafted onto a tough, vigorous rootstock which will usually enable them to establish themselves faster and/or better than a rose on it's own root.**

This means that unlike fruit trees, grafted roses should be planted with the graft union 3-5 cm (1-2") below the soil level. You have nothing to lose if the variety sends out some roots of it's own and everything to gain in the winter protection department.

**The downside of grafted roses is the possibility of rootstock suckers.** If, perchance, a rootstock shoot surfaces, you will need to scratch away the dirt at the base of the plant so you can cleanly clip off the sucker right at the stem. Just pruning them off at ground level only encourages them to grow faster.

Moving forward, we expect most of our new selections will be grafted roses.

## WILLIAM P.J. MCCARTHY NEW

*Jalwilliam*

⑤  



**Breeder:** Brad Jalbert (CAN, 2006)  
**Group/Class:** Shrub  
**Plant Size:** 120cm H x 100cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Large (9-10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

As a prominent master gardener, rose grower, and judge, William P.J. McCarthy's input and support meant a great deal to Brad Jalbert. In response, Brad created this living tribute to his mentor and trusted friend. In Jalbert's own words – 'William stands as a tough, dependable garden rose built to endure and flourish. Its fierce resilience is matched by a powerful display, unleashing waves of rich, pink/mauve blooms early in the summer, and returning with strength later in the season, rarely resting without flowers in between. Exceptionally healthy and hardy, William's disciplined growth suits any setting'.

**346-2682 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**



## YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL NEW

*FRYracy, Love Always*

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**Breeder:** Gareth Fryer (UK,2007)  
**Group/Class:** Floribunda  
**Plant Size:** 60-90cm H x 60-70cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Compact  
**Bloom Type:** Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (7-8cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

This aptly named selection needs no head scratching to determine what colour its large and abundant clusters of blooms are. The sumptuous strawberry ice-cream tones are definitely pink. Not a sharp, vivid shade, but a warm, cheery pink that fades to slightly lighter outer petals. Glossy, disease resistant foliage on a tidy, relatively compact bush adds to the appeal, especially for smaller gardens or containers. The noteworthy qualities of You're Beautiful have earned it a number of prestigious awards. In fact, in England it was crowned 'Rose of the Year' in 2013.



**348-7842 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95**

**FLAVORETTE® EDIBLE ROSE SERIES**

No - we are not completely off our rocker, or at least, it will take more than this to prove it! Roses have actually been grown for their culinary and nutritional properties since ancient times. And while their use in foods, both savoury and sweet, is not widely known in North America today, the Flavorette® series of edible roses is poised to change that. Selected for their delicate, yet distinctive taste, each variety offers its own unique flavour profile that suggests how it may be adapted to recipes. The Flavorette® edible rose series was cooked up by Pheno Geno of Serbia. This passionate team of women take rose breeding very seriously, so stay tuned for more tasty European classics.

**FLAVORETTE® HONEY-APRICOT**

*Boznatafra*



**Breeder:** Pheno Geno (SER, 2023)  
**Group/Class:** Flavorette® series, Edible  
**Plant Size:** 120-180cm H x 90-120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (41-82 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (7-8cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Consider planting a rose that provides a feast for your entire face - your eyes, nose, and mouth! Flavorette® Honey-Apricot was selected not just for its gorgeously lush, full flowers and vigorous growth, but also for the sensuous texture, and sweet, fruity flavour of its petals. Their taste and fragrance hint at both ripe apricots and warm honey, creating a sensory experience that begins in the garden and continues to the vase, kitchen and table.



Courtesy of Spring Meadow Nursery

**311-5882** 2 year old #1 grade, On own root **\$41.95**

**FLAVORETTE PEAR'D®**

*Bozedib023*



**Breeder:** Pheno Geno (SER, 2020)  
**Group/Class:** Flavorette® series, Edible  
**Plant Size:** 80-110cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Bushy  
**Bloom Type:** Full (26-40 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

The newest edible rose is certain to delight both the cook and the gardener. Big blousy, white double flowers take on a touch of blush pink as they age. Healthy and repeat blooming, this is a delightfully romantic garden rose, with the bonus of edible flowers that taste of ripe pears. Use it as a decoration on cakes, fresh in salads, to flavour sugar, in homemade rosewater, and more. A conversation starter in the garden, kitchen, and table.



Courtesy of Spring Meadow Nursery

**311-5382** 2 year old #1 grade, On own root **\$41.95**

**RUGOSA ROSES**

Rugosa Roses are such nutritional powerhouses that it would take a lengthy article to expound on all the proven benefits. Compared to oranges, rose hips contain 25% more iron, up to 40% more vitamin C, 25% more vitamin A and 28% more calcium. In addition, rose hips are a rich source of vitamin E, selenium, B complex vitamins, biflavonoids, manganese and pectin. Besides all that, they also contain a high amount of naturally occurring polyphenols which enhance the immune system, eating up cancer cells and free radicals.



Herbalists reach for rose hips to treat a whole host of human ailments and infections. Horse lovers will be interested to know some leading veterinarians recommend rose hips for improved blood circulation as well as hoof quality and growth. Imagine all this besides creating luscious landscaping solutions.

**FOXI PAVEMENT**

*UHLater, Buffalo Gal*



**Breeder:** Jürgen W Uhl (GER, 1989)  
**Group/Class:** Hybrid Rugosa  
**Plant Size:** 90-140cm H x 100-150cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (41-82 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (7-8cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Irresistably fragrant clusters of deep lavender-pink blooms appear repeatedly throughout the summer, followed by very large, showy hips. Even though it originated in Germany, Foxi Pavement has also been known as 'Buffalo Gal'. Tenacious, disease resistant, and adaptable, this hybrid Rugosa shrub rose also works well as a ground cover with its shorter stature and vigorous suckering habit.

**331-2282** 2 year old #1 grade, On own root **\$41.95**



## Shrub Roses Continued

### BLANC DOUBLE DE COUBERT

The Muslin Rose



**Breeder:** Charles Pierre Cochet-Cochet (FRA, 1893)  
**Group/Class:** Hybrid Rugosa  
**Plant Size:** 120-210cm H x 120-210cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Arching  
**Bloom Type:** Semi-Double (10-20 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (7-9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Exceptionally Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

An old time rugosa hybrid from France, dating back to 1892, 'Blanc' is famous for its pure white blossoms and intense, almost intoxicating fragrance. However, the large orange-red edible hips are the most valuable contribution from this rugged, disease resistant bush with dark green, leathery-look foliage.

303-6782 2 year old #1 grade, On own root \$41.95



Courtesy of S. Harnell

### SNOW PAVEMENT

Schneeköppe



**Breeder:** Karl Baum (GER, 1984)  
**Group/Class:** Hybrid Rugosa  
**Plant Size:** 100-150cm H x 120-160cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Spreading  
**Bloom Type:** Semi-Double (9-16 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Very Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

The name of this newer German rose translates into 'Snowhead'. It is also marketed under the name 'Snow Pavement'. Elegant, double white flowers, infused with lavender are a real favourite with the ladies. Dense, rounded bush is one of the finest hedging plants or makes an attractive accent on its own. Highly rated for fragrance and last but not least – large, flavourful hips.

331-2582 2 year old #1 grade, On own root \$41.95



Courtesy of Cornhill Nursery

## Climbing Roses

### ABOVE AND BEYOND™

ZLEltonStrack



**Breeder:** David Zlesak (USA, 2014)  
**Group/Class:** First Editions®, Climber  
**Plant Size:** 210-350cm H x 250-350cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright, Arching  
**Bloom Type:** Double (18-24 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

A new First Editions®, cold-hardy, climbing rose that has exploded in popularity because of its vigour, gorgeous apricot coloured blooms, and ability to thrive even in Zone 3 regions! Orange buds open in prolific clusters of five or more flowers with a pleasant, but mild fragrance. Although the main show is in June, it reblooms sporadically throughout the summer. Above and Beyond™ can be used as a large, free-standing shrub, but will climb over a fence or trellis. It is very resistant to fungal diseases.

301-1182 2 year old #1 grade, On own root \$41.95



### AMADEUS™ NEW

KORlabriax



**Breeder:** W. Kordes & Sons (GER, 2003)  
**Group/Class:** Climbing Max® series, Climber  
**Plant Size:** 180-220cm H x 90-100cm W  
**Plant Form:** Climbing  
**Bloom Type:** Double (20-39 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Amadeus™ has the ability to generate a continuous abundance of fiery red-hot blooms. Like most climbers in our northern climate, it will need to start over from close to the ground every spring, but if you keep this workhorse watered and fed, you'll be impressed by the amount of growth you'll see in a season. The deep velvety vibrance of both flowers and foliage seems largely unfazed by either heat or rainy weather. Exceptional disease resistance is an Amadeus™ attribute so you can count on a pristine green backdrop for the old-fashioned beauty of the crimson blooms that come in clusters of 5 to 7 all summer.



301-5142 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95

**ARBOROSE® KISS ME KATE™ NEW**

KORnagelio



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2016)  
**Group/Class:** Arborose® series, Climber  
**Plant Size:** 180-210cm H x 120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Climbing  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (up to 90 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (7cm)  
**Fragrance:** Exceptionally Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Kiss Me Kate's heady and delectable fragrance draws you in to savour the scent of citrus and green apple, with subtle notes of raspberry and myrrh. In this respect she could also belong to the Parfuma® collection from Kordes, featuring the best in healthy roses with enchanting Old-World fragrance. As part of the Arborose® series, Kate has vigorous but pliable soft canes which grow well on smaller fences or arbors. By mid-summer she is nearly smothered in generous clusters of ballerina-pink blossoms accented with a slightly darker reverse. As the flowers mature, they develop elegant, scalloped edges. In 2016, Kiss Me Kate™ was awarded the Gold Medal in Kortrijk/Courtrai.

**302-0742 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora****\$41.95****ARBOROSE® QUICKSILVER™ NEW**

KORpucoblu



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2014)  
**Group/Class:** Arborose® series, Climber  
**Plant Size:** 200-240cm H x 120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Climbing  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (up to 50 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Quicksilver™ opens a rare and unique colour option in the climbing category. It is quickly identified by the large clusters of rich lavender roses with silvery mauve highlights that cover its supple canes. As the red-hued buds open to very full, gently cupped blooms, the cool-toned, old-fashioned elegance is accented by a discreetly sweet fragrance. Dark green, disease resistant foliage can rapidly cover a small trellis or arbor. Quicksilver™ adds distinctive vertical interest without overwhelming the space.

**302-1142 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora****\$41.95****ARBOROSE® TANGERINE SKIES™ NEW**

KORtangenu



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2017)  
**Group/Class:** Arborose® series, Climber  
**Plant Size:** 180-240cm H x 90-120cm W  
**Plant Form:** Climbing  
**Bloom Type:** Double (up to 25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-10cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Here is another member of the Arborose® climber collection. Vibrant tangerine-orange blossoms mature to a lighter peach shade with subtle pink overtones. Large, classically shaped blooms are lightly cupped and frilly. With its beautiful, rich colour and delightful scent, Tangerine Skies™ is also an ideal cutting rose. Like most introductions from the highly respected House of Kordes, it has strong disease resistance, so the glossy, dark green foliage enhances the cheerful appeal.

**302-1342 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora****\$41.95****EDEN CLIMBER NEW**

MElviolin, Pierre de Ronsard®



**Breeder:** Meilland (FRA, 1988)  
**Group/Class:** Climber  
**Plant Size:** 200-240cm H x 120-150cm W  
**Plant Form:** Climbing  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (55-65 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Large-Very Large (9-11cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Although the world-renowned Eden Climber® requires milder winters than most of us can count on to express its full climbing potential, it still makes an impressive free-standing shrub, especially when waves of massive, softly-cupped blooms cover the stocky bush. Eden's flowers are creamy white on the outer layer, gradually deepening from a light blush pink to a more intense pink in the centre. A slight carmine accent on the petal edges and discreet fragrance add classic charm. These delightfully old-fashioned flowers are mostly borne singly rather than in clusters and are often too heavy for the stems, creating an attractive nodding effect. Eden Climber® was recognized by the World Federation of Rose societies with the Rose Hall of Fame award in 2006.

**309-4342 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora****\$41.95**

## Climbing Roses Continued

### GOLDEN GATE® NEW

KORgogalt



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2005)  
**Group/Class:** Climbing Max® series, Climber  
**Plant Size:** 180-220cm H x 90-100cm W  
**Plant Form:** Climbing  
**Bloom Type:** Full (26-40 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Let Golden Gate® light up your life with its massive clusters of rich golden-yellow blooms. As the flowers mature, they lighten to a radiant pure yellow while revealing their amber stamens. Although the delightful citrus scent is not overpowering, it is exquisite and complex. In fact, Golden Gate® won the 2008 Fragrance Award in Paris. Speaking of recognition – this selection has garnered numerous Gold Medals throughout Europe, including the prestigious and demanding ADR label awarded in Germany. Incredibly healthy foliage (which is highly unusual for a yellow rose), vigorous growth, and abundant repeat blooming is where Golden Gate®, quite literally, shines.



322-7642 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora

\$41.95

### RAMBLIN' RED®

RADramblin



**Breeder:** William J. Radler (USA, 2002)  
**Group/Class:** Climber  
**Plant Size:** 180-240cm H x 150-180cm W  
**Plant Form:** Climbing  
**Bloom Type:** Full (35 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (8-9cm)  
**Fragrance:** None  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

This charming First Edition® climber was Rose of the Year in 2015. These exquisitely formed blooms are the epitome of the classic red rose. Ramblin' Red® matches the cold hardiness of its highly regarded parent 'Henry Kelsey', but surpasses it in disease resistance, while also featuring fuller flowers of a richer crimson-red. Vigorous, healthy plant with strong, pliable canes can reach 2-3m (6-10') and keeps blooming from late spring through summer.

335-1982 2 year old #1 grade, On own root

\$41.95



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

### MINI CLIMBERS

Introducing the new Rise UP® series from the Proven Winners® Color Choice® program. We call them 'mini climbers', as they can be grown as smaller-scale climbing roses, or pruned as back-of-the-border landscape roses. These selections feature refined fragrances and irresistible colour, along with the robust disease resistance we insist on.

### RISE UP AMBERNESS®

CHEWamberness



**Breeder:** Chris Warner (UK, 2022)  
**Group/Class:** Rise Up® series, 'Mini-Climber'  
**Plant Size:** 90-150cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Upright  
**Bloom Type:** Double (up to 20 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium-Large (9cm)  
**Fragrance:** Moderately Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

A delightful mini-climber that is somewhat reminiscent of the well-known At Last® rose in both colour and fragrance, but with a bit more classic floral form. The stems are strong enough to grow this as a tall shrub, but also superb when trained on a trellis or fence. Super healthy foliage! Hybridized by Chris Warner of the UK.



Courtesy of Spring Meadow Nursery

335-4682 2 year old #1 grade, On own root

\$41.95

### RISE UP EMBERAYS®

BOZfra321



**Breeder:** Pheno Geno (SER, 2023)  
**Group/Class:** Rise Up® series, 'Mini-Climber'  
**Plant Size:** 90-150cm H x 60-90cm W  
**Plant Form:** Climbing  
**Bloom Type:** Semi-double (10-15 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Medium (7-8cm)  
**Fragrance:** Lightly Fragrant  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Reignite a passion for roses with the blazing colour of this hot new climber. Large, luscious orange blooms accentuated by smoldering yellow eyes liven up the landscape all summer long, whether grown on its own or trained up a trellis, column, or wall. Super-clean, glossy, dark green foliage looks even more outstanding when contrasted by the exceptional brightness of flowers. Another winner bred by Pheno Geno of Serbia.

335-4982 2 year old #1 grade, On own root

\$41.95



Courtesy of Spring Meadow Nursery

## VIGOROSA® SERIES

The Vigorosa® series from Kordes gives you more choices in ground cover roses. With these extra colour options, you get the same spotless, super healthy foliage hugging the ground and filling in empty spaces.

### BRILLIANT VIGOROSA® NEW

KORgazell, Diamant®



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 2001)  
**Group/Class:** Vigorosa® series, Landscape  
**Plant Size:** 50-80cm H x 40-70cm W  
**Plant Form:** Bushy, Compact  
**Bloom Type:** Semi-Double (9-16 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Small-Medium(5-7cm)  
**Fragrance:** None  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

When Brilliant Vigorosa® gets going, the glossy, dark green foliage is almost hidden by shimmering clouds of pure white blossoms. The gold of the stamens against the bright white petal backdrop is a classic colour match, creating a feast that is visual for the gardener and veritable for butterflies and bumblebees. This low-growing, weather resistant selection offers landscaping solutions for almost any setting. Brilliant Vigorosa® has numerous Gold Medal awards from European rose shows to its credit.

343-5342 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95



### TOSCANA VIGOROSA® NEW

KORstesgli, Gärtnerfreude®



**Breeder:** W Kordes & Sons (GER, 1999)  
**Group/Class:** Vigorosa® series, Landscape  
**Plant Size:** 40-60cm H x 50-70cm W  
**Plant Form:** Compact, Spreading  
**Bloom Type:** Semi-Double (17-25 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Small (3-4cm)  
**Fragrance:** None  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Roll out the red carpet with Toscana Vigorosa®. Enjoy the effect produced by the masses of frilly petite blooms in vibrant shades of raspberry and carmine red. This selection is known as Gärtnerfreude in its native Germany, which translates to 'Gardener's Joy' or 'Pleasure'. Altogether fitting, considering the low maintenance/high appeal of exceptionally disease resistant foliage and nearly continuous flowering from early summer until frost. All the Vigorosa® roses have at one point received the prestigious ADR award. The additional acclaim Toscana has earned attests to appreciation for its numerous attributes.



343-7442 2 year old #1 grade, Grafted on Multiflora \$41.95

## DRIFT® SERIES

Drift® roses are a cross between full-size groundcover roses and miniatures. From the former they inherit disease resistance, toughness and overall winter hardiness, while the miniature parentage bequeathed their well-managed size and repeat blooming nature. With their compact, spreading form, they are tailored for borders, around trees, or even containers. Drift® roses have captured the fancy of many a casual gardener. No pruning is required and diseases such as powdery mildew and black spot are rarely, if ever, an issue. Maintenance-free beauty at it's best!

### CORAL DRIFT® NEW

MEldrifora



**Breeder:** Meilland (FRA, 2008)  
**Group/Class:** Drift® series, Landscape  
**Plant Size:** 40-50cm H x 60-70cm W  
**Plant Form:** Mounding, Low-spreading  
**Bloom Type:** Very Full (50-55 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Small (4cm)  
**Fragrance:** None  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Coral Drift® provides a vibrant sweep of fiery colour practically all summer long. Large clusters of petite coral-orange blooms open wide to reveal golden stamens. The practical appeal of low-maintenance beauty gives this winner a potential home in nearly every landscape. Coral Drift® has received superior scores in rose trials year after year.



308-7382 2 year old #1 grade, On own root \$41.95

### PEACH DRIFT®

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**Breeder:** Meilland (FRA, 2006)  
**Group/Class:** Drift® series, Landscape  
**Plant Size:** 35-45cm H x 60-70cm W  
**Plant Form:** Mounding, Low-spreading  
**Bloom Type:** Double (15-35 petals)  
**Bloom Size:** Small (4-5cm)  
**Fragrance:** None  
**Flowering:** Repeat Blooming

Peter Kukielski, the author of 'Roses Without Chemicals' refers to Peach Drift® as an Energizer Bunny of a rose - it just keeps going and going, pumping out blooms, all season long. Small, soft flowers open up in a gently cupped form that reveals the sunshine-yellow stamens. Although the individual blooms are only about 4cm (1½") across, the clusters come in such lavish abundance, the deep green foliage is nearly obscured at times.

308-7582 2 year old #1 grade, On own root \$41.95



Courtesy of Bakker Nursery

## Edible Lilies (*Hemerocallis*)

Plant flowers to reduce the grocery bill? A strange thought to many of us, but again we can learn a lot from the Chinese. Popular delicacies in the Xian region of China, lilies are used in a wide range of dishes. The unopened flower buds are rich in iron. They are added to soups, stir-fries and stew. The flowers themselves add sweetness to vegetable dishes. Dried blossoms are high in Vitamin A and carbohydrates. Edible pods resembling green beans follow the flowers. Both work well in salads. In spring the young shoots and leaves are considered a delicacy and in the fall the crisp, nutty root bulbs can be eaten raw or cooked.

Of course, you can also just let them grow and enjoy the visual benefits. Daylilies are carefree perennials that need little attention, are drought resistant and thrive in full or partial sunlight.

A word of caution - not all daylilies can safely be considered edible. Our selections have a proven culinary history.

### PANDORA'S BOX

Pandora's Box is known as one of the sweetest tasting of the edible daylily varieties. Lightly ruffled, creamy white flowers with purple eyezones and yellow throats. Vigorous, vibrant green plants. Height is approx 50 cm (20"). Pandora's Box is ideal for shrub borders, perennial beds or containers. Like all daylilies, it is particularly well suited for using as a ground cover on steep, streetside slopes, as it is unfazed by air pollution and road salt.



Courtesy of Oakes Daylilies.

**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: JUNE-AUG.**

247-1782 1 gallon pot

\$19.95

### RASPBERRY SPLASH NEW

The royal purple theme continues with this stunning selection. Swept back petals start with a lavender-pink border complimented by the dark amethyst raspberry eye-zone surrounding a bright light green throat. Raspberry Splash keeps producing size large, 14cm (5.5") flowers over an extended mid-season period. Plant height is almost 50cm (20").



**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: JUNE-AUG.**

247-2182 1 gallon pot

\$19.95

### RUFFLED APRICOT NEW

Ruffled apricot is reminiscent of the traditional yellow daylilies but excels in every way. The colour tone is deeper with rich, golden-apricot petals on immense 18cm (7") slightly ruffled, fragrant blooms swaying on 70cm (28") stems. This is a tetraploid selection with vigorous, dark green foliage and an extended early - mid season bloom period.



**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: JUNE-AUG.**

247-2482 1 gallon pot

\$19.95

### WINEBERRY CANDY

Wineberry provides gorgeous 'eye-candy' with soft peachy-pink petals accented with rich, wine-purple tones in it's eyezone fading to a yellowish-green throat. The large 12cm (4¾") fragrant flowers are one of the first daylilies to begin blooming. Wineberry Candy also boasts one of the longest bloom periods. Plant height is approx. 55cm (22").



Courtesy of Walters Gardens

**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: JUNE-AUG.**

247-1882 1 gallon pot

\$19.95

## Other Useful Plants

### PHENOMENAL LAVENDER

(*Lavandula x intermedia* 'Niko')

If you've been tempted to try some lavender, Phenomenal is likely your best bet. Being a hybrid cross between English lavender (*L. angustifolia*) and spike lavender (*L. latifolia*) makes it harder than any English variety. It has also been proven to outperform all other lavender varieties tested across Europe and the United States, as well as having noteworthy resistance to foliar and root diseases. Phenomenally fragrant, deep violet-blue flower spikes surmount the silvery foliage at a height of 60-80cm (24-32") with a bloom period from mid-summer to early fall. Besides the ornamental appeal, this deer-proof plant is very useful for fresh or dried arrangements, potpourri, and for oil production.

**ZONE 4/5**

245-6282 1 gallon pot

\$22.95



### SMOOTH PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS

(*Opuntia humifusa*)

Believe it or not, this hardy cactus is actually native to the northeastern states and to southern Canada. It is also considered as an 'Endangered Species at Risk in Ontario'. Prickly Pear tolerates extreme winter conditions, including sub-zero temperatures, snow, frost and heavy rain. Over winter the skin will turn purple and crinkly as it slightly shrivels, but springtime should see it start to green up again. This clump-forming succulent shrub forms flat fleshy pads up to 25cm (10") across, and covered with clusters of reddish-brown bristles. In early summer, striking bright yellow flowers form along the edges of the pads. These are followed by the fruit, the so-called prickly pears, which turn reddish purple and boasts a strawberry-like flavour when ripe. They are most often used to make candies and jams. This unusual plant can either decorate a dry, sunny spot in your rock garden or be grown as a container plant, as the mature size is only 30-60cm (1-2') in height and width.



**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: AUG-SEPT.**

263-1982 1 gallon pot

\$24.95

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# Maypops

(*Passiflora incarnata*)



The passion flower family consists of over 500 different species, most of which are native to South America. All are known for exquisite flowers on lush, vigorous vines and super healthful, egg-shaped passionfruit. More than 110 phytochemical constituents have been identified from the different plant parts of the Passiflora, among which flavonoids have the highest concentration. These phytochemicals have anti-oxidant, anti-hypertensive, antitumor, and antidiabetic effects. All these wonderful goodies are part of the Maypop plant, which is the only Passiflora cold hardy enough to be native in North America.

