

# 2018 Spring Planting Guide

## **White Pine *Pinus strobus* 7-15"**

Fast growing, tolerant of shade and a wide range of soils. The largest conifer in Wisconsin, it is extremely hardy and can reach a mature height of 120 feet. Young pine stands provide winter cover for deer and birds. Cones are 4-8 inches long and needles are about 3-5 inches long and clustered in groups of five.

## **Balsam Fir *Abies balsamea* 12-18"**

Commonly used as a Christmas tree and for wreath making but also an important wildlife species for food and cover. Prefers cool, shady sites and reaches a mature height of 60 feet. Needles are 1/2-1 inch long, flat, and dark green with two silvery-white bands on the undersides. Fragrant.

## **White Spruce *Picea Glauca Lake States* 7-15"**

Moderate growing tree with blueish-green needles, and short, dense branches. A popular Christmas tree as well as an ornamental and windbreak tree. Endures drought conditions well.

## **White Oak *Quercus alba* 12-18"**

Broad dense headed tree with purple-red fall color. This is an excellent tree for wildlife planting. Slow growing, not tolerant of road salt. May need protection from deer browse when young. Matures to 50-80' in height. Long lived tree.

## **Ninebark *Physocarpus Opulifolius* 24-36"**

Upright, dense spreading shrub reaching 5 to 10 feet in height and 6 to 10 feet in width. Bears white or pinkish flowers in spring and red colored seeds in fall. Adaptable to wide variety of conditions, high tolerance to drought once established.

## **Canoe Birch *Betula papyrifera* 24-36"**

Prefers well-drained soils, sand and gravel. Reaches mature height of 50-70 feet. Fast-growing with light yellow-green leaves when young, becoming mid-green with lighter undersides. Bark on young trees is brown to bronze becoming chalk white and peeling as tree ages. Seeds are a favorite of birds especially Pine Siskins.

## **Northern Bayberry *Myrica pensylvanica* 18-24"**

Fast growing, dense shrub with a rounded habit that is extremely adaptable. Easily grown in average, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Tolerant of road salt. 9 feet in height when mature. Clusters of grayish-white fruits that are attractive to birds.

## **Winterberry *Ilex verticillata* 18-24"**

A slower growing shrub with bright red fruit which ripens in late August and will hang on into January making fantastic winter color. Adaptable to wet conditions and is native in low lying areas. Berries are for birds and other critters only, can be toxic to humans.

## **American Elderberry *Sambucus Canadensis* 18-24"**

Fast growing shrub with whitish flowers in late spring/early summer. Bears a purple-black fruit in August which makes excellent wine and jam. Habitat is moist soils in full sun or part shade.

## **Red Osier Dogwood *Cornus sericea* 24"-36"**

A dense, fast growing plant that produces white flowers and white berries. Leaves turn to a purplish red fall color. Excellent winter interest with smooth, red stems. Good for moist soils.

# Reminders for Spring Planting Season

Pickup dates for the 2018 tree sale are:

Friday, April 27th from 9 am—5 pm  
Saturday, April 28th from 11am—12pm

Dates/times will be confirmed on your reminder postcard.

Visit our department website for an order form  
and pictures of the species offered:

[www.sawycountygov.org](http://www.sawycountygov.org)

We strongly recommend planting your new trees  
and shrubs as soon as possible after they arrive  
to ensure the best success.

Keep plants in a cool, dark place prior to planting.

In case of a scheduling conflict, arrangements can be made to pick up  
your order within the following week. Neighbors or friends may  
pickup your order for you with advanced notice.  
Orders cannot be held more than 1 week.  
Unclaimed orders will be donated.

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