Here in Canada, of course, even in the southern fringe we are pushing the envelope, especially for ripe fruit. They can be grown outdoors here in Zone 5 and 6 in a sheltered full sun location. The vine starts over from the ground every spring so the trick is to cover the roots with a thick layer of mulch. Mature vines can put on over 6m (20') of growth in a season, so good support is needed.

As authors Levy and Serrano of New York say - 'These vines are spectacularly beautiful, and any garden would be improved with a trellis of maypop flowers, even if you never got a single fruit!'

## PINKPOP™

(*Passiflora incarnata* '2016-02cv')

This new Maypop selection is named PinkPop™ for its breathtaking lavender-pink blooms which measure up to 7.5 cm (3") across.. Enjoy these exotic, fragrant flowers from midsummer on to the first frost. If you plant two varieties, some of the first flowers should go on to form fruit which can be picked in late fall and fully ripened indoors. The rest of the plant is also useful. Everything from roots to leaves were used in traditional tribal medicine and are still sold as herbal products today.



Courtesy of Northwoods Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.**

**249-6382 1 gallon pot**

**\$31.95**

## SNOWPOP™

(*Passiflora incarnata* '2016-01cv')

SnowPop™ is another unique variety featuring large, intricate, pure white flowers. Like the other selections, these prolific and profusely fragrant blossoms (which only last a day or so) will start showing up in midsummer. Snowpop™ provides the pollen diversity to increase your odds of setting more fruit.



Courtesy of Northwoods Nursery

**NEEDS A POLLENIZER | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE OCT.**

**249-7382 1 gallon pot**

**\$31.95**

# Perennial Vegetables

While most folks are barely aware that 'perennial' and 'vegetable' can be used in conjunction, there is growing interest in this field. Asparagus and Rhubarb are, of course, the most common plants in this category, but a number of their more obscure cousins are also attracting our attention. Some candidates under considerations include; Caucasian spinach, Fennel, Horseradish and Hostas. Let us know if you have any advice or requests.

## Asparagus

(*Asparagus officinalis*)



For thousands of years gardeners have eagerly awaited the tender asparagus spears which surface every spring. Its highly nutritious qualities and delectable flavour were well known to the Egyptians as well as the Greeks and Romans. It seems to have arrived in the New World with some of the first Europeans. An old advertisement dating from 1719 calls it 'English Sparrow-grass Roots'. Sparrow-grass or otherwise, it also makes a fine ornamental. Tall, light-green, feathery fronds which form after the spring harvest are sometimes used in cut flower arrangements. Like rhubarb, asparagus grows to perfection in the North. Another compelling reason to grow your own - asparagus is at its absolute best when travelling directly from the garden to the kitchen with no delays.

We offer large, top quality crowns from Nourse Farms.

## MILLENIUM

A superior newer release from our local University of Guelph with proven performance across a wide range of soil conditions, including heavy clay. Excellent yields, year after year, of tight, tender, high quality spears. Millenium is also rust resistant.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MAY-JUNE**

**203-4871 1 year old crowns  
bundle of 25 crowns**

**\$6.95 Each  
\$90.00**

## PURPLE PASSION

Large, deep purple stalk with a creamy-white interior has more than just an attractive appearance going for it. Sweeter and less stringy than any green variety, it is even tender enough to serve fresh in salads. When cooked, Purple Passion turns green too.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MAY-JUNE**

**203-6671 1 year old crowns  
bundle of 25 crowns**

**\$6.95 Each  
\$90.00**

# Rhubarb

*(Rheum rhabarbarum)*



This old reliable may not be glamorous, but it actually is a wee bit exotic. Rhubarb is believed to have originated in Siberia and then carried across Asia on the Silk Road to Turkey before becoming known in Europe. Amongst Benjamin Franklin's more famous exploits and achievements, he also had a hand in introducing rhubarb to the American colonies.

Besides being very easy to grow, it is welcomed as the first fruit of the season and provides a generous dose of numerous vitamins and minerals. One old medical volume declares that rhubarb "cleanses the blood and purifies the humours." The tender, juicy, chopped-up stalks can be used in all sorts of baking, cooking, jams and beverages. The large leaves are NOT edible. In fact, they can be stewed up to make an effective garden insecticide.

Homespun wisdom provides the profound observation that rhubarb can be harvested in every month that does not have the letter "r" in it's name.

## CRIMSON RED

Crimson Red is noted for plump, fleshy stalks which are ruby-red through and through. With heavy yields, a well-balanced sweet/ tart flavour combined with the 'Crimson Red' colour it contributes to cobblers and pies, this seems to be as good a rhubarb variety as any you'll find.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: MID MAY-JULY**

269-1582 3 3/4" pot

\$14.95

## Rhubarb or Pieplant for Family Use or for the Market



We are glad that we have this big supply on hand for the reason that we believe that these Rhubarb Roots, when planted in the gardens of our friends and patrons will prove a blessing. Rhubarb is one of the most healthful foods known to man. When spring opens the human system needs an acid. Fruits have not yet supplied these acids, therefore rhubarb, or pieplant, is the only source. Those who eat pieplant pie and sauce freely are greatly benefited. Do you realize what excellent sauce can be made from rhubarb? If you have not, do not fail to start a bed, or a row, at once this spring. I prefer to plant a solid row of pieplant running from one end of the garden to the other. This row will not prevent plowing and cultivating the garden with a one-horse cultivator, and the row will not be in the way nearly so much as a bed devoted to pieplant.

- Green's Nursery Catalog 1905

# Small Fruits

Welcome to the vast and diverse domain of small fruits! If you enjoy fresh fruit, but the trees intimidate you, try a few berry bushes first. With a wide range of vines, shrubs, canes, and ground covers to choose from, we've got something to fit into every landscape, space or budget.

## Kiwis (*Actinidia spp.*)

Of the three main types of kiwi, by far the most common are the fuzzy brown ones which are grown primarily in New Zealand and can be found in supermarkets everywhere. Their smaller, smooth-skinned cousins, which are hardy enough to grow here in Canada are known as ARGUTA kiwi and KOLOMIKTA kiwi.

For many centuries the Chinese have been eating these hardy kiwi fruit which they harvest in the wild. When first introduced to North America in the early 1900's, they were planted mostly as ornamentals with their twining vines and attractive foliage. In more recent times, the savory, grape-sized fruit has gained popularity as more people become aware of its existence.

Although kiwis grow well in shade, you will get more and bigger fruit with partial or even full sun, especially in more northern regions. Young plants should be well wrapped for several winters as they gain hardiness with maturity. Hardy kiwis have no significant pests or disease problems.

You will need a non-fruiting male plant for pollination. One male can pollinate up to six females.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

Arguta Kiwis

## Arguta Kiwis (*Actinidia arguta*)

Sparkling, emerald-green flesh, jam-packed with nutrients, especially vitamin C and covered with a smooth edible skin - Arguta kiwi fruit is super for snacking but can also be used in numerous other ways. Arguta kiwi vines are very vigorous and will grow rampantly over arbors or along fences. They do tend to take a little longer to begin bearing, but after 4-5 years they start getting serious about it. With a sturdy trellis and regular pruning



Courtesy of Tom MacIntosh

Arguta can yield over 100 pounds of fruit per plant - real commercial potential here! Plant 3-6 meters (10-20') apart.

### CHANG BAI (FEMALE)

Chang Bai is a newer selection from the USDA-ARS in Oregon. It was grown from seeds collected in 1996 near Mount Chang Bai on the border of North Korea and China. This variety has now proven to be very productive and winter hardy. Bright green, heart-shaped fruit is firm with excellent flavour. It is one of the largest arguta kiwis.



**PLANT WITH MEADER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY OCT.**

**243-1281 1 year old vine \$22.95**  
**243-1282 2 year old vine \$28.95**

### GENEVA 3 (FEMALE)

Geneva 3 is the best performing selection of the 'Geneva' series, and possibly of all arguta kiwis for that matter. It is definitely making inroads as a top commercial variety too. Round, olive-green fruits with a slight blush have a sweet, pleasant tropical taste. Better shelf life is another Geneva 3 asset.



**PLANT WITH MEADER | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.-EARLY OCT.**

**243-3381 1 year old vine \$22.95**  
**243-3382 2 year old vine \$28.95**

### MICHIGAN STATE (FEMALE)

Also known as 'MSU'. this one originated as a landscaping vine on the Michigan State University campus. With time it was discovered to be bearing large, superior fruit. Lime-green, elongated Kiwis can be up to 4 cm (1 3/4") in length. Savoury and aromatic. Highly productive.

**PLANT WITH MEADER | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

**243-4882 1 year old vine \$22.95**  
**243-4882 2 year old vine \$28.95**

### MEADER (MALE)

A prolific flowering male for planting with the Arguta females. With its extended flowering window, Meader provides pollenizing power across the board. It is named in honour of Elwyn Meader (1910-1996), who was an esteemed plant breeder and professor of horticulture in New Hampshire. Although Meader bears no fruit, it is sometimes planted solely for its ability to quickly cover an arbor with beautiful, dark green, ornamental foliage.

**ZONE 4**

**243-4781 1 year old vine \$22.95**  
**243-4782 2 year old vine \$28.95**

## Kolomikta Kiwis (*Actinidia kolomikta*)

The kolomikta kiwi varieties are known to be hardy to -40C. Their highly decorative vines are more shade-loving and require less pruning since they are not as fast growing. They do start to bear earlier, sometimes in the second year. The fruit is smaller but starts to ripen earlier in the season and can be harvested continually over a longer time period.

### EMERALD™ (FEMALE)

**(Krupnoplodnaya cv.)**

Sweet, flavourful, lime-green fruit on a super-hardy, very attractive, ornamental vine. The Russian name is quite a mouthful, so we are more than happy to be able to offer these 'emerald gems' as Emerald™.



Courtesy of Northwoods Nursery

**PLANT WITH PASHA | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**

**243-2382 2 year old vine \$29.95**

### SEPTEMBER SUN™ (FEMALE)

**(Sentyabrskaya cv.)**

Sweet, tasty, grape sized fruit also boasts high levels of Vitamin C. September Sun™ seems to be endowed with the most ornamental foliage of any Kolomikta female. Lustrous green leaves show off the same tri-coloured variegation which the male is noted for. We believe this to be the same variety as the one being sold as 'Red Beauty'.



**PLANT WITH PASHA | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.-EARLY SEPT.**

**243-7182 2 year old vine \$29.95**

### KLARA ZETKIN (FEMALE) **NEW**

We were able to acquire a limited amount of this highly regarded older variety. For years Klara Zetkin has been valued for the ornamental beauty of its particularly vivid variegated foliage, as well as for being a reliable, prolific producer of sweet, tasty, lime-green fruit.



**PLANT WITH PASHA | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**

**243-7182 2 year old vine \$29.95**

### PASHA (MALE)

The recommended pollenizer for the **Kolomikta females**. It does not bear fruit. This may or may not be the same variety as the Arctic Beauty, but it does seem slightly more vigorous. At times it is even grown by itself as an ornamental for its beautiful tri-coloured foliage. The exquisite silvery-white and pink variegation will begin to show by the plants second or third season.



**ZONE 3**

**243-6382 2 year old vine \$29.95**

# Grapes (*Vitis*)

Although these grapes have seeds, they make high quality table grapes for northern climates. They will also make excellent grape juice and jellies.

## Blue/Purple Grapes (Seeded)

### CONCORD

North America's favourite all purpose grape since 1849, when Ephraim Bull of Concord, Massachusetts selected it. He considered it the best of 22,000 wild grape seedlings which he had planted! Concord can be used as a table, juice, or wine grape and makes excellent grape jelly. These vigorous, hardy and productive vines produce medium sized clusters of large dark blue or purple slip skin grapes that are flavorful and highly aromatic with a large seed. Late season.



Courtesy of Raintree Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.-EARLY OCT.**

**223-1441** 1 year old vine **\$19.95**  
**223-1442** 2 year old vine **\$25.95**

### BLUEBELL

This Minnesota selection resembles Concord in size and colour but comes with a more tender skin and greater hardiness. In fact, Bluebell is a runner-up to Valiant for winter survival. Sweet delicious flavour for fresh eating, jelly, and juice. Productive and practically immune to fungal diseases, Bluebell is easy and fun to grow.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

**223-0641** 1 year old vine **\$19.95**  
**223-0642** 2 year old vine **\$25.95**

### MARQUETTE

A recent Minnesota introduction, Marquette is not only one of the very best red wine or juice grapes anywhere, it is also extremely cold hardy and early ripening, which is highly unusual for a grape with Pinot Noir parentage! Small to medium-sized, bluish-black berries with sugar level up in the range of 23-27 Brix and fairly low acid levels with substantial tannins that add complexity. An added bonus is resistance to black rot and mildew.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

**223-5141** 1 year old vine **\$19.95**  
**223-5142** 2 year old vine **\$25.95**

## Growing Tip



According to some old gardening books, planting hyssop next to grape vines has a beneficial effect and will increase fruit yields.

### NEW YORK MUSCAT

The name in this case is quite self-explanatory. Cornell University in Geneva, NY, introduced this (Muscat Hamburg x Ontario) variety in 1961 and it is still the closest thing to a fine muscat grape for colder climates. The large, dark blue berries have relatively small seeds, and are noted for exceptional flavour, which has been described as very aromatic, spicy, and suggestive of English candies. New York Muscat is an excellent table or juice grape and a natural fit for wine. The vine has good disease resistance, but less vigour than some, so a fertile, protected planting site is recommended.



Courtesy of Vignes Chez Soi

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5/6 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**

**223-5741** 1 year old vine **\$19.95**  
**223-5742** 2 year old vine **\$25.95**

### VALIANT

Developed in South Dakota, Valiant has legendary cold hardiness and has actually survived temperatures of -46°C in Manitoba. Tight clusters of mid sized, dark purple-black grapes are quite sweet and make a mild-flavoured respectable table grape. Ideal for jelly and especially for juice, it can also be used for wine. One of the best for short season areas.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**

**223-8541** 1 year old vine **\$19.95**  
**223-8542** 2 year old vine **\$25.95**

## Red Grapes (Seeded)

### SWENSON RED

The first of Elmer Swenson's varieties to be introduced by the University of Minnesota and considered by some to be his very best. The unique, fruity flavour of this firm, meaty grape is like no other. In fact, it surpasses many seedless varieties in flavour and quality, making it an excellent choice where extra hardiness is required. Although it is generally red, it can be bluish in climates with cool nights, but with its high sugar content it can even be sweet while it is green. One of the best grapes for storage, it is ideal for fresh eating and makes a respectable white wine.



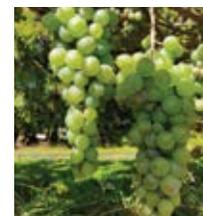
**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**

**223-7641** 1 year old vine **\$19.95**  
**223-7642** 2 year old vine **\$25.95**

## White/Green Grapes (Seeded)

### BRIANNA

A relatively new selection that is earning acclaim for its savoury pineapple-like tropical taste and superior winter hardiness. Equally desirable as a seeded table or wine grape, this vigorous, productive variety is mildew-resistant, ripens relatively early — usually early September, and has survived -30°C temperatures.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID SEPT.**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

**OSCEOLA MUSCAT**

Formerly known as ES 8-2-43, this extremely hardy muscat grape is named after Osceola, WI — hometown of renowned grape breeder, Elmer Swenson. Aromatic and highly rated as a short season wine grape, it has a distinct, fine muscat flavour when fully ripe. Small to medium sized, sweet, golden berries also make delectable fresh eating.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

- 223-6041** 1 year old vine **\$19.95**
- 223-6042** 2 year old vine **\$25.95**

**TANGO**

Tango (formerly known as E.S. 7-2-24) represents multiple generations of Elmer Swenson breeding, with both Swenson Red and Louise Swenson showing up in the pedigree. Aside from the obvious colour difference it could be said that Tango and Swenson Red share lots of similarities. Both are firm, non-slip-skin, mid-sized berries. Of the two, Tango is possibly the most aromatic, with hints of tangerine (according to some very discerning noses) and a flavour which has aptly been described as honey and sweet citrus. With no white/green seedless variety being fully hardy into Zone 4, Tango is likely the best table grape option for such a setting.



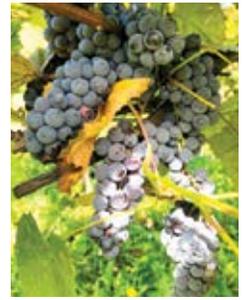
Courtesy of Vignes Chez Soi

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**

- 223-7941** 1 year old vine **\$19.95**
- 223-7942** 2 year old vine **\$25.95**

**MAGENTA**

Elmer Swenson developed so many cold hardy grapes varieties that some of them almost got overlooked. Magenta (formerly known as E.S. 3-22-16) is one which somehow nearly missed the spotlight. These deep blue, mid-sized, slip-skin berries are among the very sweetest with Brix levels around 23°. Both flavour and texture make this one of the better choices in hardy, seedless table grapes. Vine vigour and overall plant health are more good reasons to plant Magenta next to your arbor or pergola.



Courtesy of Vignes Chez Soi

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**

- 224-4142** 2 year old vine **\$27.95**

**MARS NEW**

Among the numerous successful small fruit varieties developed at the University of Arkansas is a whole series of seedless grapes, which they then named after the planets. Of these, Mars is arguably the best in both cold hardiness and plant health. The mid to large berries begin colouring up crimson and turn deep blue at maturity. The flavour is very reminiscent of Concord, but obviously the absence of seeds makes Mars much preferred for fresh eating. Its thick slip-skin is resistant to cracking. This is also a good grape for juice or raisins and even makes a respectable white wine with hints of pineapple flavour. Vigorous vines are one of the last to bud out in the spring.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

- 224-4242** 2 year old vine **\$27.95**

**TROLLHAUGEN**

The earliest and also the hardiest blue seedless grape, it can remain hanging on the vine for weeks after ripening without losing much quality. Medium-sized berries are exceptionally sweet with a mild Concord-like flavour. A real favourite for fresh eating, it also makes excellent raisins. Trollhaugen was introduced by Elmer Swenson, the renowned grape breeder from Wisconsin. The name reflects his Norwegian heritage.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

- 224-8641** 1 year old vine **\$21.95**
- 224-8642** 2 year old vine **\$27.95**

# Seedless Grapes (Vitis)

Seedless grapes are one of the most enjoyable fruits a homeowner can grow and in most cases are more profitable on a commercial scale than wine grapes. Although we select the very hardiest seedless varieties, they are (with the possible exception of Somerset and maybe Trollhaugen) somewhat less winter hardy than the old familiar Concord. They are, of course, also more rewarding to grow. Planting in an area protected from severe winter blasts is helpful. Grapes love the summer sun and will respond to all the protection and southern exposure you can provide.

## Blue/Purple Grapes (Seedless)

**JUPITER**

A stellar, seedless table grape from the University of Arkansas that is really "out of this world". You'll enjoy the sweet, slightly floral, Muscat-like flavour of these large, dark reddish-blue berries, which in our experience have a longer shelf life than most. This is likely as close as we can get to growing a seedless California-type grape here in Canada. Jupiter is highly productive and quite disease resistant.



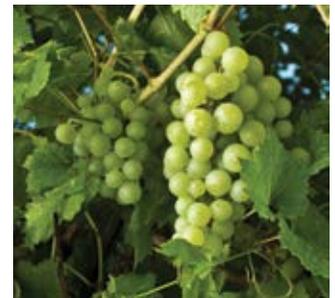
Courtesy of Vineland Research & Innovation Centre

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5/6 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID SEPT.**

- 224-2541** 1 year old vine **\$21.95**

**HIMROD**

A sister variety to 'Lakemont' from Geneva NY it is similar but considered somewhat hardier. Large, dense clusters of flavourful golden yellow, medium sized grapes with crisp skin and sweet, juicy flesh. Himrod is a good choice if you have an arbor or pergola you'd like to cover. It's vigorous vines put out an exceptional amount of growth.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

- 224-1941** 1 year old vine **\$21.95**
- 224-1942** 2 year old vine **\$27.95**

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## Red Grapes (Seedless)

### CANADICE

This popular, pinkish-red, mid-sized grape is sweet and delicious with a subtle spice accent. Originally from Geneva, NY, Canadice is a consistent producer which ripens well, even in areas with cooler summers. In fact, it is so extremely productive that the clusters usually need to be thinned out. Although it is known as one of the most winter hardy seedless varieties, it will suffer dieback if overcropping is not prevented. A versatile, top-notch table grape with good disease resistance.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID SEPT.**

**224-0841 1 year old vine**

**\$21.95**

**224-0842 2 year old vine**

**\$27.95**

### SOMERSET

Small, ruddy, reddish golden berries with a crispy texture and a pleasant, surprising strawberry-like flavour. Ideal for children, it has even been called 'candy on a vine'. This exceptional table grape makes a delectable pink juice, as well as jams and jellies. Developed in Minnesota, Somerset has proven to be the most cold hardy seedless variety. Easy to grow, very good disease resistance and not excessively vigorous.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**

**224-7641 1 year old vine**

**\$21.95**

**224-7642 2 year old vine**

**\$27.95**

### VANESSA

Long clusters of deep red mid-sized berries have crisp and firm, yet tender, melting flesh with a gratifying fruity flavour. If you love the red seedless type from California, found in grocery stores everywhere, Vanessa is your best bet to match the experience! A top notch table grape, it is perfect for pies, or adding to fruit cocktail salads. The vines are vigorous, moderately hardy and moderately productive.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: MID. SEPT.**

**224-9341 1 year old vine**

**\$21.95**

## Growing Tip



Try Lee Reich's simple recipe for powdery mildew control in grapes or gooseberries. Spray plants with the following:

4 litres (1 gallon) of water

1 tablespoon sodium bicarbonate (baking soda)

1 tablespoon canola oil

Repeated applications may be needed, especially in rainy weather.

## Gooseberries

*(Ribes uva-crispa)*

Canadians are starting to realize what an easy landscaping plant the gooseberry is. In Europe you will find several bushes tucked into almost every backyard garden or used as an ornamental planting alongside the house.

Gooseberries prefer morning sun, partial shade in the afternoon and good air circulation. As most varieties will tolerate brutally cold winters, it is especially important to plant in shade in warmer regions. Mulch heavily to keep the roots cool and moist.

These hardy, compact shrubs have arching branches and typically mature at approximately 1-2m (4') high and wide. The berries make incredible pies and are great for fresh eating as well as for preserves and drying. Gooseberries ripen mid-summer.

## Red/Purple Gooseberries

### BLACK VELVET

This award winning selection produces high quality, large, sweet, deep purple berries. Black Velvet has been called 'the champagne of gooseberries' for its outstanding, rich, blueberry tinged flavour. It makes a superb jam with no added pectin needed. The vigorous, mildew-resistant bush is very productive.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JULY**

**221-1082 2 year old plant**

**\$28.95**

### JEANNE

The new rising star of gooseberries! This European x American cross from Oregon, just released in 2006, is proving to be a real winner for both commercial and home garden settings. Large, thin-skinned, deep maroon-red berries with sweet, luscious, full-flavoured taste. Very resistant to powdery mildew and other fungal diseases and even shows less defoliation from sawflies than other varieties. This superior disease resistance explains how Jeanne achieves those top yields it is noted for. Compact, upright bush with mercifully few thorns matures at 90 cm (3') high.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY AUG.**

**221-3582 2 year old plant**

**\$28.95**

## Growing Tip



Are the leaves disappearing on your currant or gooseberry bush in early summer? Most likely the currant sawfly larvae are at work. The British have a simple prevention that works surprisingly well. Spread a thin layer of wood ashes around the base of the shrub. Some local gardeners use straw and claim it works better yet.

**JEWEL™ (Stanislav #1 cv.)**

As the pale green berries of this rather rare Polish variety begin to ripen, they acquire an attractive rosy blush. Some sources mention peach coloured fruit for Jewel, which is not entirely inaccurate depending on the peach. In our experience these large pink 'jewels' are among the most pleasant gooseberries for fresh eating. Although sweet and somewhat mild, they retain enough tang to work well for pies and preserves. You can count on copious crops from a relatively compact, exceptionally disease resistant bush.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JULY**

- 221-3681** 1 year old plant **\$23.95**
- 221-3682** 2 year old plant **\$28.95**

**LITTLE BEN**

Little Ben is actually a compact, naturally dwarf version of the well known, ever-popular Hinnomaki Red. Now you can get all the attributes of this fine Finnish variety in a petite package that can thrive in a planter. Grow it in a shady corner of your porch and harvest large, flavourful reddish berries for fresh eating, jam or pies. Little Ben is mildew resistant and nearly thornless, maturing at a manageable 60-90cm (2-3') high and wide.



Courtesy of Hartmann's Plant Co.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: MID JULY**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

*Green/Yellow Gooseberries*

**HINNOMAKI YELLOW**

Originally from Finland it is known for extreme winter hardiness, good disease resistance – especially powdery mildew, and respectable yields of high quality fruit. Medium-sized, greenish-gold berries have a delicate, sweet flavour with an aromatic apricot aftertaste. A reliable, time-proven variety, this prickly, low-growing bush has a more spreading form than most.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID JULY**

- 221-2682** 2 year old plant **\$28.95**

**SHEFFORD**

The background of this extremely rare variety seems to be shrouded in mystery. While the name itself sounds distinctly British, our American supplier believes it may actually have a Canadian origin. So do let us know if you have had any close encounters of the Shefford kind. It is, however, verified to be virtually thorn-free and produces large, sweet, golden-yellow berries. You take it from there.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY-EARLY AUG.**

- 221-6781** 1 year old plant **\$23.95**

*Currants (Ribes)*

These shade tolerant bushes produce an abundance of nutrient packed berries that are especially high in vitamin C. When eaten fresh, black currants have a very pungent and distinctive flavour that is definitely an acquired taste but they make the most delicious jams. The red, pink, and white varieties are much milder tasting.

*Red Currants*

**JONKHEER VAN TETS**

A leading Dutch variety, it is considered by some to be the best flavoured of all red currants! Heavy crops of large, dark red berries are easy to pick. Early blooming makes it more susceptible to late frosts, so site selection is important. With a spreading growth habit it is ideal to train on a cordon or as an espalier plant. This mildew and aphid resistant variety does best out of the hot sun.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY JULY**

- 211-5881** 1 year old plant **\$23.95**
- 211-5882** 2 year old plant **\$28.95**
- 211-5883** 3 year old plant **\$34.95**

**RED LAKE**

One of the best red currant varieties, it bears long strands of large, juicy red fruits that hold well on the bushes. Great for jellies and preserves. Strong vigorous upright bush with dense foliage. Red Lake makes an excellent hedge.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

- 211-7782** 2 year old plant **\$28.95**



**ROVADA**

A late blooming variety developed in the Netherlands, it has become the leading commercial variety in Europe. Exceptionally long strands or sprigs of extra-large translucent red berries are very easy to pick. Great for jams and jellies as well as fresh eating. Superior disease resistance.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY - MID AUGUST**

- 211-7881** 1 year old plant **\$23.95**

*Picking Tip*



Red currants (including pink and white) will keep longer if you pick the whole clusters. Black currants and gooseberries store several weeks after pulling off the sprigs, but red currants will shrivel sooner if the sprigs are not attached.

## Pink Currants

### PINK CHAMPAGNE

A very old, hard to find variety that produces large clusters of light pink berries on a compact bush. Still considered by many to be the best flavoured of all currants, it is great for fresh eating as well as cooking or preserving. Disease resistant and hardy.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE JULY - EARLY AUGUST**

**211-6881 1 year old plant**

**\$23.95**

## White Currants

### BLANKA

A noteworthy newer variety from Slovakia, Blanka features good disease resistance and high yields of very large, juicy, translucent berries. Additional qualities include extra high sugar content and good shelf life, as well as late blooming to avoid spring frosts. Ripens 3-4 weeks after Jonkheer Van Tets.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY AUGUST**

**211-1782 2 year old plant**

**\$28.95**

### ZITAVIA

Although this German heirloom variety dates back to the 1840's, it is still highly regarded in Europe, especially in areas with cold, harsh winters. Long clusters of 8-10mm, yellowish-white berries ripen quite uniformly for ease of harvesting. High yields, sometimes exceeding 7kgs can be expected from this exceptionally disease resistant bush. Zitavia is robust, reliable, and relatively compact. In a funny little paradox, this variety which comes last alphabetically, is often the first to ripen.



Courtesy of Northwoods Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID JULY**

**211-9781 1 year old plant**

**\$23.95**

## Black Currants

### BELORUSKAJA SLADKAJA **NEW**

This exciting newer cultivar from Belarus is a cross of Ribes nigrum x ridikuscha. It comes highly recommended by Lee Reich, the notable New York horticulturalist and author. Like Blackdown, Beloruskaja has enough sugar content to make it a premier fresh eating variety. A consistent producer of mid-sized berries, good rust resistance, just a great black currant - as long as you don't twist your tongue trying to pronounce the name!

**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE JULY-EARLY AUG.**

**211-0781 1 year old plant**

**\$23.95**



### BEN SAREK

A newer variety developed in Scotland, Ben Sarek bears consistent high yields of large berries that make excellent jams and jellies. This dense bush is more compact than most currants only reaching 80-100 cm (32-40") in height and width. It is also quite resistant to rust and very mildew and leaf spot resistant. Makes a very desirable landscaping shrub for rather shady areas.



**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE JULY-EARLY AUG.**

**211-1282 2 year old plant**

**\$28.95**

### BLACKDOWN

Blackdown is regarded by many as the best black currant for fresh eating. It's higher sugar content tempers and balances the sharp pungent acidity for a more pleasant flavour profile. Firm, juicy, mid-sized berries have a moderately thick skin making them less perishable. This popular English variety is resistant to both rust and mildew, despite the dense leaf canopy of the relatively compact and attractive shrub.



**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY AUG.**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

### TITANIA

A richly flavoured Scandinavian variety with very large, high quality, mildly pungent berries that are perfect for preserves, cooking, drying or freezing. Titania is highly regarded by both backyard and commercial growers. Easy to grow, easy to pick, as well as top yields. Titania is immune to white pine blister rust and has high mildew resistance as well. Mature height is up to 175 cm (5-6')



**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**

**211-9081 1 year old plant**

**\$23.95**

## Clove Currants

### CRANDALL

North American black currants are also known as buffalo or clove currants. Of these, Crandall is recognized as the sweetest berry and the most ornamental bush. It is noted for the unmistakable clove and vanilla fragrance of its yellow trumpet shaped flowers in early spring. Crandall's large, glossy berries are less pungent and sweeter than those of its European cousins and make milder jam, syrup or raisins. This Kansas native will tolerate hot, dry conditions better than most currants. The spreading 120-150 cm (4-5') bush is rust resistant and features brilliant red and yellow fall foliage. Plant 1m (3') apart for an ideal edible hedge.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: LATE JULY - EARLY AUGUST**

**211-2981 1 year old plant**

**\$23.95**

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# Blueberries (*Vaccinium spp.*)

Blueberries are exceptionally nutritious and delicious! They are ideal for eating fresh, baking and freezing. The plants themselves are exceedingly ornamental, bringing excitement and colour to the landscape throughout the seasons.

## High Bush Blueberries (*Vaccinium corybosum*)

LISTED IN APPROXIMATE ORDER OF RIPENING.

### SWEETHEART

The first blueberry of the season! This newer variety boasts consistent high yields of medium-large, sweet and juicy, powdery-blue berries. Sweetheart fruit also has excellent shelf life - the attractive, extra firm berries hold their fresh, aromatic flavour longer than most others. Another unique Sweetheart attribute is its ability to produce a secondary crop in the fall, if you have a long summer. Vigorous and robust bush grows to 150-180 cm (5-6') tall and 90-100 cm (3') wide.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE JUNE-EARLY JULY**

**206-7882 2 year old plant 1 gallon pot**

**\$26.95**

**206-7885 5 gallon pot PICKUP ONLY**

**\$46.95**

### DUKE

A popular early season variety with very good hardiness and productivity. Attractive medium to large, light blue berries have sweet, mild flavour. Duke blooms late but ripens early which protects blossoms from spring frosts. Stocky, upright 1.2-1.8 meter (4-6') tall bushes have yellow-orange foliage in fall. Tidy looking shrub is one of the best for landscaping.



**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY JULY**

**206-2185 5 gallon pot PICKUP ONLY**

**\$46.95**

## Growing Tip



Everyone would love to grow blueberries. You do need to be aware though that blueberries will be more judgmental of your soil than most plants. In some areas of the country (PEI for instance) the soil is naturally acidic, meaning it has a pH of 4.0-5.5. This is exactly what blueberries like. Here in southern Ontario our soil pH is more like 7.0-7.8. In these alkaline type soils some plants such as lingonberries and blueberries find it hard to access the nutrients that are in the soil. Amending the planting site with peat moss and/or using our Blueberry Booster product is recommended.

**Every Whiffletree plant order includes a copy of our 'Planting For Success' guide. Check out the Blueberry section for suggestions.**

### REKA

This early season selection from New Zealand is proving to be one of the fastest growing and most adaptable any variety. In fact, our customer feedback indicates Reka's performance outshines all others, especially in less than ideal blueberry conditions. It thrives in a wide range of soil types and northern climates. However, it is the exceptional, aromatic flavour of this attractive, dark blue, mid-sized berry that is really creating high demand! 1.2-1.8m (4-6') tall bushes are extremely productive and boast burgundy / red fall foliage.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY JULY**

**206-6582 2 year old plant 2 litre pot**

**\$26.95**

### NORTHLAND

We consider Northland to be the all-round best choice for colder regions. It is extremely productive, with yields at least double that of the half-high varieties such as Chippewa and proven winter hardiness down to -35°C. In addition, the branches are limber enough not to break under heavy snow loads. Small to medium size, dark blue berries are sweet, with enough tangy wild berry taste to make them very flavourful. Vigorous, spreading bush usually tops out at 100-120cm (3½-4').



**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID JULY**

**206-1882 2 year old plant 2 litre pot**

**\$26.95**

### RAZZ

Palate tickling, powder-blue berries have an intriguing raspberry tang. This flavourful, fresh-eating favourite is well liked for freezing and baking too. Mid to large size fruit is almost too tender for mechanical harvesting, but Razz has caught the attention of backyard blueberry enthusiasts who rave over its snazzy, unique flavour profile. Bountiful crops plus brilliant fall colour in a hardy, reliable bush. Mature size 120-180 cm (4-6').



**SELF FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JULY**

**206-6485 5 gallon pot PICKUP ONLY**

**\$46.95**

### TORO

Toro was named for the strong, stocky nature of this plant. Vigorous, upright plant reaches 1.5-1.8m (5-6'). Hardiness and productivity are excellent with huge clusters of large, very firm, light blue berries hanging like grapes on the outside of the bush, making it one of the easiest varieties to pick. A narrow blooming and also ripening window means only 2 pickings are needed for harvest. Great flavour and outstanding ornamental quality of fall foliage are a bonus.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JULY**

**206-8282 2 year old plant 2 litre pot**

**\$26.95**

**206-8285 5 gallon pot PICKUP ONLY**

**\$46.95**

### TOP SHELF

Top Shelf is the new, premium, preferred, mid-season blueberry for both commercial and backyard growers. While similar to the highly respected Draper in many ways, Top Shelf excels in plant vigour, fruit size, and flavour. The jumbo-size, sky-blue berries have an appealing flavour which has been described as 'slightly tropical'. Strong, vase-shaped plants bear heavy yields of stellar quality fruit at a young age.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**206-8182 2 year old plant 2 litre pot**

**\$26.95**

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## Highbush Blueberries Continued

### NELSON

Released by the Michigan State breeding program. Hardy and dependable, Nelson is a Bluecrop x Berkeley cross with consistent high yields of approx. 7kg per plant. Large, firm, dark blue berries are very highly rated for flavour and hang in loose clusters for ease of picking. Vigorous, upright 1.8m (6') tall bush features particularly vibrant crimson foliage in fall.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY-EARLY AUG.**

**206-4982 2 year old plant 1 gallon pot**

**\$26.95**

### ARLEN

We have selected Arlen as our latest ripening variety. Like Aurora and Elliot, it can extend your harvest well into September, however Arlen offers a much sweeter berry. With repeated pickings during the 3 week ripening period, total yield is quite high. Very firm, fine flavoured, medium to large fruit has long shelf life. Ideal for both fresh use or freezing. Vigorous upright bush matures at 1.5-1.8m (5-6').



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.-EARLY SEPT.**

**206-0182 2 year old plant 1 gallon pot**

**\$26.95**

## Half-High Blueberries

*(Vaccinium corybosum x vaccinium angustifolium)*

### CABERNET SPLASH™ NEW

Cabernet Splash™ is actually a sport or naturally occurring mutation of the well known and respected Toro, with essentially the same high-quality fruit that Toro is noted for, on a more compact bush. What really sets it apart is the unique purple tinged spring foliage. As the season progresses it becomes solid green by midsummer, then a striking, deep maroon for the fall. With this distinctive foliage on a tidy, upright growing shrub that matures at 90-120cm (3-4') tall and wide, Cabernet Splash™ would already be a desirable landscaping option. In this case you can also expect bountiful crops of large, light blue berries that are firm and very sweet.



Courtesy of Briggs Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JULY**

**206-1485 5 gallon pot PICKUP ONLY**

**\$46.95**

## Low Bush Blueberries

*(Vaccinium angustifolium)*

### BRUNSWICK

Originally from Nova Scotia, Brunswick is a super hardy mid-season variety which produces an abundance of small sky-blue berries with classic, spicy, wild flavour. At only 30-45 cm (12-18") high, Brunswick forms an excellent dense ground cover with glossy green leaves changing to crimson and orange fall colours. Also works well as a container plant.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID JULY**

**206-1182 2 year old plant 1 gallon pot**

**\$24.95**

### RUBY CARPET

A low bush selection from the state of Maine, Ruby Carpet only grows 10-15 cm (4-6") high and spreads outward. It was named for its breathtaking autumn foliage— a deep, almost fluorescent red. Summer foliage is a lustrous dark green. Profuse white spring blossoms turn into dainty dark blue berries with that wonderful wild berry flavour. If the soil is reasonably acidic, it can tolerate fairly dry conditions. Ideal for around or under pine trees.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**206-7182 2 year old plant 1 gallon pot**

**\$24.95**

## Saskatoons

*(Amelanchier alnifolia)*



This prairie native shrugs off harsh, sub-zero winters and comes back with its silvery leaves and spectacular white flowers followed by heavy berry crops. The sweet, purple almond-flavoured berries make an absolutely delicious pie. Plant a hedge row along the windward side of your orchard or vineyard and do two things at once: provide protection for more tender plants and lure birds away from your main crop. Attractive fall foliage is an added bonus.

Saskatoons are probably the simplest of all berries to grow. Unlike blueberries they take whatever soil you've got without complaining. They do respond well to added fertility. Mulching with compost is definitely beneficial.

### LEE 3

Fruit growing success on the Canadian prairies owes a great deal to the passionate, lifelong efforts of the late Lloyd Lee. Among the numerous new varieties he developed at his home in Barrhead, north of Edmonton, were several saskatoons, the best of which are now known as Lee 3 and Lee 8. In addition to excellent flavour and compact bush size, Lee 3 is distinguished by its early ripening, which extends the saskatoon season. Matures at only 1.5-2m (5-6')



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: LATE JUNE-EARLY JULY**

**270-3492 30-45 cm (12-18") plant**

**\$29.95**

**270-3493 45-60 cm (18-24") plant**

**\$34.95**

### LEE 8

Another favourite from Lloyd Lee's work, this is a Northline x Thiessen cross with exceptional flavour. Lee 8 is also relatively compact, maturing at 1.8-2m (6-7'). Paired with Lee 3, these selections make saskatoons a viable landscaping option for homeowners with limited space.



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: EARLY JULY**

**270-3592 30-45 cm (12-18") plant**

**\$29.95**

**270-3593 45-60 cm (18-24") plant**

**\$34.95**

See **Page 58** for **STANDING OVATION**, a more ornamental version of Saskatoon. All will cross pollinate with each other for greater yields.

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### NORTHLINE

Northline has become one of the most popular commercial varieties with its high yields of great flavoured, good sized berries. Flowering and fruiting is slightly later than Martin. Height at maturity is up to 3m (10') with an arching-spreading form. It has a high degree of suckering (almost like red raspberry canes) making it ideal for windbreak hedges.



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: EARLY JULY**

**270-5593 45-60 cm (18-24") plant**  
**270-5594 60-90 cm (24-36") plant**

**\$32.95**  
**\$37.95**

### MARTIN

One of the largest berry sizes with excellent flavour. It ripens very uniformly and quite early. A large shrub, it matures at 3-4.5m (10-14') in height and has moderate suckering.

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: EARLY JULY**

**270-4594 60-90 cm (24-36") plant**

**\$37.95**



## Haskaps (*Lonicera caerulea*)

An attractive hardy bush, haskaps are the earliest berries to ripen. At first glance haskaps look like oddly shaped blueberries. Some consider the fruit to taste like a mix of blueberry and raspberry while other will disagree, arguing that the distinct sweet-tart flavour is difficult to pinpoint. Haskaps are very disease and pest resistant. Loaded with vitamin C and antioxidants, haskaps are an unusual and unique berry perfect for our cold climate.

### AURORA

This introduction of Aurora in 2013 was a major breakthrough for the haskap industry as it eliminated the need for a poorly flavoured pollenizer such as Berry Blue. It also had the largest fruit size at that time, but most important of all great flavour which was as good or better than that of any haskap. Even with the appearance of exciting new varieties, we expect Aurora to remain popular for a long time. Vigorous, high producing plants mature at 1.5-2m (5-6') high and wide.



**PLANT WITH OTHER EARLY ONES | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JUNE**

**228-0191 15-30 cm (6-12") 3/4" pot**  
**228-0192 30-45 cm (12-18") 4" pot**

**\$23.95**  
**\$27.95**

**NOTE:** Although Haskaps are extremely hardy, they do seem to take more time to establish than most young plants. Since first year growth it rather slow, it is especially critical to maintain moisture levels and keep weed competition under control.

### BLUE BANANA

Although Blue Banana has some of the lively tang that haskaps are known for, it is probably the sweetest tasting variety developed thus far. Folks are going bananas over these King sized, juicy berries with exceptionally high sugar levels, and a flavour which has been described as 'smoked strawberry'. Blue Banana is the ideal companion for Aurora with high yields, good disease resistance and similar bush size.



Courtesy of Berries Unlimited

**PLANT WITH AURORA | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JUNE**

**228-0391 15-30 cm (6-12") 3/4" pot**

**\$23.95**

### TUNDRA

Tundra was one of the first stars to emerge from the up-and-coming haskap breeding program at the University of Saskatchewan. Although berry size is smaller than most newer introductions, Tundra is still favoured for its high yields and fruit which is very firm, yet tender enough to melt in your mouth. Excellent sweet/tangy flavour. Tundra will hang on the bush well after ripening. The sum total of its unique attributes keeps it the first pick for mechanical harvesting.



**PLANT WITH AURORA | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: MID JUNE**

**228-8391 15-30 cm (6-12") 3/4" pot**

**\$23.95**

### BOREAL BLIZZARD

The eagerly anticipated new Blizzard is now available. It boasts the largest, meatiest berry to come out of the U of SK program to date. Boreal Blizzard also has excellent flavour, most similar to Aurora to which it is closely related, however both blooming and ripening times are somewhat later.



**PLANT WITH BEAST OR BEAUTY | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: EARLY JULY**

**228-2391 15-30 cm (6-12") 3/4" pot**  
**228-2392 30-45 cm (12-18") 4" pot**

**\$23.95**  
**\$27.95**

### BOREAL BEAST

Here is the newest development from the University of Saskatchewan program. With a long bloom period that starts when Boreal Blizzard starts, and ends when Boreal Beauty ends, the new Beast is the best pollination companion for either of them. It can also be paired with Aurora. Boreal Beast has excellent flavour and firmness with slightly smaller berries than Beauty and although it ripens a bit earlier, the fruit will hold onto the bushes longer. This allows the two to be harvested together or even planted in the same row. Both Beauty and the Beast have very vigorous, sturdy bushes which can reach 2m (6-7') in height and width. Boreal Beast fills an important spot in the late lineup for both commercial and backyard growers.



Courtesy of Select Seedlings

**PLANT WITH OTHER LATE VARIETIES | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: MID JULY**

**228-2192 30-45 cm (12-18") 4" pot**

**\$27.95**

### BOREAL BEAUTY

The 'Beauty' of this delicious new variety is that it can extend your haskap season by several weeks. Big, burly berries are very firm and almost as heavy as the Blizzards. The bushes are strong, upright growers, showing no signs of mildew and are extremely productive.



**PLANT WITH BEAST OR BLIZZARD | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**228-2291 15-30 cm (6-12") 3/4" pot**

**\$23.95**

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# Strawberries

*(Fragaria x ananassa)*

Strawberries are tied with haskaps in first place for the earliest fruit of the season. They are the easiest fruiting ground cover to grow, providing you have a sunny, well drained spot. Containers and raised beds are good alternatives, but most are planted 45-60 cm (18-24") apart in a row. By the following year the spaces will be filled in with baby plants from the above ground runners that the originals have sent out. Strawberries come in two main types.

**JUNE-BEARING** varieties. After being planted in the spring they will send out lots of runners. The following year they should produce a large crop of berries over several weeks time. You can keep your patch productive for a number of years if you renovate it after harvest is done. This means removing the old plants and clipping off the others.

**DAY-NEUTRAL** varieties. These will start producing in the year you plant them. You will get a moderate but continuous supply of berries during the summer and on into the fall. Day-neutral plants form fewer runners. Day-neutrals are usually replaced after two years.

## June-Bearing Strawberries

### AAC AUDREY (K13-11)

Start the strawberry season right with awesome Audrey! Field trials consistently show this new, early variety from Kentville, NS coming up with the highest yields. Firm, shiny, attractive berries are flavourful and sweet. In fact, AAC Audrey looks like an all-around winner—large, uniform fruit, impressive productivity and healthy vigorous plants.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID JUNE**

<b>273-0381</b>	bare root plant	<b>\$2.95 Each</b>
	bundle of 25	<b>\$30.00</b>
	100 plants or more	<b>\$70.00 / 100</b>

### AAC EVELYN (K13-19)

Elevate your strawberry game with Evelyn. Another exciting new introduction from Kentville, NS, named after a granddaughter of retired research scientist, Dr. Andrew Jamieson. Team up Evelyn with Audrey to extend your season and enhance your chance of having berries to your heart's content. Firm, glossy, supersize fruit with an elongated shape is Evelyn's trademark. That and the exceptional, aromatic flavour. Ongoing field trials would indicate a bright future for this new multi-purpose, mid-season star.



Courtesy of Production Lareault Inc.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID JUNE**

<b>273-1481</b>	bare root plant	<b>\$2.95 Each</b>
	bundle of 25	<b>\$30.00</b>
	100 plants or more	<b>\$70.00 / 100</b>

### LAUREL (K93-20)

Cavendish has long had a loyal following of local gardeners as well as commercial growers. Now Laurel is poised to pick up the torch as an improved Cavendish for mid-season production. Deep red, generous sized berries have the colour, quality and flavour for fresh markets and better firmness for freezing. Laurel also has improved uniformity, holding its size well through multiple pickings. Vigorous growth, good runnering and last but not least—improved resistance to red stele, verticillium wilt and black root rot.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE JUNE**

<b>273-2881</b>	bare root plant	<b>\$2.95 Each</b>
	bundle of 25	<b>\$30.00</b>
	100 plants or more	<b>\$70.00 / 100</b>

## Day-Neutral Strawberries

### CHARLOTTE

This hardy, everbearing French variety has firm, blood-red, heart-shaped berries with good shelf life. For the most part the exquisite, candy-sweet flavour and delightful fragrance can be attributed to its Mara des Bois parentage, but Charlotte boasts larger berry size and higher yields. The vigorous plants need very little fertilization and are resistant to spider mites and powdery mildew.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY-SEPT**

<b>273-1181</b>	bare root plant	<b>\$2.95 Each</b>
	bundle of 25	<b>\$35.00</b>
	100 plants or more	<b>\$80.00 / 100</b>

### SEASCAPE

Seascape is known as the standard day-neutral (everbearing) strawberry, especially in cooler climate regions. Nothing particularly earth-shattering or glamorous, just strong, dependable performance. Many commercial growers include Seascape in their lineup, knowing that they can count on solid yields of firm, good-sized berries with colour and taste that sells. Day-neutrals such as Seascape also work well at the opposite end of the spectrum - city dwellers doing container gardening. Imagine freshly picked berries throughout late summer and fall.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY-SEPT.**

<b>273-7181</b>	bare root plant	<b>\$2.95 Each</b>
	bundle of 25	<b>\$35.00</b>
	100 plants or more	<b>\$80.00 / 100</b>

### INOVA-ROSA

A new speciality everbearer with spectacular, rosy pink flowering from mid-summer on into the fall. This provides you with a continuous flow of fresh, firm, dark red berries of average size and outstanding "wild strawberry" flavour. Inova-Rosa has vigorous growth and sustained runnering. Ideal for rock gardens or hanging baskets.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY-SEPT**

<b>273-2181</b>	bare root plant	<b>\$2.95 Each</b>
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**NOTE:** The performance of individual strawberry varieties can really vary from one location another, so we encourage customers to plant several varieties side by side. No other data is as helpful and applicable as your comparisons at your own site.

# Raspberries (*Rubus idaeus*)

Raspberry canes belong to a plant family known as 'brambles'. The flavourful, thimble-shaped berries are very nutritious and come in an interesting array of colours. Quite easy to grow, but highly perishable, they are one of the most expensive fruits to buy. So, the best way to have an abundance of raspberries is to grow them yourself!

## Red Raspberries (Summer Bearing) —

Summer bearing (floricane) varieties produce fruit on second-year canes which are usually pruned out after summer harvest.

### PRELUDE

Can't wait for fresh raspberries? Prelude is the very earliest variety. A recent release from Cornell, it gets high marks on fruit quality, flavour, hardiness and disease resistance. Prelude also gives you a moderate primocane berry crop in late fall.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JUNE**

**265-3882** 2 year old canes **\$8.95 Each**  
bundle of 25 canes **\$115.00**



### SK RED BOUNTY

This new selection from the University of Saskatchewan is a worthy successor to good old Boyne. It is actually superior in both yield and flavour with firm, medium-large berries for the early-mid season market. Red Bounty is our most winter hardy raspberry.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID JULY**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

### AAC EDEN

The most exciting new raspberry variety to come along in quite some time, Eden looks extremely promising right across the board! Massive berries which are firm and easy to pick, have excellent flavour, superior shelf life, good winter hardiness and last but not least, the canes are practically thornless. A real winner for both commercial and home garden settings.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: MID JULY**

**265-1082** 2 year old canes **\$8.95 Each**  
bundle of 25 canes **\$115.00**

### RASPBERRY SHORTCAKE® (*Rubus idaeus* 'NR7' PP22,141)

Expand your container garden with this new Bushel and Berry selection. A revolutionary thornless raspberry with a compact nature and a rounded growth habit, Raspberry Shortcake® makes it possible for even apartment dwellers to pick some homegrown fruit! No staking is needed, as this carefree plant only reaches 60-90cm (2-3') in height. Sweet, nutritious, mid-sized red berries with an enticing vanilla-tinged flavour are rewarding for any age of aspiring gardener.



Courtesy of Bakker Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID JULY**

**265-4483** 2 gallon pot **\$45.95**

## Red Raspberries (Fall Bearing) —

Fall bearing (primocane) varieties produce fruit on first year canes and are usually mowed in the spring to produce a large fall crop.

### PATHFINDER

An early extra hardy everbearing type for colder locations, it has been described as having a sweet, unusual, 'wild woody' flavour. Firm, medium-sized berries are borne on sturdy 1.2 meter (4') canes that require no staking. Moderate yields but great disease resistance.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: AUG.**

**265-8082** 2 year old canes **\$8.95 Each**  
bundle of 25 canes **\$115.00**

### JOAN J

Excellent flavour along with outstanding yields from completely thornless canes makes Joan J very popular among commercial growers and home gardeners alike. Large, firm, deep red berries are easy and painless to pick. Under ideal conditions Joan J is tough to beat, but intense heat or drought can get this girl down. Mulch and water well, consider a site with some afternoon shade.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.-EARLY SEPT.**

**265-6382** 2 year old canes **\$8.95 Each**  
bundle of 25 canes **\$115.00**

### HIMBO-TOP®

Himbo-Top® offers extremely large, bright red fruit ripening just after Joan J. This is a variety that seems to excel when the going gets rough. With superior root rot resistance, it can handle heavier or poorly drained sites better than most. It is also noted for vibrant vigour, sending up an exorbitant amount of shoots. Organic growers, in particular, are fond of this willing workhorse.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

**265-6182** 2 year old canes **\$8.95 Each**  
bundle of 25 canes **\$115.00**

## Yellow Raspberries (Summer Bearing) —

### HONEY QUEEN

This golden-yellow, gourmet quality berry was developed in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta by Robert Erskin, so hardiness is a given. Large fruit with exquisite honey flavour is a fresh eating favourite. Although all raspberries prefer sunny sites, Honey Queen is your best option for planting in shady areas. Tying up or trellising is recommended to support the long canes.



Courtesy of Select Seedling Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: EARLY JULY**  
**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

## Yellow Raspberries (Fall Bearing) —

### ANNE

Widely known as the best yellow variety, Anne is an early ripening, fall-bearing raspberry. Very large, firm, lemon-yellow berries have exceptional sweet flavour with delicious banana overtones. Tall upright plants sucker sparsely requiring higher planting density.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.-SEPT.**

**266-5082** 2 year old canes  
bundle of 25 canes

**\$10.95 Each**  
**\$140.00**

## Purple Raspberries (Summer Bearing) —

Purple raspberries are hybrid crosses of black and red raspberries. Both in fruit flavour and plant habits they show more of the 'black' influence.

### ROYALTY

Late, summer bearing selection is considered the best purple berry for fresh eating. Very large, firm berries can be picked when red, but will develop sweeter, more intense flavour when fully ripe at the royal purple stage. This disease resistant red x black raspberry cross is also ideal for jam, jelly and freezing. Royalty is vigorous and productive with a suckering growth habit similar to its red cousins, although somewhat less rampant.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID-LATE JULY**

**266-4582** 2 year old canes  
bundle of 25 canes

**\$8.95 Each**  
**\$120.00**

### AMETHYST

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY-LATE AUG.**  
**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

## Planting Tip



Raspberry canes **MUST** be kept moist until they are in the ground. In fact, we believe that the main reason that canes fail to grow is from the root hairs becoming dry at some point in the planting process.

We suggest using **Soil Moist** root dip (see **page 111**). Soak the roots for 1-2 hours just before planting. From our own experience it is highly effective. It is also recommended for other plants – blackberries, strawberries, etc.

## Black Raspberries (Summer Bearing) — (*Rubus occidentalis*)

Black raspberries contain 11% higher levels of antioxidants than blueberries, and 40% more than strawberries. Enjoy their exquisite flavour, either fresh or processed.

### JEWEL

Perhaps the most common of black raspberry varieties and also considered the most disease resistant. Large to very large, firm, glossy black berries have fine, rich raspberry flavour. Vigorous and very productive canes have good cold hardiness. Some growers are getting impressive yields by tying Jewel's long trailing canes to horizontal wires, similar to blackberries or grapevines.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID JULY**

**266-1091** tissue culture plugs

**\$10.95**

### PEQUOT LAKES

Developed by Jim Fruth of Pequot Lakes, Minnesota, it ranks right up there with the very hardest raspberries. Large, flavourful, juicy berries ripen over a three week period in July.



Courtesy of Hartmann's Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**266-2782** 9 cm (3¼") pot

**\$11.95**

### SHEKINAH TAHI **NEW**

A real wonder from down under! The first completely thornless black raspberry, Shekinah Tahī was developed by Shekinah Berry in Auckland, New Zealand, and subsequently trialed in Massachusetts too. In the Maori language, 'Tahi' means 'number one'. Very fitting in more ways than one as Tahī consistently produces the heaviest black raspberries, sometimes surpassing 4.5 grams. Deep black berries are moderately firm and mildly sweet. They are tightly clustered on the lateral tips of Tahī's smooth canes. These canes are more vigorous and upright growing than most black raspberries, making it possible to prune and train similar to red raspberries. The distinctive foliage has an exquisite frosty appearance which has already attracted attention from the cut flower bouquet sector.



Courtesy of Nourse Farms

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: EARLY-MID JULY**

**266-3091** tissue culture plugs

**\$11.95**

## Pruning Tip



Tipping or tip pruning is highly recommended for black and purple raspberry canes. As the primocanes (first year canes) reach 90-120 cm (3-4'), pinch or cut 8-15 cm (3-6") off the tips to force branches to develop. Tipping will delay, but prolong, the harvest, increase yield and reduce arching of the canes and tip rooting. Pruning later in the season decreases the amount of time the plant will have to develop the branches. Not pruning the primocanes will allow earlier ripening than the tip-pruning option, however the canes will become tall and arching, and will develop fewer berries.

# Blackberries

*(Rubus fruticosus)*

Although wild blackberries are common they tend to be small and seedy. Of the numerous cultivated varieties that have been developed, only a few will tolerate our Canadian winters. All blackberries adore intense sun, heat and humidity, so even though we offer the hardiest varieties, they desire a sunny site and will benefit from winter protection.

Another thing to consider—the blackberry plant itself is actually a medicinal herb. The leaves and even the roots have proven to be very beneficial for treating a host of human ailments.

## BALSOR HARDY BLACK

The Balsor family in Kings, Nova Scotia, have been cultivating this variety for most of a century. Bob Osborne says it is the only blackberry which is completely hardy in their New Brunswick climate. Mid-sized berries are firm, savoury and sweet, ripening over an extended time period. Vigorous, productive, and very thorny.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**  
**205-0382 10 cm (4") pot**

**\$15.95**

## Thornless Blackberries

### TRIPLE CROWN

Named for excelling in three categories - flavour, productivity, and vigour. Very large berries with superb flavour are borne on rugged thornless canes which can reach up to 4.5 m (15 ft) long. Give it a trellis against a south facing wall. Ripens a week before Chester.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 5 | HARVEST: EARLY AUG.**  
**205-4682 10 cm (4") pot**

**\$17.95**

### CHESTER

Considered to be one of the most winter hardy and productive thornless varieties available, Chester produces large, very sweet, high quality berries with great flavour. Excellent for fresh use, jams, jellies, and baking. The vigorous semi-trailing plant can grow canes up to 3.5 meters (12') long so it benefits from trellising. Shows good resistance to cane blight.



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID AUG.**  
**205-0781 1 year old canes**

**\$13.95**

### PRIME ARK® FREEDOM

The world's first thornless primocane-fruiting blackberry! Prime Ark® Freedom is a new introduction from the University of Arkansas. Freedom's huge early-ripening berries with their exceptionally rich flavour make it the ideal choice for the home gardener. It also shows unrivaled commercial potential for local markets including pick-your-own settings. If you have ever considered growing berries in a high tunnel you won't want to miss this one.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: MID-LATE SEPT.**  
**205-3191 tissue culture plugs**

**\$11.95**

### BABY CAKES®

**(Rubus x 'APF-236T' PP27,032)**

Expand your container garden with this new Bushel and Berry selection. Baby Cakes® is a dwarf, thornless blackberry perfect for planting in patio containers. The bright white blossoms of spring are followed by luscious displays of ripening berries later in the summer. Pop some large, sweet fruit with classic blackberry flavour into your mouth on your way by. The plant has a somewhat round shape with upright growth reaching 1m (3-4') in height. In a hot summer, Baby Cakes® will also produce a primocane crop in late fall.



Courtesy of Bakker Nursery

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**  
**205-0283 2 gallon pot**

**\$45.95**

### NATCHEZ NEW

This hardy, high-yielding Arkansas introduction is the earliest thornless variety to ripen. Then you can keep picking sweet, flavourful blackberries for over a month. The large, attractive fruit is firm enough for commercial shipping. A great home gardening choice too. Disease resistant, semi-erect canes can benefit from some support.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE JULY**

**205-1991 tissue culture plugs**

**\$11.95**



Courtesy Nourse Farms

## Healthy Tip



Before leaving the raspberries behind, let's briefly focus on their leaves. They are such a powerful tonic, you should grow some canes for this reason alone. Tea made with raspberry leaves (fresh or dried) is a potent elixir for all sorts of ailments. Do a bit of research or ask any qualified herbalist.

## More Raspberry Relatives

### THIMBLEBERRY

**(Rubus parviflorus)**

For a special treat try this unique native American cousin to the common raspberry. The sweet, bright red berry's aroma and intense flavour is akin to wild raspberries. In size and shape they resemble - you guessed it! - a thimble. Thimbleberries are floricate, in early spring a profusion of white flowers appear on the second year canes. The fruit grows on these long thornless canes which can reach up to 2m (6'), with foliage that resembles large, soft maple leaves. The ripening window is only about a week, so enjoy them fresh, and freeze the rest. Thimbleberry marmalade is also a renowned delicacy in some locales.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: EARLY AUG.**

**266-9181 6 cm (2½") pot**

**\$8.95**

## Fruiting Groundcovers

Fruiting ground covers are another great example of 'value-added landscaping.' Those nooks and crannies have the potential of adding to the amazing diversity of nutritious food you can grow at home.

Unless your soil is naturally very acidic, your ground cover plants will benefit greatly from annual applications of **Blueberry Booster** (see [page 113](#)).

## Lingonberries (*Vaccinium vitis-idaea majus*)

Here's another plant that we here in North America are just beginning to appreciate. Scandinavians, on the other hand, have been harvesting these highly nutritious berries by the tonne for many centuries. With bright red, pea-sized fruits against a backdrop of lush, glossy green leaves, they also make a feast for the eyes. An added bonus is that the leaves retain their rich green colour all winter long. Lingonberries make superb jam especially when combined with rosehips. The ones that didn't get eaten fresh are just the ticket in meat stews, sauces, juices, and wine.



Courtesy of Robert Kirby

These plants require very well drained, acidic soil, even more so than most blueberries. In fact, with regular watering they do well in pure peat moss. Because lingonberries hail from northern regions, they do best in partial shade in warmer zones. Inter-plant with low-bush blueberries for a truly impressive ground cover.

### RED SUNSET

Selected by Dan Hartmann of Michigan, Red Sunset is proving to be one of the most vigorous and productive varieties with impressive yields of large, firm, flavourful berries. Plant height is approximately 30cm (12") at maturity.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: AFTER LIGHT FROST**

**248-6282 1 gallon pot (smaller plant)**

**\$22.95**

### RED CANDY

A newer variety from the Netherlands with a name that practically guarantees that it will sell, Red Candy is early flowering and compact, producing copious crops of bright red berries. Although the fruit ripens in early fall, it remains slightly bitter until hit by a few frosts. Lingonberries can remain hanging on the bush in good condition and edible all winter long.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 2/3 | HARVEST: AFTER LIGHT FROST**

**248-5883 2 gallon pot**

**\$35.95**

## Arctic Raspberries (*Rubus arcticus* L subsp. x *stellarcticus*)

These super-hardy Swedish selections are possibly the most uncommon members of the whole Raspberry clan. The low-growing, thornless plants spread by root rhizomes, forming a thick mat of bright green trifoliate leaves, no more than 15cm (6") tall. By late spring the carpet is adorned with small, pinkish blossoms followed by dainty, delicious and aromatic red raspberries in mid summer. The fall foliage is a feast for the eyes with shades of crimson and burgundy. In early spring the plants bounce back from the roots.

We offer several of Dr. Gunny Larssen's favourites, selected on the basis of plant vigour as well as fruit quality, quantity, and flavour. Although practically identical, two varieties are needed for pollination.

Plant 30-60cm (1-2') apart in a well-drained, sunny spot.

### ANNA

**PLANT WITH VALENTINA | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: LATE JULY-AUG.**

**266-8181 2 1/2" pot**

**\$6.95**



Courtesy of Hartmann's Plant Company

### VALENTINA

**PLANT WITH ANNA | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: LATE JULY-AUG.**

**266-8881 2 1/2" pot**

**\$6.95**



Courtesy of Hartmann's Plant Company

## Wintergreen (*Gaultheria procumbens*)

Wintergreen (as the name implies) is an attractive evergreen groundcover with bright green foliage that is lustrous, leathery, and aromatic all winter long. It requires the same acidic soil conditions as blueberries do. An ideal site for wintergreen is beneath evergreen trees, as it will thrive in full or part shade. The dainty, white, bell-shaped flowers of early summer are followed by edible berries which can hang on the plant all winter. The leaves are often used for flavouring. They can also be brewed for tea which is beneficial in cases of rheumatism, inflammation, and headaches. As a bonus, Wintergreen plants are both deer and rabbit resistant.

## CHERRY BERRIES

(*Gaultheria procumbens* 'Gaulsidh5')

Cherry Berries was selected for its extra large glossy red berries. Mature size is 15-20cm (6-8") high with a spread of 25-30cm (10-12").

SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.

279-2282 1 gallon pot

\$26.95

## WINTER FIESTA

(*Gaultheria procumbens* 'Hokutotakaji-001')

Winter Fiesta is a unique new variety distinguished by its large, pearly white berries. In late fall the berries turn pink and the foliage becomes a deep burgundy for a really attractive ground cover. Mature size is 25-30cm (10-12") tall with a spread of 30-45cm (12-18").

SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.

279-7282 1 gallon pot

\$26.95



## Other Groundcover Options

### RUBY CARPET

**Lowbush Blueberry**

Named for its breathtaking autumn foliage—a deep, almost fluorescent red.

SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID JULY

Check out page 86 for full details



### BRUNSWICK

**Lowbush Blueberry**

Dense, dependable groundcover, also works well in containers.

SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID JULY

Check out page 86 for full details



### GROUND HUG™

(*Aronia melanocarpa* 'UCONNAM012')

Tough and dependable, this one even works in poorly drained sites.

SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: SEPT.

Check out page 94 for full details



Courtesy of Spring Meadow

### ELFIN CREEPING THYME

(*Thymus praecox* 'Elfin')

A low growing, living mat with culinary uses.

ZONE 3

Check out page 100 for full details



## Superfruits

Research continues to reinforce the fact that fruits contain a multitude of beneficial nutrients and should be a prominent part of the human diet. Although practically all fruits are good for your health, we have singled out the real superstars for special recognition. The best defense strategy for dealing with the flu and other viruses is to fortify your immunity. Grow your own guardians!

## Gojis (*Lycium*)

Also known as 'Wolfberry' or 'Matrimony Vine'. Native to Tibet, this 'superfood' can grow in almost any soil type,



even depleted soils as long as it is well drained. The fruit is most commonly dried, tasting like tart raisins, but they can also be eaten raw or added to soups and stews. The young leaves and shoots are popular in Cantonese stir-fries. In China it is sometimes referred to as the 'plant of eternal life' and in all fairness it does have amazing medicinal properties. The berries are packed with essential amino acids, vitamins and minerals which makes a potent elixir highly regarded as an immune system booster. Other claims include: improved vision, increased white blood cell counts, better liver function and stronger muscles and bones.

### PHOENIX TEARS (*Lycium barbarum*)

This fruiting shrub just keeps giving and giving! Small, light purple flowers start turning up on the arching branches in mid summer. By late summer the 2cm (3/4") long, crimson orange berries begin appearing. Although the jelly bean shaped fruit can remain hanging well after ripening, ideally they get picked once a week or so. You can keep doing this for several months if you wish. Phoenix Tears is a superior goji strain selected for hardiness, heavy production, and high nutritional value. The bush has a rounded form that matures at 120-150cm (4-5') high and wide. It does not insist on any maintenance or special treatment.

SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.

220-5081 3" pot

\$21.95



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

# Aronia Berries

*(Aronia melanocarpa)*

Native to North America, the Aronia berry (*Aronia melanocarpa*) is a tough, disease resistant shrub that boasts masses of white flowers in the spring, spectacular red leaves in the fall and bunches of small black berries that hang well into the winter. The berries are packed with antioxidants making it one of the best 'super fruits' with 58% more antioxidant content than blueberries and 90% more than cranberries. The fruit can be used to make jam, juice, wine and tea. Aronia berries are incredibly easy to grow in almost any condition.

If you're looking for a crop to grow commercially, this one warrants a second look. Do a bit of research and you will notice how demand is building up from ingredient companies for use in power bars and other healthy snack foods.

## VIKING

Commercial growers favour Viking for its high yields and consistent berry size. The flavour packed berries tend to be nearly twice the size of seedling Aronias. Viking is also one of your best options for planting sites with less than ideal drainage. Aronias can thrive in damp locations. The bush grows to about 2.5 m (8') in height.



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.**

**201-8082 30-45 cm (12-18") plant**

**\$25.95**

## GROUND HUG™

**(Aronia melanocarpa 'UCONNAM012')**

A new Proven Winners® introduction, developed by Dr. Mark Brand at the University of Connecticut. To reconfigure this tough, adaptable, superfruit plant into a groundcover format is nothing short of amazing! But here it is. Ground Hug™ forms a thick, dense mat of glossy foliage, making it ideal for harsh, exposed slopes or difficult industrial spaces. In addition you still get the spring floral display, the intense red-orange fall foliage and best of all, the high powered, purple-black berries. Grows approx. 20-35 cm (8-14") tall and 60-90 cm (2-3') wide.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: SEPT.-OCT.**

**201-3282 30-45 cm (12-18") plant**

**\$26.95**



Courtesy of Spring Meadow Nursery

# Elderberries (*Sambucus*)

Here is a plant that is finally getting the attention it deserves. It was designated as 'Herb of the Year' for 2013, but has been used medicinally for hundreds of years! Because this single plant has so many uses, it has been referred to by herbalists as 'Nature's Medicine Chest' and the 'Countryman's Apothecary'. Numerous new scientific studies are now verifying the benefits that previous generations have observed. Not only is elderberry juice extremely high in antioxidants (14,500 on the ORAC scale, compared with blackberries at 5347 or sweet cherries at 3365) the particular antioxidants found in elderberries have a proven antiviral effect. If your space is limited, this is the one plant we don't want you to be without! Fortunately it is also the easiest one to grow organically.

Although the humble elderberry is generally not considered a fresh eating fruit, it has multiple medicinal uses (both the flowers and the fruit) as well as baking, preserving and processing.



## University of Missouri Introductions — (*Sambucus canadensis*)

### BOB GORDON

Introducing the new star performer! The enormous fruiting clusters with berries up to 1/4" invert downwards more than other varieties protecting the berries from birds. Extremely productive, with yields nearly triple that of older varieties! Berries are sweeter than most which makes it perfect for pies, jelly and wine. Vigorous shrubs grow to 10' tall with all blooms at once so it ripens for two pickings.



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

**216-1082 45-60 cm (18-24") plant**

**\$26.95**

**216-1083 60-90 cm (24-36") plant**

**\$31.95**

### RANCH

Although all elderberry plants are hardy and adaptable, this Missouri selection seems to be the best choice for harsh, unforgiving sites with poor or depleted soil. Ranch is not as bushy as most other varieties but is quite stocky and upright with fruit clusters hanging from the middle to the top of the stem. Mature height 1.5-1.8m (5-6').



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE AUG.**

**216-5581 30-45 cm (12-18") plant**

**\$21.95**

**216-5582 45-60 cm (18-24") plant**

**\$26.95**

## MARGE

### (Sambucus nigra x S. canadensis)

Commercial growers everywhere are starting to extol the virtues of this new introduction named after Marge Millican of Wyldewood Cellars Winery in Mulvane, Kansas. It seems to combine the best of both worlds with better adaptability and hardiness than the Europeans as well as higher levels of immune boosting anthocyanins than the North Americans. The heavy producing bush is extremely vigorous, yet relatively compact. It is non-suckering with an upright growth pattern and proven resistance to mites and leaf blight. Last but not least, Marge is completely self-fertile. In short, a real winner!



**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 4 | HARVEST: MID SEPT.**

**216-3282 45-60 cm (18-24") plant \$26.95**  
**216-3283 60-90 cm (24-36") plant \$31.95**

## Top Picks From Europe

(Sambucus nigra)

## HASCHBERG

The leading commercial variety in Germany and Austria, Haschberg effectively combines the flavour and medicinal qualities of the wild European black elder with larger fruit and high production. Large clusters of deep blue-black berries grow on vigorous bushes which can reach 3m (10') or so at maturity. Creamy, white flowers have anti-inflammatory properties and can be battered or fried and eaten as a vegetable.



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: SEPT**

**216-1982 1 gallon pot \$26.95**

## KORSOR

This top producing, commercial variety from Denmark is recognized for exceptional nutraceutical (medicinal) qualities and immune-boosting properties. Masses of juicy bluish black berries are processed for juice and wine as well as baking and preserves. At 2.5-3m (8-10') tall Korsor is one of the most compact European elders and also makes a fine ornamental shrub.

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: SEPT**

**216-2782 1 gallon pot \$26.95**



## Pruning Tip



S. canadensis (North American) elder plants grow fruit on new, first year's growth, as well as on older wood. Some commercial growers cut them down to the ground every fall for quick, easy pruning. This should not be done on S. nigra (European) varieties, including Marge, as these bear their fruit on the second year's growth of wood. However, all elders can also be pruned by just removing some of the oldest branches every year after the plants are mature.

# Schisandra Vine

(Schisandra chinensis)

Also known as 'Magnolia Vine', this exotic superberry is native to northeastern China and parts of Russia. The Chinese name 'Wu Wei Zu' mean 'Five Flavoured Berry' referring to its feat of being sweet, sour, salty, bitter and pungent all at the same time. Although it is sometimes eaten fresh, Schisandra berries are more often dried and used in medicinal extracts. Despite being extensively used in China for well over two centuries, it is just now becoming known in North America. Study after study have validated the wide ranging claims of its adaptogenic, anti-aging and immune-boosting properties so that Schisandra is now rightfully considered one of the most highly protective of all medicinal plants.



## EASTERN PRINCE™

Although most schisandras need both male and female plant, this unique selection from the Vavilav Institute at Valdivostock, Russia, is actually self-fertile. A beautiful hardy plant, it resembles a grape vine but has finer foliage and can grow up to 2.5m (8ft) wide. Delicate, snow-white blossoms similar to magnolias bedeck the vines in spring turning into strands of crimson berries by October. A mature plant can yield up to 9kg (20lbs) of these valuable, potent berries. The leaves can also be dried for a stimulating tea.

**SELF-FERTILE | ZONE 3/4 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

**269-6982 2 year old plant \$35.95**



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# Sea Buckthorn

*(Hippophae rhamnoides)*

This attractive, thorny shrub with fine, silvery green foliage is an esteemed member of two elite plant groups—a superfruit and a nitrogen fixer.



Sea Buckthorn is native to central Asia. Reaching as far as western China and also Europe in the Baltic region. Legends abound attesting to the healing and nutritional properties of this unique plant. Supposedly Genghis Khan's troops fed sea buckthorn to their war horses. Incidentally, the Latin plant name 'Hippophae' translates to 'shiny horse'.

In more recent times it was the Russians who first began researching and developing it. By the 1980's, the Soviet space program featured sea buckthorn on the cosmonaut's diet and used it as a skin cream to protect against possible radiation. Later, after the infamous Chernobyl incident, it was the sea buckthorn products that proved to be most effective in treating the numerous victims of the nuclear fallout. Eventually it was introduced to North America and is finally gaining recognition. Over 200 research studies have been conducted, ranging from weight management, to skin care, to metabolic functions.

The bright orange berries are indeed a "superfood" with extremely high vitamin C content as well as Vitamin A, D, and E. The oil contained in the fruit is rich in essential fatty acids, flavonoids, Omega 3, 6, and 9 as well as the rare and revered Omega-7. Even the leaves are used to make a lovely nutritional herbal tea.

When choosing a site for these tough drought resistant plants, the only requirements are good drainage and full sun exposure. They can thrive in poor depleted soils and even shrug off salt spray. But since they cannot tolerate shade, fears of the plant becoming invasive are, in most cases, unwarranted. Sea Buckthorn are dioecious, meaning that you need a non-bearing male plant to pollinize the female plants.

## SEEDLING SEA BUCKTHORN

Unsexed seedlings are best used as a hedge where fruit is less important. If planting 10 or more you are almost certain to have both male and female plants. Makes an attractive yet virtually impenetrable hedge. Sea buckthorn is also useful for preventing erosion on steep slopes, or for soil remediation. In some areas of Quebec they have been planted along highways to absorb any heavy metals and pollutants before they get into waterways.



**PLANT SEVERAL | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: AUG.-SEPT.**

**271-5053 60-90 cm (24-36") plant**  
Qty of 10+

**\$21.95**  
**\$16.95 each**

## Sea Buckthorn Varieties

### ORANGE ENERGY® (FEMALE) (Habego cv.)

Orange Energy® is a popular patented German variety developed by H.J. Albrecht in Berlin. It is noted for eye-popping yields of bright orange, intensely flavoured, vitamin-rich berries. By September, when the fruit starts ripening, the whole plant appears to be orange and bowed down. Plant height at maturity is around 2.4m (8') tall.



**PLANT WITH LORD | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: EARLY SEPT.**

**271-4982 45-60 cm (18-24")**

**\$29.95**

### SUNNY (FEMALE) (Solnechnaya cv.)

Sunny is considered the best berry for juice with a sweet, lightly acidic flavour and smooth, less fibrous texture. The large golden-yellow fruit of this popular Siberian variety ripen over a 2-3 week period. The highly-productive bush is very resistant to infections, has few thorns, and grows to approx 2m (6-8') at maturity.



**PLANT WITH LORD | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID-AUG.**

**271-6183 60-90 cm (24-36")**

**\$35.95**

### TITAN™ (FEMALE) (Trofimovskaya cv.)

Titan™ features enormous (by sea buckthorn standards) orange berries the size of a large pea or a mid-sized blueberry. Being easier to harvest and less tart than most selections makes this Russian variety from Belarus highly sought after. Titan™ has shown consistently superior yields and greater sugar content in side by side field trials comprised of numerous varieties. Vigorous bush with an upright growth habit matures at 3-3½m (10-12').

**PLANT WITH LORD | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: MID-AUG.**

**271-7782 45-60 cm (18-24") plant**

**\$29.95**



### LORD (MALE)

An attractive ornamental shrub with beautiful foliage and large copper coloured flower buds. The male does not bear fruit, but it is needed to pollinize the female plants. One male plant is needed for every 5-9 females. It should be located within 20m (70') of the female plants for effective pollen transfer.



Courtesy of Select Seedling Nursery

**ZONE 3**

**271-4582 45-60 cm (18-24")**

**\$29.95**

**271-4583 60-90 cm (24-36")**

**\$34.95**

# Nitrogen Fixing Plants

Nitrogen is a vital nutrient for plant growth and although about 78% of the earth's atmosphere is nitrogen, most plants cannot utilise this. The majority of nitrogen is provided in the form of industrially produced fertilizers. Nitrogen fixing plants, on the other hand, are hugely beneficial in any ecosystem because they have the ability to transform nitrogen from the air into the soil.

When their leaves fall and their roots die, the excess nitrogen is released back into the soil where it is picked up by other plants in the area and utilized for their own growth. The plants are also capable of growing in poor soils and improving them through their nitrogen fixation.

In this way various trees and plants growing next to each other (including the nitrogen fixers playing their unique role), can thrive in harmony. This benefits the plants themselves, but also the soil, microbes, insects and animals, and last but not least- us humans. PERMACULTURE is a fairly new term applied to this really old concept.

# Autumn Olives (*Eleagnus umbellata*)

Autumn olive (*eleagnus umbellata*) also known as autumn silverberry, is a wide spreading shrub that can grow up to 5 meters (16') tall. It is not related to the olive but has similar looking grey-green leaves.

The pea-sized red berries ripen in late September and are loaded with the antioxidant lycopene which is reported to help protect against prostate and other cancers. With lycopene levels 17 times higher than tomatoes, these berries make very healthy drinks or preserves.

Autumn olive bushes are somewhat related to Goumi bushes and boast the same nitrogen fixing abilities. They are hardy and vigorous and will thrive almost anywhere. In fact, they may be best suited to less fertile sites as they tend to prosper with such exuberance that they can crowd out less vigorous plants.

In some localities autumn olives are shunned as an invasive species, while in others they are highly valued for their benefits.



## RUBY™

A rounded shrub with attractive silvery foliage, it is especially enchanting when swathed in a pale cream-colored mist of spring blossoms which beckon the bees with their enticing aroma. By late summer a profusion of ruby-red berries cover the carefree bush. Ruby™ was selected for its larger and sweeter fruit. Mature height 3.2-4.5m (10-14'). Works well in hedge rows or windbreaks.



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

**202-6082 60-90 cm (24-36") plant**

**\$29.95**

## AMBER™

An interesting variation on the Autumn Olive theme with similar-sized shrub and fruit. In the spring this unique Japanese variety is covered with fragrant, white blossoms, which are followed in late summer by large golden berries.



Courtesy of Northwoods Nursery, Inc.

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 3 | HARVEST: LATE SEPT.**

**202-0182 60-90 cm (24-36") plant**

**\$29.95**

# Goumi's (*Eleagnus multiflora*)

The most compact, desirable and hard-to-find member of the nitrogen-fixing eleagnus family. Goumi bushes (also known as Gumi or cherry silverberry) are usually only 3m (6') high and wide at maturity. The slender leaves are dark green on the upper side and silvery below which creates a shimmering effect when a light breeze stirs the foliage. In late spring the bush is covered in a fragrant haze of small yellow flowers followed by a glossy, cherry-red fruits flecked with silver. They contain a single hard seed and have a sprightly, refreshing flavour.

Although Goumi plants are not easy to propagate, they make a hardy, trouble-free shrub that works well as an understory plant in permaculture settings or as a fruiting hedge. The following cultivars were selected at the Main Botanic Garden in Kiev, Ukraine.

## RED GEM™

In mid-summer, the bush is loaded with tasty scarlet jewels almost the size of a small pie cherry. The juicy sweet/tart berries are excellent for pies, jellies, and sauces as well as for fresh eating. The bush tends to start bearing at 2-3 years old. Fruit ripens in August.



**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 4/5 | HARVEST: LATE SUMMER**

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**

## SWEET SCARLET™

Very productive shrub is similar in growth habits, appearance, and fruit size to Red Gem™. Glossy, crimson berries are oval-shaped and considered slightly sweeter, endearing them to folks and feathered friends who eat them off the bush.



Photo by Whiffletree Nursery

**SEMI-FERTILE\* | ZONE 4/5 | LATE SUMMER**

**222-8683 60-90 cm (24-36")**

**\$36.95**

## Peashrubs (*Caragana*)

### GLOBE CARAGANA (*Caragana frutex* 'Globosa')

Globe Caragana offers the same nitrogen fixing capability as all peashrubs, but in a compact package. This globe shaped shrub matures at 0.9m (2-3') tall and wide. It has dense, dark green foliage and is covered with dainty, yellow flowers in the spring. Globe Caragana makes a tough, drought resistant hedge and also works well as an understory nitrogen fixer in permaculture projects.

**ZONE 2**

274-7582 2 year old plant

\$22.95



### SIBERIAN PEASHRUB (*Caragana arborescens*)

A multi-stemmed upright growing shrub covered with delicate yellow flowers in spring, followed by small edible seedpods which can be eaten as a vegetable. By late summer the dried seedpods snap open, dropping the seeds which are 36% protein and make good chicken feed. So it is sometimes planted in poultry yards. However, the main benefits this super tough and cold hardy plant provides are:



1. As a **nitrogen fixer**, adding nitrogen to the soil wherever its roots grow and its leaves decay, which can benefit neighboring plants.

2. As a **windbreak** or an impenetrable hedge (it is quite thorny). It is maintenance free and will tolerate poor soils, drought and salt as long as the site is reasonably well drained.

Mature size is approximately 4-6 meters (14-20') high and is almost as wide.

**ZONE 2**

274-8453 60-90 cm (24-36") On own root  
Qty of 10+

\$18.95  
\$13.95 Each

### PYGMY PEASHRUB (*Caragana pygmaea*)

Another compact nitrogen fixer with numerous applications. It is slightly more sprawling than the Globe Caragana and every bit as resilient. The tight, thorny shrub works well to create a low impenetrable hedge that can shrug off road salt and tolerate drought with its dense, fine-textured foliage, it is actually quite attractive, especially in early summer when the small, bright yellow flowers appear. Mature size 100 cm (3') high x 120 cm (4') wide.



**ZONE 2**

274-7182 2 year old plant

\$19.95

## Buffaloberry (*Shepherdia*)

### SILVER BUFFALOBERRY (*Shepherdia argentea*)

Another native plant with nitrogen fixing compatibilities is the Silver Buffaloberry. This attractive, thicket forming shrub has silver-gray foliage and small yellow flowers, which turn into bright red berries. The American Indians had various uses for the fruit, both culinary and medicinal. In the early 1800's the famous Lewis and Clark expedition through the American west kept extensive notes of many native plants they encountered. Of the Silver Buffaloberry they wrote "it is a pleasant berry to eat, with the flavour of cranberry." It is now known that they are very high in antioxidants and numerous nutrients, but are rather tart when raw. Multiple uses for this tough, somewhat thorny bush include shelter belts, windbreaks, erosion control, barrier planting, difficult or despoiled site reclamation as well as wildlife habitat and songbird nesting sites. Mature height can vary from 2 to 5m (6-18').



**PLANT SEVERAL FOR POLLINATION | ZONE 2 | HARVEST: AFTER FROST**

207-4752 60-75 cm (24-30") On own root

\$22.95

## Locust

### THORNLESS HONEYLOCUST (*Gleditsia triacanthos* var. *inermis*)

Honeylocust has feathery, green, fern-like foliage and an open growing habit, allowing sunlight to filter through, making it good for 'two-storey' agriculture. It is one of the nitrogen fixing trees that Stefan Sobkowiak of Quebec, uses in his permaculture orchard (the renowned Miracle Farm). He also uses them for living trellis posts – planting grapes and kiwis beside the tree. Wondrously fragrant spring flowers attract bees and pollinator insects. Seed pods can be used for animal fodder. Fast growing and very hardy, honey locust will grow practically anywhere even in very wet conditions making it useful for erosion control, urban settings or remediation sites. Mature trees can reach 18m (60').



**ZONE 4**

168-5152 30-60 cm (12-24") On own root  
Qty of 10+

\$18.95  
\$13.95 Each

### BLACK LOCUST (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)

This fast growing native North American legume tree has many uses. It is a nitrogen fixer and a good choice to plant with black walnut or chestnut in a shelter-belt or windbreak setting. Also ideal for hostile sites with poor or depleted soil, clay or gravel as it is very tough and drought resistant. The tree has fern-like foliage covering thorny branches and extremely fragrant strands of white flowers in the spring which bees find irresistible. Hard rot-resistant lumber makes long lasting fence posts and the highest BTU firewood. Mature trees can reach 18 meters (60') in height and 9 meters (30') in width.



**ZONE 3**

168-0152 30-60 cm (12-24") On own root  
Qty of 10+

\$15.95  
\$10.95 Each

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**PURPLE ROBE LOCUST  
(Robinia pseudoacacia 'Purple Robe')**

New foliage has a purple tinge, changing to an attractive bronze-green and finally to yellow in the fall. Purple Robe has a long blooming period with pendulous wisteria-like clusters of fragrant violet-purple blossoms. A tough fast growing tree with a compact, rounded form, it can reach 15m (50') in height.

**ZONE 4**  
168-2942 1.5-2m (5-6') Grafted **\$69.95**



Courtesy of Bailey Nursery

**BOCKING 4™ COMFREY**

Acts as a **dynamic accumulator** with a deep tap root up to 3 metres (10') long that draws minerals and nutrients from the subsoil into its leaves. Chop and drop the leaves three or four times in a growing season for an effective living mulch. Often planted around the base of a tree to suppress weeds.

Although most comfrey is considered invasive, this Russian type is not spread by seed. Disturbing the roots by digging up plants will instigate multiplication.

Bocking 4™ is rust-resistant and is noted for having the highest protein content. It is also the recommended variety for fodder, especially for poultry and pigs. Grows up to 60-90 cm (24-36") tall.

**ZONE 4**  
274-1861 8 cm (3¼") pot **\$9.95**



Courtesy of Caren White

# Orchard Companion Plants

The concept behind perennial companions is that it encourages natural processes that benefit the overall health and vitality of your fruit trees. It is essentially copying the forest's natural state. A colorful assortment of different species all contributing to reduced pest and disease problems, increased soil fertility, and increased fruit production. Reserve a spot for these all-star plants around the perimeter of your fruit tree. Each one plays their own unique supporting role.



**WILD BLUE INDIGO  
(Baptisia australis)**

Another attractive and effective **nitrogen fixer**, it has vibrant, blue, lupine-like flowers in early summer. Also known as Blue False Indigo, it is a member of the pea family and you'll notice a marked resemblance in the foliage. With its extensive root system it works well for erosion control and is quite drought tolerant when established. Grows to about 100 cm (3-4') high and wide.



**ZONE 3**  
274-1182 1 gallon pot **\$21.95**

**POWWOW® WILD BERRY  
CONE FLOWER  
(Echinacea purpurea 'Pas702917')**

Popular permaculture designer Michael Judd has echinacea as the **pollinator** in his companion plant quartet. He calls it 'the indigenous wonder' and likens the continuous bloomer to a gas station for bees, butterflies and beneficial insects who visit the fruit trees. In addition, echinacea's anti-viral, anti-inflammatory and immune-boosting effects are well documented. Large copper orange center cones encircled with a bright skirt of intense magenta-pink petals attract appreciative attention from gardeners and insect pollinators alike. Grows to about 45-60cm (18-24") tall and wide.



**ZONE 4**  
274-2182 1 gallon pot **\$21.95**

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## Orchard Companion Plants Continued —

### POPSICLE SERIES MIX LUPINE **NEW**

Here's an attractive and colourful choice in a **nitrogen fixer** with the unique ability to transfer nitrogen from the air into the soil where it can be absorbed by the tree's roots. Erect spikes of mixed colours in purple/blue/pink/red/yellow, and bi-colour flowers rise above bright green palmate foliage from late spring to early summer. Lupines have a clumping growth habit, becoming 45-60cm (18-24") tall and have a 30-40cm (12-16") spread.

**274-3082** 1 gallon pot **\$21.95**



### SAUCY SEDUCTION YARROW (*Achillea millefolium* 'Saucy Seduction' PP20782)

As the **beneficial insect attractor** yarrow produces nectar sought by predatory insects such as syrphid flies, brachonid wasps and lacewings that feed on fruit tree pests. This variety blooms from June through September with large clusters of intense fuchsia-pink flowers which lighten to medium pink with maturity. Deep green, fern-like foliage is aromatic when crushed. It is excellent as a living mulch or an addition to compost piles as it is rich in copper, nitrogen and phosphorus. Reaches about 50cm (20") in height with a spread of 60 cm (24").



**ZONE 4**  
**274-3682** 1 gallon pot **\$21.95**

### ELFIN CREEPING THYME **NEW** (*Thymus praecox* 'Elfin')

This particular variety of creeping thyme is covered in delicate lavender blossoms throughout the summer. The aromatic foliage can be used in soups and sauces, but the main use for this drought tolerant plant is for a low-growing ground cover that can handle some foot traffic. It grows relatively fast, even in part shade, up to 45cm (18") wide, but only 5cm (2") high. This makes it ideal for using around the base of tall perennials and shrubs or for filling in empty spaces along a garden path.



**274-3482** 1 gallon pot **\$21.95**

**NOTE: Dynamic accumulators and nitrogen-fixing plants like Comfrey and Wild Blue Indigo often get planted at the base of the tree while the other companions can be spread around the perimeter of the patch.**

**As an added bonus- all of these companion plants are usually avoided by deer.**

## Seed Mixes —

### ALL SEASON BUFFET (Wildlife plot mixture)

A blend of annual, perennial and brassica seeds formulated to provide continuous grazing from spring to late fall for deer and other wildlife. Contains: Puna Chicory, Alfalfa, Trefoil, Ladino, Alsike, Red and White Clovers, Forage Kale, Essex Rape, Purple Top Turnips and Ryegrass. One package will seed approx. 180 sq. metres or 2000 sq. ft.



**718-0102** 2 kg package **\$39.95**

### BUTTERFLY BUFFET (Wildflower seed mixture)

This mix of mostly perennials with some annual seeds is specifically targeted to attract and nourish butterflies as well as all sorts of beneficial native pollinator insects. Contains the following species; Purple Coneflower, Dwarf Sunflower, Lanceleaf Coreopsis, Blue Flax, Blanketflower, Perennial Lupine, Clasping Coneflower, Cilantro, Mexican Hat Coneflower, Basil, Prairie Coneflower, Partridge Pea, Prairie Aster, Annual Lupine, Butterfly Milkweed, Crimson Clover, Dwarf Annual Lupine, Lacy Phacelia, California Poppy, Lemon Mint, Cosmos, Plains Coreopsis, Black Eyed Susan, California Bluebells, Bergamont/Bee Balm, New England Aster and Showy Primrose. One package will seed approx 180 sq. meters or 2000 sq. ft.

**718-0300** 300 gram package **\$59.95**



### WHIFFLETREE ORCHARD MIX\* (Grass Seed)

A great low-maintenance orchard ground cover. Our custom mix contains:

- 45% Creeping Red Fescue
- 40% Perennial Ryegrass
- 10% Kentucky Bluegrass
- 5% No. 1 White Dutch Clover



This revised mix is proving to be very effective. Low growing and very dense, it recovers quickly from heavy traffic and cuts mowing to a minimum. It is also resilient enough for grazing. Seeding rate 1kgs per 100 sq meters or 2 lbs per 1000 sq ft. A 50 lb bag will do close to 1 acre.

**718-0904** 4.5 kg (10 lbs) **\$49.95**  
**718-0910\*** 11.3 kg (25 lbs) **\$109.95**  
**718-0925\*** 22.7 kg (50 lbs) **\$199.95**

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# Pollinator Bees



## Bee Friendly

People are not only aware but incredibly concerned about the plight of our honeybees. How can we make a difference? Here is a fun and helpful way for everyone to get involved and do something. It makes a very safe and educational project for families with young children. We offer two native pollinators, known as the Blue Orchard Mason Bee and the Leafcutter Bee. They don't sting or produce honey, but they are considered the best species for pollinating tree fruit. Both types of bees nest in small holes and lay eggs that hatch out to pollinate your trees the next spring. They can do this year after year. Get started with a powerful permanent pollination force that can become the equivalent of a whole hive of honey bees!

## MASON BEES

Mason Bees are gentle and good-natured. They are amazing pollinators for spring fruit, nut, berries and blooming plants. It is estimated a single Mason Bee may visit approximately 2,000 blossoms per day. One Mason Bee can do the job of six honeybees. Unlike honeybees who transport pollen in small sacs on their hind legs, the Mason Bee carries the pollen in the fine fur that covers its body.



They are the first bee to hatch in the spring and can fly at the cooler temperatures of 50°F (10°C) that would ground a honeybee. Their life cycle is approximately 6-8 weeks. The Mason Bee's name comes from its practise of using mud to seal the egg chambers within a nesting hole.

## LEAFCUTTER BEES

The Leafcutter Bees are a useful friend to gardeners, as they provide valuable and efficient pollination for plants such as your summer vegetable gardens. They tend to hatch in July.

Like Mason bees, these bees are cavity nesters and need ready-made nests such as soft rotting wood, hollow plant stems, or these man-made tubes. When it is time for the leafcutter to lay an egg, she will make a circular cut in a leaf, roll it up and stuff into one of the hatching reeds and lay her egg with a pollen ball inside. Leafcutters fly as late as October depending on the season and the weather.



**Note: Your bees will be shipped as dormant cocoons. When you receive them you can store the bees in the crisper of your fridge until the first blossoms appear. Detailed instructions will be included with your kit on the proper care of the bees. Only available until June 1st.**

## Bee Kits

Our all-in-one kits have all the supplies including bees to get pollinating in your yard from spring to summer. The custom-designed bee house, the Bee & Bee Villa, is handcrafted right here in Ontario. It provides a nesting home for both Mason bees and Leafcutter Bees. A hidden loft for the Leafcutter gives protection until they are ready to emerge. The nesting tunnels consist of hand cut nesting reeds obtained from natural grass. Your bee house should be securely mounted on an outside structure wall that gets morning sun and is protected from the late afternoon heat.



## COMPLETE BEE KIT

Contains:

- 10 Mason Bee cocoons
- 25 Leafcutter Bee cocoons
- 25 hand cut nesting reeds
- 1 bee house "The Bee & Bee Villa"

703-0299

\$74.95

You can also buy these components separately:

## MASON BEE COCOONS

703-4210

Pack of 10

\$16.95



## LEAFCUTTER BEE COCOONS

703-5225

Pack of 25

\$22.95



## MASON/LEAFCUTTER BEE REEDS

703-6225

Pack of 25

\$18.95



## NEXT SEASON

By early October your bee pupae for next season should be in your reeds. These reeds should now be removed from the bee house and placed into a plastic container\* which can be stored overwinter in an unheated garage or basement. Put the reeds back in the bee house again when the first blossoms start showing in the spring. After the bees have hatched, these reeds can be replaced with new ones.

\*Punch small holes in container lid and store where temperatures stay above -10°C.

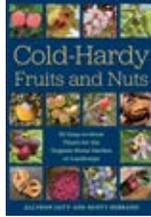
# Books

Whiffletree Farm and Nursery stocks many helpful and informative books. Here is a compiled list of our most recommended reads.

## COLD-HARDY FRUITS AND NUTS

Allyson Levy and Scott Serrano

This brand new book seems as if it was written to be the perfect companion for the Whiffletree catalogue. It's almost like they finish each other's sentences! Most of the 50 different plant types covered in the book are available in the catalogue. Where the book really shines is by methodically going through every plant selection and arranging the information under the following headings - Growth Difficulty Rating, Taste Profile and Uses, Plant Description, Flowers, Pollination Requirements, Site and Soil Conditions, Hardiness, Fertilization and Growth, Cultivars, Related Species, Propagation, Pests and Problems. As you can see, the authors have unwittingly done us a great service and we unabashedly recommend their book.

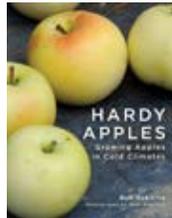


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## HARDY APPLES: Growing Apples in Cold Climates

Bob Osborne

We consider this brand new book by a fellow Canadian nurseryman, the ultimate in apple growing wisdom. It features 97 different varieties (or more correctly - cultivars) that thrive in Zone 4 or colder. 'Features' in this case, means a complete description, including it's history and a luscious photo, plus a comprehensive breakdown of all the pertinent points you might wonder about, including both bloom and ripening times, storage life, disease resistance and more. There are also chapters devoted to planning your orchard, dealing with all the various pests and diseases you might encounter and doing so in non-chemical ways. The chapter on grafting and budding is, on it's own, worth the price of the entire book. A tip of the hat to Bob Osborne for producing an elegant, educational, and entertaining reference guide that is equally at home on a coffee table or a grafting bench.

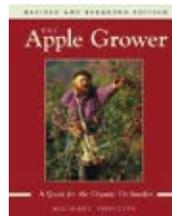


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Michael Phillips

A comprehensive guide for the organic orchardist combining the forgotten wisdom of our great grandparents with the best research and techniques available today. This revised and expanded edition is the most complete manual available. Michael Phillips presents everything you need to know about growing apples organically in his warm, readable style. Loaded with diagrams, charts, and lots of colour photos.

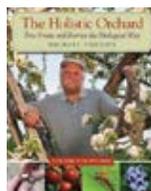


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## THE HOLISTIC ORCHARD

Michael Phillips

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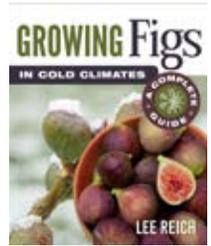


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## GROWING FIGS IN COLD CLIMATES

Lee Reich

Many of you will recognize this author's name from reading some of his other books and articles. This latest offering from the fruit guru seems perfectly timed to fan the flames of the fig fetish. Fortunately, Lee has demonstrated that it is possible, perhaps almost practical, to grow your very own fresh, ripe figs. His new book covers the whole gamut, clarifying with lucid text and loads of full colour photos, how to grow, overwinter, prune, and identify pest problems. Five different methods of growing figs here in the North are explained and illustrated. Hopefully when you start to apply what Lee teaches here, you will agree with his conclusion - if you can grow a house plant, you can grow a fig.



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## THE PRUNING BOOK

Lee Reich

The best book on pruning we have come across, it has over 350 colour photos and detailed drawings covering every aspect of pruning you might think of. Dr. Reich's clean-cut instructions guiding you through the whole spectrum of trees, shrubs, vines - anything that benefits from pruning, makes this an indispensable reference for novice and experienced gardeners alike.

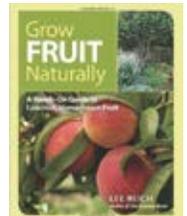


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## GROWING FRUIT NATURALLY: A Hands-On Guide To Luscious, Homegrown Fruit

Lee Reich

Buy one of Lee Reich's books and you'll find yourself itching to get more of his titles. From his fruit-related writings it is easy to tell he has been there and grown it - and thoroughly enjoyed it. This colourful, well-illustrated volume takes you through planning, planting, pruning, pest and disease control (naturally - see book title). The second half of the book covers most fruit categories with a variety of descriptions, opinions and lots of luscious photos.

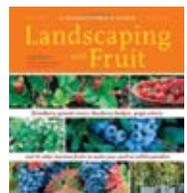


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## LANDSCAPING WITH FRUIT

Lee Reich

A complete guide to the luscious possibilities of landscaping with fruiting trees, shrubs, and vines. Includes advice on choosing the right site for your new plants, how to select varieties that are relatively carefree and bear delicious fruit while offering three-season visual appeal, as well as the complete layout plans for five different fruitscapes. With the help of this book, you can integrate plants into your yard that will be a joy to both your eyes and your taste buds.

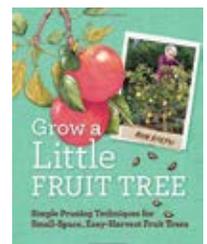


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## GROW A LITTLE FRUIT TREE: Simple Pruning Techniques For Small Space, Early-Harvest Fruit Trees

Ann Ralph

With Ann Ralph's radical, yet simple pruning technique and easy maintenance plan, any full-size variety of fruit tree can be kept small while still producing full-sized fruit in abundance. The author is a fruit tree specialist with 20 years of nursery experience, who has taught pruning classes for many years. Follow Ann's clear and easy instructions, from the minute you plant your trees to keep them compact, manageable and productive.



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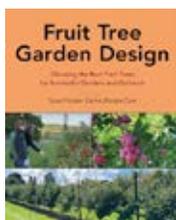
## FRUIT TREE GARDEN DESIGN: Choosing The Best Fruit Trees For Successful Gardens And Orchards **NEW**

Susan Poizner

Does the idea of growing some of your own food sound appealing? Would you really like to plant some fruit trees, but don't know where to start? Do you end up feeling anxious and confused after trying to sort through the unfamiliar information? Don't you wish there was someone to guide you through the planning process? There is and she has just finished putting together the book you need! Relax and let Suzan Poizner simplify and sort out what you need to know. Learn how to read and understand the basics and beyond - before you buy your trees. You can save effort, aggravation, and money by avoiding common mistakes. We heartily endorse this new book!

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## FRUIT TREE GRAFTING FOR EVERYONE: A DIY Guide to Creating Your Own Fruit Trees

Susan Poizner

If grafting seems like a complex procedure, shrouded in mystery, this collaborative effort by Susan Poizner and Steph Muma should help you get over it. A valuable new guide, it's meant for anyone who is interested in trying it, but lacks the confidence. The different techniques are clearly depicted and sorted by season. This approach lends itself well to accompany you through all the relevant details of scionwood collection and storage, anticipating all your possible questions, as well as some you hadn't even thought of. The authors are to be commended for clarifying the abstrusity of this ancient skill so everyone can participate.

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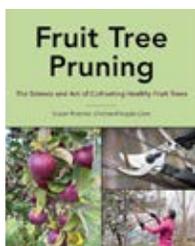
## FRUIT TREE PRUNING: The Science and Art of Cultivating Healthy Fruit Trees **NEW**

Susan Poizner

Pruning isn't just about shaping a tree - it's about building a relationship, says Susan Poizner. Although we stop short of making her new book required reading for anyone purchasing a fruit tree, we definitely give it our wholehearted endorsement. Susan builds on her own experience to explain the 'why' before outlining the 'how' in clear, easy-to-follow steps, from pruning at planting, right through to taming overgrown mature trees. She will guide you through the seasons of your tree's growing up years, so you gain the confidence to prune with purpose. For basic tree pruning and training, this is easily the best book available.

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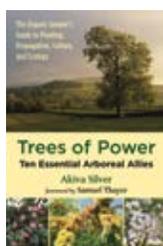
## TREES OF POWER: Ten Essential Arboreal Allies

Akiva Silver

Author Akiva Silver is an enthusiastic tree grower with years of experience operating his own commercial nursery in upstate NY, using 'beyond organic' practices. This intensely practical how-to book (dubbed 'an optimist's manual of solutions' in the foreword) is set up in two parts. In the first, you'll learn different ways to propagate trees: by seed, grafting, layering, or with cuttings as well as other related skills. The second part focuses on ten useful tree allies, devoting a chapter to each. This includes Chestnuts, Apples, Poplar, Ash, Mulberry, Hickory, Hazelnut, Black Locust and Beech. Trees of Power fills an urgent need for up-to-date information on some of our most important tree species, those that have multiple benefits for humans, animals and nature.

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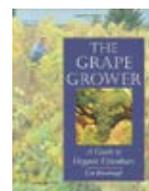
## THE GRAPE GROWER - A Guide To Organic Viticulture

Lon Rombough

The most comprehensive and useful book to focus on table grapes for the home gardener or small-scale vineyardist. Whether you're just getting started, or already have a hundred vines, this book is an indispensable resource that can literally save you a 'bunch' of time, money, and frustration. With over 40 years of experience, Rombough is the perfect guide to walk you through all aspects of variety evaluating, site preparation, as well as vine pruning and training. Anyone with grapes will benefit.

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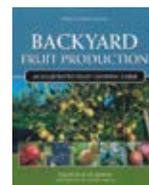
## BACKYARD FRUIT PRODUCTION

David Schlabach

Charts, illustrations and easy-to-remember techniques make this a helpful reference. Schlabach's clear, concise style is perfect for those who want the facts without too much reading. The book covers both organic and conventional controls. Includes cultural care for specific fruits from apples and Asian pears to grapes and raspberries. If you appreciate simplicity and common sense, this one is for you!

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## THE BERRY GROWER: Small Scale Organic Fruit Production In The 21st Century

Blake Cothron

When nurseryman/author Blake Cothron tackles a topic you can be assured the resulting book is a treasure trove of useful, up-to-date information that can help you avoid costly mistakes through the planning stage on into the actual production phase. 'The Berry Grower' offers intelligent and innovative strategies and solutions for successful, small-scale, non-chemical, small fruit production and marketing in today's world. The title barely does justice to the range of fruit profiles between the covers of this comprehensive guide. Raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, currants, gooseberries, mulberries and more are joined by figs, tomatoes and others.

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## PAWPAWS: The Complete Growing and Marketing Guide

Blake Cothron

You can judge this book by it's cover as it enumerates it's contents right up front. Directly under 'Pawpaws' it reads as follows: Botany • History • Complete Organic Growing Guidelines • Organic Pest and Disease Control • Harvesting • Processing • Marketing • Over 150 Cultivars Described • Delicious Pawpaw Recipes and Much More. Blake Cothron owns and operates Peaceful Heritage - a certified organic research farm, orchard and edible plant nursery in Kentucky. He has taken his extensive knowledge and over 20 years of hands-on experience, turning it into a book which is fun and easy-to-read, despite being detailed, comprehensive and in-depth.

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## FOR THE LOVE OF PAWPAWS

Michael Judd

Dive into the pawpaw adventure with celebrated edible landscape designer, fruit explorer and author Michael Judd. The subtitle of this new book—"A Mini Manual for Growing and Caring for PawPaws from Seed to Table", pretty much covers the content. It doesn't do justice though, to the wealth of very readable information, lavishly illustrated with glossy, high quality photos. You will be entertained, educated and inspired.

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# Orchard Supplies

Whiffletree Farm & Nursery offers many supplies to get your orchard up and running, and to provide plants with vital protection, growth promotion, and health maintenance.

## DRAMM

### DRAMM BP-4LI SPRAYER

Foliar applications become fun with this high performance outfit! The 15 litre (4gal) sprayer is designed to fit comfortably on your back. Fully variable operating pressure from 30 to 150 psi with the turn of a dial makes professional results possible for the discerning gardener. Deluxe dual fan nozzle with adjustable cone ensures excellent coverage. The BP-4Li will run for up to 1 hour on a fully charged 18 volt, 3.0 Ah Makita battery and recharge in 4 hours. Comes with charger and one battery.

**NO AVAILABILITY FOR 2026**



### PLEASE NOTE

We will no longer be offering the Dramm BP-4Li sprayer. We consider it an excellent quality sprayer, but in our opinion it is now priced too high to buy. Currently we are in the process of procuring several cordless models which should give you the features you want at a reasonable price. Keep checking our website or contact us for more details.

## Kwazar Sprayers

Professional quality, imported from Poland. No need to put up with a cheap squirt.



### VENUS SPRAYER

Built to outlast common sprayers, the Venus sprayers are lightweight, compact and handy to use in the home, or vegetable garden.

<b>729-6201</b>	<b>1 Litre</b>	<b>\$45.95</b>
<b>729-6202</b>	<b>2 Litre</b>	<b>\$54.95</b>

### ORION SPRAYER

These reliable pressure sprayers are well built with highly durable and chemically resistant materials. They come with transparent tank level gauge, safety valve and a telescoping fiberglass lance. 5 year tank warranty.

<b>729-6406</b>	<b>6 Litre</b>	<b>\$109.95</b>
<b>729-6409</b>	<b>9 Litre</b>	<b>\$129.95</b>



### NEPTUNE 15 L SPRAYER

#### OUR BEST SELLING MODEL

A comfortable, leakproof backpack sprayer with 15 litre capacity. Detachable pump handle can be mounted for either left or right hand operating. The Neptune pump unit is designed to create constant pressure up to 80psi for a very fine, precise spraying pattern. The telescopic lance with a built-in pressure gauge adjusts from 60-116 cm (24"-46") Comes with spare seals and herbicide nozzle.

<b>729-6615</b>	<b>15 Litre</b>	<b>\$199.95</b>
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Contact us for replacement parts or seals on any Kwazar sprayer.

## Attachments for Orion & Neptune



### HERBICIDE SHIELD

PVC funnel attachment with built-in nozzle screws onto the end of your sprayer wand. Perfect for precise application and prevention of spray drift.

<b>729-7400</b>	<b>\$19.95</b>
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# Orchard Sprays

## ORGANIC ORCHARD SPRAY KIT

This convenient, organic spray kit for the home gardener is based on the Holistic Spray program developed by well-known orchardist Michael Phillips. The Kit contains all the key ingredients with complete mixing and spraying instructions as well as a schedule to guide you. It includes:

- 2L Organic Gem® Liquid Fish (Fish Hydrolysate)
- 1L EM•1® Effective Microbes
- 1L Pure Neem Oil
- 2L Liquid Ultra Kelp
- 2L Black Strap Molasses

These components work together to enhance your tree's immune system, aid fruit growth, and help ward off disease, specifically during the primary infection window in the spring. The secret to success with any program lies in applying several early-season sprays that are correctly timed. You will be spraying to prevent diseases rather than attempting to cure them after the damage is already done.

This Kit contains sufficient material to cover approx. 10-20 semi-dwarf trees and 10-20 berry bushes for 1 season. Complete instructions included. Spray recipe is developed for 15 litre backpack sprayer.

Note: All of these products can also be purchased individually here. See Michael Phillip's book 'The Holistic Orchard' for a more detailed discussion of the ingredients and how they work in harmony.

735-0199 Complete Kit \$194.95



ALL COMPONENTS CAN ALSO BE BOUGHT SEPARATELY

### LIQUID ULTRA KELP

A foliar application of Kelp enhances photosynthesis and resistance to environmental stresses such as drought and extreme heat. Cold-processed liquid kelp contains important trace minerals which contribute to increased shelf life in fruit as well as cytokinins that increase the tree's resistance to pest and disease problems.

735-3402 2 Litre jug \$46.95



### BLACK STRAP MOLASSES

The cheapest ingredient, but it plays an essential role by providing complex sugars as a rich carbon source that activates and greatly increases the biological action of the Effective Microbes in the mix. It stimulates the soil microorganisms for better residue breakdown. Molasses also boosts the Brix level in the fruit, making it more nutrient-dense which helps repel insect pests.

735-0402 2 Litre jug \$15.95



### ORGANIC GEM® LIQUID FISH (Fish Hydrolysate)

Hydrolysate is a nutrient-rich formulation of biological fish. It is a natural source of nitrogen, fatty acids, vitamins and enzymes that stimulate the soil and feed the arboreal food web.

735-2801 1 Litre jug \$19.95



### PURE NEEM OIL

Raw, cold-pressed 100% neem oil from India. Michael Phillips stresses using the raw product rather than neem extracts. It contains trace amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, zinc, copper, iron, magnesium and manganese as well as the fatty acid compounds that stimulate and strengthen the trees' immune system. The phytochemistry of pure neem oil supplies nutrients to the foliage.

735-2201 1 Litre jug \$49.95  
735-2202 2 Litre jug \$85.95



### EM•1® EFFECTIVE MICROBES NEW

This revolutionary product was originally discovered by accident. While researching soil microbiology in Japan, Dr. Teruo Higa noticed an incredible growth surge in shrubs where a mixture of microorganisms had been discarded. A farmer by upbringing, Dr. Higa recognized the potential to move agriculture away from chemical dependency. After years of refinement, he perfected the optimal "consortium" in the 1980s, introducing the world to EM® Technology (Effective Microorganisms®).



**How it works:** EM•1® is a certified organic liquid probiotic consisting of a stable community of beneficial microbes from three primary groups: Yeasts, Photosynthetic Bacteria, and Lactic Acid Bacteria.

When applied as a foliar spray, this microbial "workforce" colonizes the leaf surface, producing phytohormones and beneficial enzymes. These molecules act as a protective shield, fortifying plant resistance against environmental stress, pests, and harmful pathogens. In the soil, EM•1® microbes work symbiotically with the plant to expand root systems, unlock "stuck" nutrients, and bolster defenses against fungal diseases like the dreaded tomato blight.

**Versatility & Value:** EM•1® is a professional-grade concentrate that is ready to use straight from the bottle. Because it is a living "mother culture," it can also be activated through a simple 7-day brewing process. This allows you to expand 1 gallon of concentrate into 20 gallons of "Activated EM•1®" making it the most economical biological tool for large-scale application on lawns, orchards, and gardens without sacrificing potency.

**Mixing Rate:** 8ml/1 litre of water for weekly foliar spray (this rate is the same for activated EM•1® or the concentrate).

735-0901 1 Litre jug \$61.95  
735-0902 2 Litre jug \$91.95

## Organic Natural Insecticide



Use this simple recipe to get rid of aphids, leaf-rollers, and other leaf-eating insects. Repeat spray every couple of days until insects are gone. Be careful not to target bees, butterflies, lady bugs and other beneficial insects.

- 3 tablespoons 3% hydrogen peroxide
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 500mL (2 cups) water
- 1 squirt of liquid dish soap

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## Growing Tip

**Peach Leaf Curl** is a very common fungal disease that can defoliate, weaken and, eventually, kill peach and nectarine trees. Since the fungus overwinters on the bark and in the bud scales, the optimal time to spray is after leaf drop in the autumn. If the trees are badly affected, you can spray again in the late winter or early spring. Both lime sulphur and copper are organic fungicides which can be used to control peach leaf curl. All who plant peach and nectarine trees should consider using one of these products as a fungicide to prevent peach leaf curl.



### DORMANT SPRAY KIT

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is an old saying that applies to the Green Earth Dormant Spray Kit. The horticultural oil and liquid lime sulphur in this kit delivers a one-two knock out punch to overwintering insects and diseases on fruit trees, shrubs and ornamentals. The horticultural oil is designed to effectively kill overwintering insects, insect eggs and some caterpillars. The lime sulphur is particularly effective in controlling fungal diseases such as black spot on roses, powdery mildew, apple scab and peach leaf curl. It can safely be used on all your trees with the exception of apricots.

The kit includes 1 litre of lime sulphur and 500 ml of horticultural oil. This should do 4-5 medium sized trees

735-6150

\$34.95



### DOKTOR DOOM LIQUID FUNGICIDE CONCENTRATE **NEW**

Active Ingredient: Copper, present as copper octanoate - 1.8%

Can be used in dormant and growing season.

Biodegradable - decomposes to a form useful for plants and microbes.

Copper octanoate is a fatty acid salt (soap) that combines copper and octanoic acid. It is a contact fungicide and bactericide that can be applied to foliage to control or suppress various plant diseases, on a broad range of trees, plants and vegetables using low concentrations of copper. While we do not encourage indiscriminate chemical intervention, we are relieved to be able to offer this product, to 'Cueva Commercial', which we use in our orchards for fire blight and apple scab prevention when weather conditions elevate the risk of infection. Copper octanoate can also be used to prevent blight in tomatoes and black spot in roses. While this is one of the safest forms of copper to use, we still stress caution. Always follow the label directions.

**Mixing Rate:** 5-20mL per Litre of water. Use the highest rate for late fall dormant spray to prevent peach leaf curl.

Storage: Keep from freezing.

735-4050 500 mL bottle  
735-4100 1 litre jug

\$34.95  
\$54.95



### KDL® 0-1-24 FROST SHIELD

#### Guaranteed Analysis 24% Soluble Potash

Liquid fertilizer for frost damage protection? In this case an emphatic yes! Although this unique, sugar-based potassium product is used extensively in commercial vineyards and orchards to aid in fruit development, it has also been proven to provide some protection when sprayed on the blossoms just before a frost. You know the feeling - your fruit trees are just coming into bloom and the weatherman calls for -2°C. KDL® should ideally be applied 12-48 hours before the frost event.



Bob Purvis and many others have commented on how quickly this product passes into the plant tissue, increasing the potassium and sugar levels and temporarily putting the plant into a more winterized or hardened mode. KDL® gives all of us a tool that can be used quickly, effectively, and inexpensively when our crops are in for a cold bite as temperatures dip as low as -5°C, for a short period. It is designed to enhance plant tolerance to frost, but not against severe or extended freeze events. A single application of KDL® will remain effective for two or more successive nights of frost- If the daytime temperatures stay under 12°C. However, if a frost is followed by two or more days of warmer weather, the potassium will be metabolized by the plant and a second application is required in the event of another frost.

**APPLICATION RATE** - KDL® should be sprayed at the rate of 100ml/4litres (3oz/gal) water.

Add an equal portion of household vinegar (100ml/4litres) to neutralize the alkalinity of the mix.

735-4902 2 litre jug \$39.95  
735-4910\* 10 litre jug \$149.95

\*Please note: A \$15.00 freight surcharge applies to ship a 10 litre jug.

## Plum Curculio Control

See the growing tip on **page 31** for more information on this frustrating little critter. It has a well deserved reputation as one of the most difficult pests to control organically. The products listed below help to tip the balance in your favour.

### SURROUND WP CROP PROTECTANT

This easy to mix, water soluble powder is made from finely processed Kaolin clay, an edible mineral which is also used in toothpaste. When sprayed on fruit trees and bushes, the resulting powdery film provides insect protection by acting as a physical barrier. Currently it is considered the best organic product available to combat plum curculio, pear psylla, Japanese beetles and more. The white washed appearance can even be a benefit in other ways. In apples, for instance, it can reduce sunburn damage.

Although Surround WP is safe, effective, and economical, it is not entirely a joy to work with. The fine powder is dusty before mixing and afterwards your hand sprayer will need repeated shaking or agitation to keep the product suspended. Starting at petal fall Surround WP should be applied every 7-14 days, or sooner if a heavy rainfall occurs.

**Mixing Rate:** .4-.8kg per 15 litres of water (1-2 lbs per 4 US gals). Thorough coverage is critical for good control.

735-5305 5 kg pail \$65.95  
735-5312\* 12.5 kg bag \$119.95

\*Please note: A \$12.50 freight surcharge applies to ship a 12.5 kg bag.



## GUARDIAN FOR ORCHARDS (Beneficial Nematodes)

Recent research at Cornell University has confirmed that biological control of plum curculio with certain strains of beneficial nematodes is viable and quite effective. These parasitic nematodes are microscopic worms which occur naturally in soils all around the world. When you apply them (by spraying the ground) they seek out the curculio larvae (which pupate in the soil around the base of the fruit tree,) and feed on them. Whiffletree has partnered with Natural Insect Control to make a blend of the most effective strains of nematodes available to the homeowner. This product is easy to use and detailed instructions are included. One application in early to mid July is recommended for plum curculio control. It should be applied out to the dripline of the affected trees.



**NEW** The new, updated Guardian for Orchards is also effective against the following pests besides plum curculio; codling moth, cherry fruit fly, apple maggot, peach tree borer, and pecan weevil. These are all vulnerable as they spend part of their life cycle as larvae in the soil. Guidelines for all species are included, but in the case of codling moth and apple maggot, two applications are recommended-the first in early May with a second one in early-mid August.

10 million nematodes cover 40m sq (430 sq ft.) or approximately enough for 4 trees.

**735-2100 10 million pack. \$39.95 each**

## HOSE END SPRAYER

Spraying lawns with nematodes to eliminate white grubs is a well established practice with well documented results. It has gradually become relatively common with specialized blends of nematode species for various other garden pests. By adapting this approach we gain a valuable weapon in the battle against plum curculio.



This handy sprayer which attaches to the end of your garden hose is the most practical way to apply nematodes. It can be reused season after season. With 5 different settings you can also use it for other product application. Full instructions are included.

**729-5901 \$18.95**

## Other Pest Control Products

### BTK BIOLOGICAL INSECTICIDE

Although the main focus in recent years has been on gypsy moth caterpillars, BTK is also an effective weapon to use on tent caterpillars, leafrollers, tomato hornworms and such like.

BTK refers to the active ingredient in this product—*Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki*. This is NOT a chemical pesticide, but a natural bacteria microorganism. As soon as caterpillars ingest it, they stop feeding and die within days. BTK can be sprayed on all trees—fruit, shade and evergreen as well as vegetable plants. Birds, animals and people are not endangered, but please avoid spraying milkweed plants, as monarch butterfly larvae feed on this plant only. Mix 33 ml per 10 liters water and spray in late afternoon as direct sunlight breaks down the active ingredient.



**735-0510 100 ml concentrate (makes 30L) \$17.95**  
**735-0550 500 ml concentrate (makes 160L) \$49.95**

### GYPSY MOTH TRAP

Many of us have seen how much damage this pest can do, especially in young fruit trees. Severe infestations can even defoliate larger shade trees. Put out these traps the first week of July to disrupt the gypsy moth cycle. The newly emerged male moths are attracted to the female pheromone scented lures and the sticky card insert keeps them there. Eliminating males at the start of mating season directly impacts the number of eggs being fertilized for next year's crop of caterpillars.



These kits come complete with 2 sticky card inserts (replace as needed) and 1 pheromone lure (replace yearly). The traps themselves should last several seasons.

**735-8801 Gypsy Moth Trap Complete Kit \$19.95**  
**735-8805 Gypsy Moth Trap Complete Kit. Pack of 5 \$89.95**

### STICKY CARD INSERTS

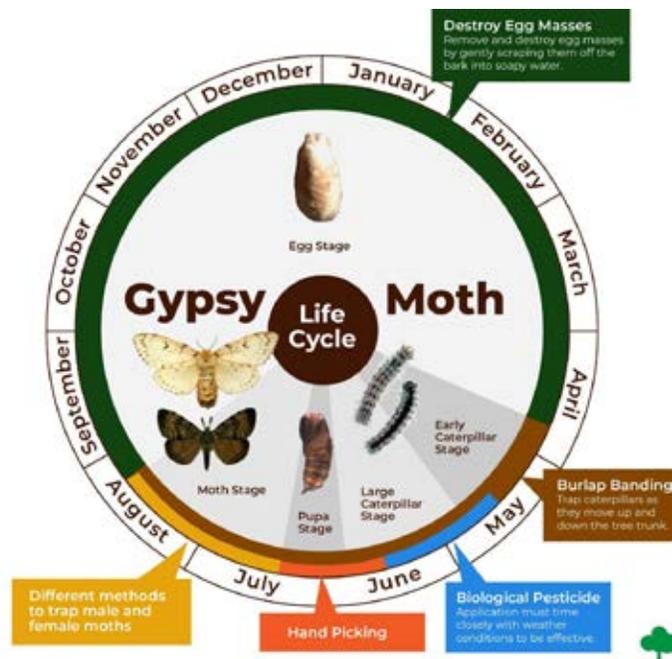
Each trap requires 1 sticky card insert. Check your traps periodically. If you catch large numbers of male moths, you may need to replace your cards several times during peak season.

**735-8810 Pack of 10 \$10.95**

### REPLACEMENT LURE

Each trap needs 1 pheromone lure. The lure should last from 3-6 months which is long enough to cover the adult moth period. The traps may be taken down in September for use again the following year with new lures and sticky cards.

**735-8811 Replacement Lure \$10.95**



### CODLING MOTH TRAP

Codling moth larvae are the guys you might occasionally meet when you bite into an apple. They can also damage pears, walnuts and quince. These simple sticky traps are designed to hang in your fruit trees at the end of the bloom period to catch the male moths which have been attracted by the non toxic pheromone lure. For adequate coverage 1 or 2 traps per mature tree are suggested. Some larger orchards use several traps as a monitor to tell them when they need to intervene with insecticide products such as BTK.



**735-9202 1 set of 2 traps and 2 lures \$27.95**

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## Pest Control Continued

### APPLE MAGGOT TRAPS

Reusable red sphere traps with full season lure system. The small fruit fly known as Apple Maggot attacks apples and blueberries as well as pears, plums and cherries. Each kit includes 3 of the reusable red spheres with hangers and a 6.5 oz can of TAD sticky stuff. One kit provides coverage for 2-3 dwarf trees. Lures are sold separately.



**735-9110 1 set of 3 traps \$37.95**

### REPLACEMENT LURES

Designed to use with the red sphere traps, these attractant lures come in a pack of 3. They should be replaced every spring.

**735-9111 1 set of 3 lures \$18.95**

### JAPANESE BEETLE TRAP

The most effective trap on the market today, it is built to last for many years. For best results hang up the trap approx. 1m (3-4') from the ground and 3-5m (10-15') to east of the tree or shrub you wish to protect. Position the trap in full sunlight and on the downwind side of the foliage to intercept your beetle buddies as they head for the tree. Empty the canister when it is about half full of beetles. Use with Beetle Bait Pack (1 set included).



**735-9010 1 Beetle Trap with lure \$54.95**

### REPLACEMENT LURES

This lure is the strongest on the market. In university tests it was unsurpassed in attracting both male and female beetles. One bait pack attached to the top of the Japanese Beetle Trap will last for the whole season. Includes one floral lure (attracts female beetles) and one pheromone lure (attracts male beetles).

**735-9011 1 replacement lure set \$11.95**

### ORCHARD SOX

Are you tired of losing good fruit to apple maggots or coddling moths? Orchard Sox (also known as apple maggot barriers and fruit sox) have been shown to be incredibly effective at protecting growing fruit from insect damage. These little nylon sox are tied on to growing fruit when it's just about the size of a nickel. As the fruit grows, the sock expands and prevents insects from laying their eggs under the skin of growing fruit. The socks can be used for apples, pears, Asian pears and apricots.



**733-7314 1 Pkg of 144 \$23.95**

### TREE BAND INSECT TRAP

Stop the creepy crawlers from climbing your trees. Cut a piece from the roll long enough to reach around the circumference of the tree and overlap a bit. The 15cm (6") wide sticky band will make travelling very frustrating for Gypsy Moth caterpillars and other unwelcome critters.



**735-9109 15cm x 3.5m roll \$16.95**

### STICKY STUFF

This sticky insect barrier stops climbing insects in their tracks. By brushing a band around your tree trunks it protects against Gypsy Moth and Tent Caterpillar larvae, Cankerworms, Ants and other crawling insects. It is also used with the Apple Maggot Traps above. Organic and non-toxic.



**735-9108 6.5 oz can with brush \$17.95**

### PHEROCON® SWD TRAP & LURE

In the last decade or so most home orchardists have learned to loathe the Spotted Wing Drosophila fly, or more specifically the small white larva that turn up in cherries, raspberries and other soft fruit. This jar type trap with the Broad Spectrum Lure is a key component of an integrated pest management strategy. In other words, larger growers use them to monitor the SWD population so they can tell whether or when to apply chemicals. In a backyard setting though, 1 or 2 traps can be surprisingly effective to actually control this pest. Like all pheromone traps it operates on the basis of attracting and retaining the males and thereby disrupting the mating pattern. The lures are designed to hang from the inside of the trap jar lid. It is suggested to put about an inch of water with a drop of unscented soap in the bottom of the jar to drown the captured male flies.



The traps should be positioned in a shady spot close to the fruit well before it begins to ripen. For tree fruit such as cherries or plums they can be hung on a low branch. For blueberries or canefruit the traps are generally attached to a stake, or trellis wire right in the canopy of the bush if possible. The kit contains 1 trap, 1 set of Broad Spectrum replaceable lures and detailed instructions.

**735-6622 1 set of trap and lures \$46.95**

### REPLACEMENT LURES

Pherocon Broad Spectrum lures should be replaced every 4-6 weeks, depending on environmental conditions.

**735-6623 1 replacement lure set \$26.95**

### GARDIEN BIRD NETTING

If sharing your hard earned berries and fruit with your feathered friends makes you see red, you need to invest in our green bird netting. UV stabilized for durability and a much longer life expectancy than regular black netting. It is also more visible to birds. This reusable soft plastic netting with a 3/4" diamond shaped mesh pattern can also be used to cover small garden ponds to keep out leaves and debris. Numerous sizes available.



**735-7151 15' x 15' green bird netting \$17.95**  
**735-7155 15' x 50' green bird netting \$47.95**  
**735-7303 30' x 30' green bird netting \$55.95**

### BIRD NETTING CLIPS

Handy plastic clips enable you to draw together the bird netting around the base of your tree. They can also be used to clip onto a wire.



**735-7025 1 bag of 25 clips \$2.95**

## BOBBEX DEER REPELLENT

Many gardeners have a love/hate relationship with Bambi. It is rather difficult to appreciate the graceful beauty of any creature that has just destroyed your nicely started young trees! Bobbex Deer Repellent is made of meat meal, fish oil, putrescent eggs, garlic, and other naturally occurring ingredients. Although the odour can only be detected for several hours by humans, it lingers for weeks to vex deer noses. Not only do they find the smell obnoxious, the protein taste is horrible too. All natural and environmentally friendly, Bobbex can safely be applied to any and all trees and plants. In fact, this product can prevent winter windburn as well as offsetting summer heat and water loss during the summer. It can last up to 28 days if applied to dry foliage, however during rapid spring growth periods you should re-apply every two weeks. Rabbits and deer, even elk and moose find Bobbex repulsive.



Reusable Pump Sprayer

**735-1142** 1.42 litre RTU sprayer (Ready to Use) **\$44.95**  
**735-1378** 3.78 litre jug Concentrate (makes 20L) **\$159.95**

## CRITTER RIDDER

Do squirrels steal your plums? Aside from building a cage around your trees or shrubs, this natural repellent product is the best protection we have to offer. Try spraying the foliage around your ripening fruit with this unique formula of vegetable and mineral ingredients. Although harmless and organic, small animals get their noses out of joint since it rankles their sinuses. This repels cats, dogs, raccoons, skunks, groundhogs, and squirrels. Birds are not affected so it can keep those pesky squirrels off your bird feeder too. One application remains effective up to 30 days even in rainy conditions.



**735-1940** 940ml RTU spray bottle (Ready to Use) **\$29.95**

## Tree Protection & Support

### PLANTRA™ VINE AND TREE SHELTERS

Ensure your vines and saplings survival against many threats that can kill unprotected plants in their first seasons. Plantra™ shelters also act as a mini-greenhouse to build and grow the whole plant from the roots up.

The 60 cm (24") shelters are very popular in commercial vineyards. They protect young grape vines from wind damage or drying out and eliminate training the vines up to the wire. they can be re-used.

The taller models – 90 cm (36") and 150 cm (60") are recommended for heartnuts, pecans and pawpaws as well as any other young trees you wish to protect. Plantra™ shelters also promote straight tree growth.

**733-4201** 60 cm (24") vine shelter **\$3.95**  
**Qty of 10+** **\$3.45 Each**  
**733-4301** 90 cm (36") tree shelter **\$5.75**  
**Qty of 10+** **\$5.25 Each**  
**733-4501** 150 cm (60") tree shelter **\$8.95**  
**Qty of 10+** **\$7.95 Each**



### ARBORGARD+®

Guard trees from mower or trimmer damage. These heavy-duty 23 cm (9") tall tree trunk protectors will provide security on trunk calipers of up to 10 cm (4"). For more mature trees, two or more Arborgards will attach with locking tabs.

**733-1501** Qty of 1 **\$3.95**  
**Qty of 10+** **\$3.45**

## FLEXGUARD TREEWRAPS

Every spring we get tearful calls from customers whose young fruit trees have been damaged by rabbits or rodents. Flexguard can keep it from happening to you. Fine white mesh allows some airflow while protecting the trunk. The strong, flexible, PVC material keeps it's coil shape, expanding with the tree as it grows and providing complete coverage until the trunk reaches 10 cm (4") in diameter. If your trees are in an area that gets deep snow drifts, you can also install a second guard above the lower one. Flexguards are 55 cm (21½") tall.



**733-6801** Qty of 1 Flexguard **\$3.95**  
**6 or more, in multiples of 6** **\$2.95 Each**  
**30 or more, in multiples of 6** **\$2.45 Each**

## TREEFORM V-SPREADERS®

Branches encouraged to grow more horizontally will form a stronger framework for the young fruit tree as it matures. They will also bear earlier, be more fruitful and require less pruning. Some orchardists feel it is preferable to let young trees grow for a year or two before beginning to train them. These galvanized metal branch spreaders are more durable and work better for larger limbs than the plastic version we used to carry. The patented tip style has a sturdy point in the middle and gently curving corners to hold the branch and prevent slipping.



### 12 PIECE STARTER KIT FOR 2-4 TREES

**Contains four 8", six 12" and two 16" V-Spreaders®**  
**733-3201** One Starter Kit **\$19.95**

### 48 PIECE HOME ORCHARD KIT FOR 8-16 TREES

**Contains sixteen 8", twenty-four 12" and eight 16" V-Spreaders®**

**733-3204** One Home Orchard Kit **\$49.95**

**733-3208** One 8" V-spreader® **\$1.55**  
**733-3212** One 12" V-spreader® **\$1.75**  
**733-3216** One 16" V-spreader® **\$1.95**  
**733-3220** One 20" V-spreader® **\$1.95**

## ROOTTRAPPERS®II CONTAINERS

Are you planning to buy your own home in the next 2-5 years? Plant your mini-orchard now and move the trees with you! Container growing has expanded the gardening horizon for numerous people in various settings. Consider the possibilities!



We feel the RootMaker® product line, developed by Dr. Carl Whitcomb, is still the best on the market. The RootTrapper® container is a black, spun-bonded fabric, laminated with a white outer coating. The inner fabric stops circling roots and continues to stimulate root branching. The white outer coating greatly reduces container temperatures so roots do not die on the sunny side as with black plastic containers. The bottom two inches of the RootTrapper®II sidewall is not laminated. This improves drainage and aeration where the soil column needs it most, while not exposing the entire sidewall to excessive moisture loss.

The 40 gal size is just slightly larger than a wooden half barrel planter.

**736-1803** 3 US gal 14" Deep x 9" Base **REDUCED \$7.95 \$11.95**  
**736-1810** 10 US gal 15" Deep x 14" Base **REDUCED \$9.95 \$15.95**  
**736-1830** 30 US gal 15" Deep x 24" Base **REDUCED \$13.95 \$21.95**  
**736-1840** 40 US gal 18" Deep x 24" Base **REDUCED \$16.95 \$27.95**

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## Tree Protection Continued



### LAC BALSAM TREE WOUND DRESSING

Ice storm damage? Also known as artificial bark, Lac Balsam is the world's finest tree wound treatment. It provides protection against insect and disease organisms that are attracted to open wounds. Lac Balsam has saved thousands of trees girdled by mice and rabbits. 385 gram tube.

735-5038

\$29.95

### TERRAFIBRE TREE SQUARES

Far too many trees get planted, only to be choked out by grass and weeds. Until a young tree has a well established root system, it simply cannot handle the competition for moisture, nutrients and even sunlight. These all natural, hemp fibre squares can save the day. Although totally biodegradable, they are rugged enough to last several seasons. Simply slip the 13mm (1/2") thick x 45 cm (18") square around the base of your tree and weigh it down with a few rocks or a layer of wood chips.



Courtesy of Biocomposites Group

733-5201 Qty of 1 tree square  
Qty of 10+  
1 box of 50 squares

\$3.95

\$2.95 Each

\$129.95

### ALUMINUM LABELS

All of us agree that fruit trees and bushes need to be well labelled.



Then we push it off until the plastic tag tears off. These long lasting, lightweight aluminum labels come with an attached copper wire. Tie it loosely around a side branch so it won't girdle the branch as it grows. A ballpoint pen works well to emboss your variety name, etcetera on the soft surface where it can be read for years. Labels measure 3/4" x 3 3/4"

709-7012 12 Labels

\$9.95

709-7100 100 Labels

\$49.95

## Grafting Supplies

### TINA 683 GRAFTING KNIFE

Professional, right-handed, German grafting knives hold their edge. This is the model we prefer at Whiffletree.



We find the performance matches that of much pricier ones. It can be used for whip and tongue, T-budding and chip budding. Learning to graft opens up all sorts of exciting options—like cloning an old favourite or adding new varieties to existing trees.

709-6830

\$74.95

### BIO-GRAFT™ GRAFTING TAPE

With benchgrafting, the critical factor is maintaining maximum pressure on the graft union to ensure a successful bond. We have found this tape to be very effective. It keeps the graft rigid. Apply Bio-Graft™ tape with the adhesive side toward the plant. Approx. 50% stretch is recommended and a minimum of 4 to 5 layers must be applied to your newly grafted stock to produce good callous formation. Bio-Graft™ polyethylene tape will usually unravel itself from the graft union after sufficient callousing has occurred. If the tape is still intact by mid-summer, you should remove it.



709-3030 30mm x 100m roll

\$19.95

### GRAFTING / TOPWORKING KIT

The ability to topwork different varieties onto existing trees opens up all sorts of interesting options for the backyard fruit grower. It is a skill which could be compared to learning to ride a bicycle- after you master a few basics, it is really simple enough for almost anyone to do. Now you can put multiple varieties on a single tree for pollination purposes and / or limited space reasons. You can also rehabilitate a damaged tree, or even piggyback desirable varieties onto a healthy wild or fencerow tree. In many cases you may even harvest some fruit in the following year.



Topworked in May.



Tape removed in July.

The products in this kit are what we use for doing bark inlay grafts in mid to late spring. With a bit of practice, you should be able to enjoy the same high level of success which we have come to expect.

Kit includes:

#### 1 - 225 gram block of Argo-Whitney's Grafting Wax

The product is more pliable than other competitor's grafting waxes. When used under normal conditions it does not crack, and will not stick to your hands. One package should be enough for 50 or more grafts. If stored on an airtight container, the shelf life is five years or more.



#### 1 - Roll of White Flagging Tape (1"x 150' x .003" thickness)

Durable, stretchy, and weatherproof tape is perfect for binding and supporting your new grafts until they have grown into place.



#### 1 - Detailed Instructions

709-4150

\$34.95

## Pruning Tools

Choose **Castellari** for the cutting edge in hand pruning. Top quality tools imported from Italy.

### M80 BRANCH CUTTERS

Professional anvil style head for a clean cut. Forged aluminum counter blade has lifetime guarantee. Lightweight 80 cm (32") handles provide lots of leverage. Jaws open to 45mm (1 3/4").



725-1680

\$139.95

### UNIVERSALE HAND PRUNERS

Lightweight and virtually unbreakable with professional anvil type cut 25mm (1") capacity. Castellari quality makes it a joy to use. We prefer them over the Felco #2.



725-2625

\$79.95

### SPE 18G FOLDING HAND SAW

Pull stroke pruning saws provide precise, rapid clean cutting. 18 cm (7") blade is impulse hardened for superior durability and long lasting sharpness. Compact folding design.



725-3418

\$39.95

### BARNEL B200 HAND PRUNERS

This economical alternative provides good value in a durable, dependable bypass pruner for the backyard orchardist.



725-2001

\$32.95

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# Fertilizer & Soil Amendments

The 3 products in this column all work well on their own, but even better as 3 ingredients in one root dip solution. The rates of each are listed below.

## ROOT RESCUE TRANPLANTER

"Throw your plants a lifeline!"

We are excited to offer a new 100% natural and organic planter starter developed in Canada. It consists of 18 different native species of mycorrhizal fungi and 2 organic bio-stimulants. Mycorrhizae are naturally occurring soil dwelling fungi that attach to roots and greatly increase the uptake of water and nutrients—for life. Because of this, transplant shock and plant failures are significantly reduced.

Four years of testing at the University of Guelph have proven that it works.

This wettable powder is easy to mix and use on all deciduous trees, conifers, shrubs, evergreens and perennials. For potted plants the solution can be watered in after planting. However for bareroot planting we highly recommend using it as a root dip.

Usage rate is 1.5 gram/L of water. Mix one 22.5 gram packet with 15L water for the root dip solution. This will treat 10-20 trees/shrubs.

**707-6225 22.5 gram packet \$19.95**



## SOIL ACTIVATOR

This new Canadian made, microbial biofertilizer works hand in hand with Root Rescue to manage transplant shock. It is composed of naturally occurring soil micro organisms with an all natural forestry by-product. Approved for certified organic use.

Soil Activator also aids with the following modes of action.

- Improves soil moisture retention
- Increases nutrient uptake
- Boost nitrogen levels in the soil
- Releases nutrients from organic matter
- Solubilizes phosphorus and improves micronutrient availability

It is also mixed with water and is designed to be combined with the Root Rescue. Rate is 10 grams/L of water (150 grams/15L) 15L rootdip solution will treat 10-20 trees/shrubs and bushes.

**707-6425 425 gram packet \$29.95**



## SOIL MOIST™ FINES

This is the final ingredient to the root dip solution. Soil Moist is a potassium-based (pH neutral) polymer designed specifically for the horticultural industry. Mix the granular fines with water to create a safe, non-toxic root dip slurry which is very effective in reducing transplant shock. This gel mixture attaches to the dipped roots to increase the water holding capacity while plants are being established. One 85 gram packet mixed with 15L of water will treat 10-20 tree/shrubs.

**707-4185 85 gram packet \$8.95**

Note: Currently not approved for certified organic use.



After you have dipped and planted all your trees, we suggest diluting the leftover root dip solution with an additional 10-20L of water before applying it to either the newly planted or to existing trees.

## POWER BLOOM 2-8-4

A new organic fertilizer filled with old fashioned goodness. Gardeners are gratified with the results in houseplants and flower beds on up to large plots of produce as well as trees and shrubs. Power Bloom is meant to mix into the soil at planting to stimulate root development but also to topdress under established plants as it is specifically formulated with nutrient ratios to support prolific flowering and fruiting.



The ingredients are: bone meal, mineralized phosphate, fish bone meal, rock phosphate, mined potassium sulfate, glacial rock dust, insect frass, feather meal, basalt rock dust, kelp meal, humic acid, gypsum, greensand and bloodmeal.

Mix 1 tablespoon per gallon of potting soil for containers. Topdress at 500g per 3 sq. meters (1lb per 10 sq ft.). Apply once a month or as desired.

**707-5605 500g container \$9.95**  
**707-5602 2 kg bag \$39.95**

## SEA-90®

Ocean water contains over 90 naturally occurring and naturally balanced minerals and trace elements. Intense solar dehydration removes the water and the resulting sea mineral solids have demonstrated their usefulness in various applications. In over 30 years of agricultural research, it has become clear that soil, crops and livestock will all benefit from this product. Fruits, vegetables, and herbs show increases in vitamin, sugar, and proteins, which translates to richer, fuller flavour. Greater disease and insect resistance have also been seen.



A number of master gardeners have been seeking out SEA-90®, so we have made it available for everyone. It can be applied directly on the soil or even fed free choice to your livestock. Possibly the greatest benefit will be realized by dissolving it for foliar spraying, drip irrigation or even in your drinking water. For foliar applications on gardens, fruit trees, or small fruits add 1 teaspoon to 4 litres of water and apply every 7-10 days. SEA-90® can be added to the tank mix if you are using the Organic Spray Kit.

**735-6802 2.5 kg pail \$17.95**  
**735-6815\* 15 kg pail \$44.95**

\*Please note: A \$15.00 freight surcharge applies to ship a 15 kg pail.

## VERMIBEC WORM CASTINGS

Most gardeners are well aware of the dramatic growth benefits of adding worm castings to the soil. Another amazing advantage that is not as well known is the pest control provided by this product. This seems to work in several ways. For one- all the wonderful beneficial microbes, micronutrients, and minerals will boost the plant's natural immunity, making it more resistant to insect pests and disease. The other aspect is an enzyme in worm castings called 'chitinase'. Chitinase degrades or breaks down chitin, which is the substance that forms the exoskeleton of many soft-bodied insects. Trees or plants will take up the chitinase from the worm castings, then when the insects ingest plant material, the chitinase begins to work and actually degrades the insect pests! Ann Ralph (the author of Grow a Little Fruit Tree) has recommended worm castings to hundreds of customers to use under trees with various problems. This 'black gold' is very nutrient dense and a little bit will go a long way. Top dress a 1cm (1/2") layer under the tree out to the drip line, once or twice a year. A handful or two in the hole when planting trees is also very beneficial.



**707-9103 3 litre bag \$18.95**  
**707-9120\* 20 litre bag \$39.95**

\*Please note: A \$10.00 freight surcharge applies to ship a 20 litre bag.

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## Fertilizer & Soil Amendments

### ROSE AND STRAWBERRY 10-52-17

In the past few years this product has become so popular some gardeners simply couldn't imagine being without it! The high phosphate level along with various vital micronutrients, effectively stimulates root growth so it sees widespread usage as a transplant solution. Although roses and strawberries are specifically targeted, raspberries respond rambunctiously too. In fact, most container plants, fruiting shrubs and perennials will be revitalized by it. To boost blossom and fruit production, mix 15g per 5 liters of water and apply as a foliar feed every 2 weeks or so. 5 to 7 applications per season are recommended. 'Rose and Strawberry' works well on it's own, but mixing with Liquid Fish makes really high octane plant fuel.



**707-7102 2 kg pail \$39.95**

*Note: Currently not approved for certified organic use.*

### BLACK EARTH HUMALITE AG4 NEW

Black Earth Humalite AG4 is a humate product that we suggest adding as you plant your trees and shrubs.



#### What Are Humates?

Humates are essentially the ultimate form of compost. The process of plant and animal matter slowly decomposing into a stable substance is called humification. The final stage of organic decay is a dark rich material called humus. Under certain conditions humus can be concentrated and compressed by soil, water, and sediment over thousands of years, eventually becoming a coal-like substance known as humates.

Humates are found in deposits under the ground in certain geographic areas. The humate deposit in Hanna, AB, is recognized for its superior quality which includes exceptionally high concentrations of molecular content known as humic and fulvic acids. In order to set this Alberta deposit apart from other lower quality products, the Black Earth company has named its product **Humalite**.

#### How Do Humates Work?

The humic and fulvic acids in Humalite work together as a symbiotic pair. Humic acid improves soil structure, enhancing aeration and moisture retention. It also increases the soil's ability to hold nutrients and release them as needed. Fulvic acid delivers nutrients directly into plant cells. Together they enhance your soil's biological activity so that the thriving beneficial microbes help your newly planted tree get off to a great start. Black Earth Humalite is especially effective in high pH soils.

#### Content Analysis:

Humic Acids – 64%  
Hydrophobic Fulvic Acids – 3.04%  
Inert Ingredients (Humalite) – 32%



#### Application Rates:

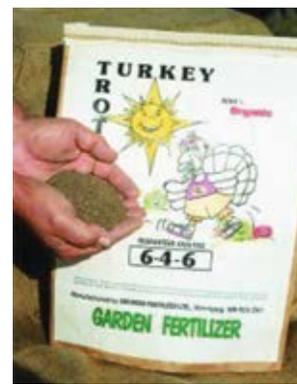
- Planting bareroot trees and shrubs: Disperse approximately 4 cups per plant throughout soil while filling the hole.
- Garden beds: Apply 1-2 pounds per 100 sq feet and work into the top few inches. Water in well.
- Lawns: Spread 3-10 pounds per 1000 sq feet. Water thoroughly.
- Potting soil: Mix 2 tablespoons per cubic foot of potting soil.

**707-3102 2 kg pail \$15.95**  
**707-3112 12 kg pail \$47.95**

*\*Please note: A \$12.00 freight surcharge applies to ship any 12kg pail.*

### ORGANIC TURKEY TROT

In university tests, this has been rated as one of the best organic fertilizers you can use. It consists of composted, deodorized, granular turkey manure. A complete package containing both quick and slow release nitrogen, all primary, secondary and tertiary plant nutrients. Compared to commonly available inorganic fertilizers which only benefit the plants themselves, Turkey Trot will build up your soil, making it better each year, providing vital micro-nutrients to everything you grow. Use everywhere – orchards and berry patches, vegetables and flower beds.



For fruit trees – each spring broadcast 2 cups (500g) per 25mm (or 1lb per 1") tree diameter.

**707-7710\* 10kg bag \$44.95**  
**707-7720\* 20kg bag \$78.95**

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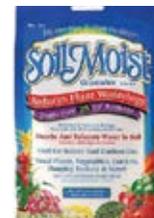
**A \$10.00 freight surcharge applies to ship any 10kg bag.**

**A 20kg bag will have a \$20.00 freight surcharge.**

Local gardeners who have used Turkey Trot for the past several years on their flowers and vegetables are totally sold on it!

### SOIL MOIST™ PLANT PACKS

The easiest way to apply this wonderful water retaining product. At planting time you simply drop one biodegradable packet into the hole before placing your plant. Ideal for blueberries and other container plants. The polymer granules absorb several hundred times their weight in water and release it as the soil dries. Soil Moist™ Packs are designed to reduce the need for watering by 50% for the 1st season.



**707-4206 1 set of 6 packets**

**\$7.95**

## Blueberry Fertilizer

### ORGANIC PRO 8-3-3

#### SPRING BLUEBERRY FERTILIZER

Organic Pro 8-3-3 with 3% Sulphur is an excellent spring fertilizer to use across the board. It seems to work especially well with blueberry bushes. Some local gardeners are seeing impressive growth when it is paired up with Blueberry Booster. Apply approx. 100g (1/4lb) per plant of Organic Pro early in the growing season. For general usage a good rule of thumb is 1 1/2 lb per 100 sq. ft.



**707-1502 1.75 kg pail \$13.95**  
**707-1510\* 10 kg pail \$39.95**

### FALL FEEDER 2-8-6

#### SEPTEMBER BLUEBERRY FERTILIZER

To round out your blueberry fertility program, we suggest using this low nitrogen organic fertilizer in early fall. It will help your plants fortify their defences before winter sets in, so they wake up smiling in the spring. 100g (1/4 lb) per average size plant should be all they need.

**707-1602 2.5 kg pail \$19.95**  
**707-1610\* 10 kg pail \$39.95**



## BLUEBERRY BOOSTER

Many home gardeners would love to grow their own blueberries, but hesitate to try because of the plant's special needs. This product is really not a fertilizer, but an earth-friendly sulfur, which by lowering the soil pH, allows the blueberry plant to draw up the nutrients it needs. Simply scattering a handful around every plant each spring before topping up with a fresh coat of mulch goes a long way toward keeping your blueberry plants healthy and green. Blueberry Booster is 80% Bio-Sol90 (Elemental Sulfur) and 20% Earth Boost (Dry Humic Acid).



707-1702 2.5 kg pail \$19.95  
707-1710\* 10 kg pail \$39.95

\*Please note: A \$10.00 freight surcharge applies to ship any 10kg pail.

## Irrigation

So now you have carefully selected your trees or plants and have visions of fresh fruit dancing in your head. What if you happen to hit a dry summer while trying to establish your mini-orchard? Of course, the large scale producers practically all set up some system of irrigation. But for the average backyard grower this seems like a daunting array of water lines and unfamiliar components. For those of you planting a modest number of trees but aiming to make the most efficient use of both time and water, we offer simple, adaptable and economical start-up irrigation kits.



Assuming you already have a garden hose or two, the beginning point is our **Base Irrigation Kit**. You can now add either the **Berry Add-on Kit**, the **Tree Add-on Kit** or up to 1 or 2 of either or both.

For more information, check out our **Irrigation Instructions** in the resources section of our website.

### BASE IRRIGATION KIT

To ensure trouble free watering, start at your faucet with these components. Contains one 15psi pressure regulator, one mesh screen filter and one back-flow valve.

737-1101 base kit \$49.95

### BERRY ADD-ON KIT

Ideal for short rows of closely spaced plants such as raspberries or strawberries which really benefit from regular watering. Contains 100' of Drip-in tubing as well as the fittings you'll need. Includes lay-out and assembly instruction.

737-1102 berry add-on kit \$79.95

### TREE ADD-ON KIT

With this kit you can run an irrigation line along a row of trees or shrubs. Contains 100' of Blank Orchard tubing and the necessary fittings. Also includes a hole punch and 20 button emitters allowing you to tailor your layout to any tree spacing. Layout and assembly instructions included.

737-1103 tree add-on kit \$69.95

### BUTTON EMITTER KIT

This gives you an extra 20 button emitters and a hole punch so you can adapt the Tree Add-on Kit to closer spacing for plants such as haskaps, aronias, etc.

737-1104 button emitter kit \$19.95

## WATER-STOP QUICK CONNECTORS

Practical and almost essential if you have several soaker rings, or to move the garden hose for lawn mowing.



737-6697 1 male coupler \$2.95  
737-6696 1 female coupler \$3.45

## TREE SOAKER RINGS

A simple, yet extremely effective method of watering any trees or shrubs within garden hose range of your water tap. Uses dramatically less water than conventional methods, especially if you cover the soaker ring with mulch or compost. Made in U.S.A. from recycled material and built to last with brass fittings.



737-1405 1-150 cm (5') ring \$17.95

## DRAMM WATER TIMER

For all gardeners whose forgetter is getting better, this simple and basic dial timer can be set to shut off water flow at any time up to 2 hours. Manual override setting allows you to use the garden hose without engaging the timer. Durable Dramm quality. Fastens directly to any standard faucet.



737-1701 1 mechanical dial timer \$29.95

## HYDROFARM 2-WAY METER - Moisture & pH

Newly planted trees. Raised bed Vegetables. Potted houseplants. All of them depend on you to ensure they have enough water to thrive. How much is enough? This sturdy, easy-to-use meter needs no batteries. Simply insert the 17cm (6") probes near the roots to get a surprisingly accurate reading of the moisture! Keep your plants happy without overwatering.



The second function on this 2-way meter is a soil pH tester. Collect soil below 2" of the surface and mix with distilled water. Insert the meter 4-5" into the sample for a minute. The reading will give you a good idea of how alkaline or acidic your soil is.

Note: HydroFarm 2-way meter is not waterproof; only the probes can be submerged in liquid.

737-1701 1 mechanical dial timer \$25.95

## RAPITEST DIGITAL 3-WAY ANALYZER

How much Blueberry Booster should I apply this spring? This affordable tester gives you a means of checking your soil pH from year to year. As an added bonus the fertility function reads the combined levels of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. Although by no means equal to a lab soil test, it gives you a ballpark indication whether your soil fertility is high or low. The third function is soil temperature. Is it warm enough to plant your tender vegetables? A simple, reliable tester at a reasonable price.



707-1403 Rapitest digital 3-way tester \$54.95



**LIFETIME WARRANTY • ECO-FRIENDLY**

**EZ STEP PLANT SUPPORT SYSTEM**

One of the main advantages of the EZ Step system, aside from the rugged durability, is the versatility. The basic components can be used in various ways for the different crops. From year to year you can add components and change configurations. This system is in a totally different league than flimsy tomato cages, with the added bonus of much easier storage.

**EZ STEP-IN POST**

Constructed of heavy 13mm (½") rebar with a durable powder coated finish. The foot platform obviously aids in installation, but also enhances anchorage stability (it should be turned toward the tree or plant) and keeps the post from turning. Powder coating does not flake off like regular paint and seals all and any pits and pinholes to deny mold and fungus spores a spot to hide.



- 733-8161 150cm (60") x 13mm (½") Midnight Black \$18.95**
- 733-8261 150cm (60") x 13mm (½") Alpine Green \$18.95**
- 733-8361 150cm (60") x 13mm (½") Sunset Orange \$18.95**
- 733-8181 200cm (80") x 13mm (½") Midnight Black PICKUP ONLY \$19.95**
- 733-8281 200cm (80") x 13mm (½") Alpine Green PICKUP ONLY \$19.95**
- 733-8381 200cm (80") x 13mm (½") Sunset Orange PICKUP ONLY \$19.95**

**EZ RINGS**

These molded polymer rings come with a 10 year warranty against breakage. They are designed to attach to the EZ Step-In Post but can be used with any 12-20 mm (½"-¾") round stakes or rods you may happen to have around. The 20 cm (8") rings are ideal for tree support. In a public park or school setting it may be advisable to use 3 posts and rings for maximum protection and stability. Otherwise 2 or even 1 should provide adequate support. The same 20cm rings can be used for various other plants. 25 cm (10") and 30 cm (12") rings are also available which provide more space for blackberries, raspberries, peppers, and tomatoes, etc. You can keep adding additional rings every 20-25 cm as the plant grows. Not only are you saving space in the garden, your plants will respond by stepping up both the quality and quantity of fruits produced.



- 733-8508 20cm (8") EZ Ring, Rod Clamp & Locking Nut \$6.95**
- 733-8510 25cm (10") EZ Ring, Rod Clamp & Locking Nut \$7.95**
- 733-8512 30cm (12") EZ Ring, Rod Clamp & Locking Nut \$7.95**



**EZ TRELLIS KIT**

The same EZ Step-In Posts can also be used to support your vine crops. Use less garden space and increase production by getting your cucumbers, beans, peas, and squash up off the ground. Trailing blackberries are another viable candidate for this system. Start with 2 posts 75-90 cm (30-36") apart. The EZ End Cap Kit contains 10 trellis clips with rod clamps and nuts which fasten to the first post. The EZ Trellis Kit also includes 10 trellis clips with rod clamps and nuts (for the second part) plus 10 Epoxy-Fibreglass Trellis Rods which measure 90 cm (36") by 6 mm (¼"). By snapping these rods horizontally onto the trellis clips every 15 cm (6") or so, you now have a heavy-duty, light-weight and versatile trellis. If you have several plants in a row, you can easily add EZ Trellis Kits and EZ Step-In Posts every 75-90 cm (30-36") for the length you need.



The main benefits of this system include:

- Quick, easy set-up for annual crops such as peas or cucumbers
- Fast dismantling after harvest for compact, tidy storage
- Sturdy enough for perennial crops like blackberries or kiwis

- 733-9010 EZ End Cap Kit (10 clips) \$24.95**
- 733-9113 EZ Trellis Kit (10 clips, 10 rods) Midnight Black \$42.95**
- 733-9213 EZ Trellis Kit (10 clips, 10 rods) Alpine Green \$42.95**
- 733-9313 EZ Trellis Kit (10 clips, 10 rods) Sunset Orange \$42.95**

*Natural Health Products*

**BAJA GOLD™ MINERAL SEA SALT**

The sister company to Sea-90, and produced for human consumption, Baja Gold is the end product of solar dehydrated seawater. It is unrefined, unprocessed sea salt in its purest state, and contains only 75-80% sodium chloride. Valuable minerals and trace elements make up the rest of Baja Gold, all in nature's perfect balance. These include macro elements like potassium, magnesium, and calcium, and micro 'trace' elements such as zinc, boron, manganese, molybdenum, and more.



Baja Gold's natural harvesting techniques and geological origin create the world's healthiest sea salt. Baja Gold features the lowest sodium chloride and highest minerals and trace elements, all of which are critical to help support human health and wellness.

Replace your refined table salt with this naturally healthy alternative. Now you can enhance and engage the full flavour of your food without feeling guilty about eating too much salt.

- 750-1105 Natural Grain 5lb Bag \$74.95**
- 750-1205 Fine Grind 5lb Bag \$74.95**

**THENTIX SKIN CONDITIONER**

Folks who love to play in the dirt find this product outperforms anything in the skincare department, hands down. Thentix is packed with all sorts of beneficial natural ingredients, including Calendula, Avocado Oil, Ginseng extract, Vitamins A, E & B5, Jojoba, and Safflower. Many of Thentix's amazing properties, however, are derived from its honey content. Honey acts as an anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and anti-inflammatory agent. It kills germs and promotes the growth of healthy tissue. Moreover, it is long lasting and resists washing off. Do your hands a favour - use Thentix.



- 751-0108 8oz container \$29.95**
- 751-0112 12oz with pump \$39.95**

## SHIPPING INFORMATION

**The Dormant Tree Shipping Season is mid April to the end of May.**

Your trees and plants will arrive packaged in a box, the roots carefully packed in damp sphagnum moss to ensure that they are kept moist. At times we must clip back the tops of tall trees to fit them into the box. This will not hurt your tree.



Planting instructions are included.

Most orders are shipped by FedEx courier. If you are in a more remote location, FedEx may hand your package off to local couriers or Canada Post. You do not need to be home to receive it.

Out-of-province orders can take up to 4-8 days to get to the farthest points.

We do our best to accommodate your preferred planting date.

Bareroot trees or plants can be stored for several weeks if you keep them in a cool, dark spot and moisten the roots every 2-3 days.

Late winter to early spring is an intense, hectic time for us in the mail-order, bare-root tree business. We do try to serve you the best we possibly can with our small staff.

### PICK UPS

You can avoid shipping charges by picking up your order. Arranging a pickup date in advance is essential, with at least several days advance notice for larger orders. Most of our plants are in the cooler, which is not open to the public. All supplies are on display in our store where you can shop at your leisure. A small number of potted plants (some blueberries, etc.) are also setup outside.

### SUBSTITUTIONS

Your order will be filled as accurately as possible. If a variety is sold out we will substitute with a similar or superior variety having equal or greater value. If you prefer no subs for some items on your order please specify. When ordering grafted trees please indicate whether you will accept the varieties on a similar rootstock.

## HOW TO CALCULATE FREIGHT

Shipping charges are based on the dollar value of your order. For example, if the subtotal for your order is \$275.00 and you live in Ontario, the freight will be \$49.00.

YOUR ORDER SUBTOTAL	ONTARIO POSTAL CODE K, L, M, N	QC/MB/SK & POSTAL CODE P	AB/BC MARITIMES
\$0 - \$49	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$18.00
\$50 - \$99	\$20.00	\$28.00	\$31.00
\$100 - \$149	\$31.00	\$40.00	\$44.00
\$150 - \$199	\$38.00	\$48.50	\$53.00
\$200 - \$249	\$44.00	\$56.00	\$61.00
\$250 - \$299	\$49.00	\$62.50	\$68.00
\$300 - \$349	\$54.00	\$69.00	\$75.00
\$350 - \$399	\$59.00	\$75.50	\$82.00
\$400 - \$449	\$64.00	\$82.00	\$89.00
\$450 - \$499	\$69.00	\$88.50	\$96.00
\$500 - \$549	\$74.00	\$95.00	\$103.00
\$550 - \$599	\$79.00	\$101.50	\$110.00
\$600 - \$649	\$84.00	\$108.00	\$117.00
\$650 - \$699	\$89.00	\$114.50	\$124.00
\$700 - \$749	\$94.00	\$121.00	\$131.00
\$750 - \$799	\$99.00	\$127.50	\$138.00
\$800 - \$849	\$104.00	\$134.00	\$145.00
\$850 - \$899	\$109.00	\$140.50	\$152.00
\$900 - \$949	\$114.00	\$147.00	\$159.00
\$950 - \$999	\$119.00	\$153.50	\$166.00
\$1000 - \$1099	\$124.00	\$160.00	\$173.00
\$1100 - \$1199	\$129.00	\$166.50	\$180.00
\$1200 - \$1299	\$134.00	\$173.00	\$187.00
\$1300 - \$1399	\$139.00	\$179.50	\$194.00
\$1400 - \$1499	\$144.00	\$186.00	\$201.00
\$1500 - \$1599	\$149.00	\$192.50	\$208.00
\$1600 - \$1699	\$154.00	\$199.00	\$215.00
\$1700 - \$1799	\$159.00	\$205.50	\$222.00
\$1800 - \$1899	\$164.00	\$212.00	\$229.00
\$1900 - \$1999	\$169.00	\$218.50	\$236.00
\$2000 - \$2099	\$174.00	\$225.00	\$243.00
\$2100 - \$2199	\$179.00	\$231.50	\$250.00
\$2200 - \$2299	\$184.00	\$238.00	\$257.00
\$2300 - \$2399	\$189.00	\$244.50	\$264.00
\$2400 - \$2499	\$194.00	\$251.00	\$271.00
\$2500 - \$2599	\$199.00	\$257.50	\$278.00
\$2600 - \$2699	\$204.00	\$264.00	\$285.00
\$2700 - \$2799	\$209.00	\$270.50	\$292.00
\$2800 - \$2899	\$214.99	\$277.00	\$299.00
\$2900 - \$2999	\$219.00	\$283.50	\$306.00

Freight charges on larger orders are calculated on a case by case basis.

A surcharge now applies when you request shipping on non-plant items weighing 5kg or more (fertilizer, grass seed).

We are closed on: Friday, April 3 (Good Friday)

Thursday, May 14 (Ascension Day)

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# The Growing Cycle...



1. Planting rootstock in May of year 1.



2. Rootstock ready for grafting.



3. Grafting in August of year 1.



4. Grafted rootstock waiting for spring.



5. Trees growing in the nursery during summer of year 2.



6. Trees in nursery in September of year 2.

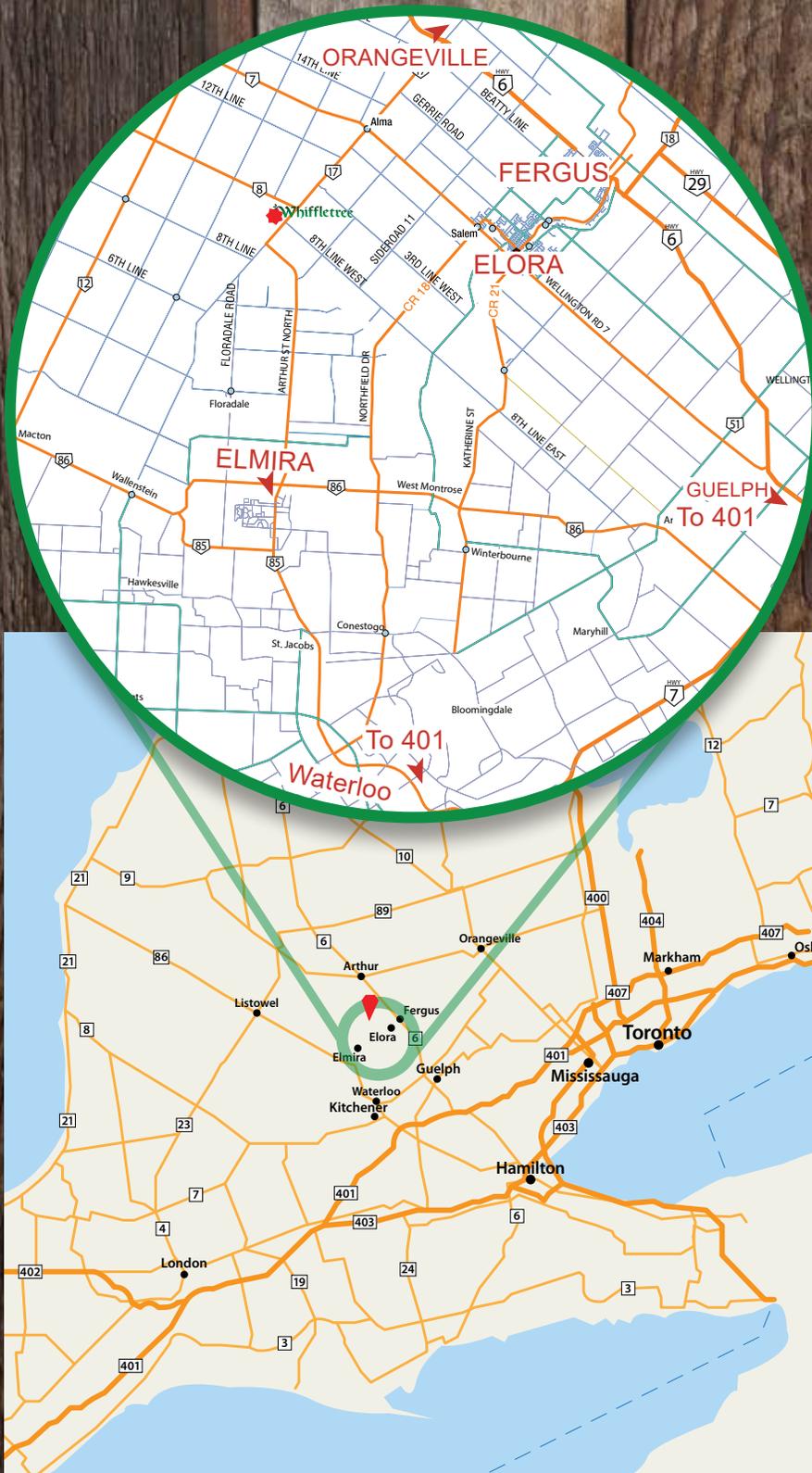


7. Digging trees in November of year 2.



8. Trees and plants ready to be shipped in the spring of year 3.

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## ORDER PICKUPS

Please call the office in  
advance to arrange a  
date: 519.669.1349

**Spring Hours:**  
April 7th - June 13th

**Monday - Friday**  
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

**Saturday**  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Off Season Hours:**  
*Call to check*

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