

2025 Hillcrest Nursery Catalog

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Our family-owned business rooted at the heart of Greensboro is dedicated to nurturing the beauty of nature by providing a wide variety of high-quality stock curated for our northern community.

Hours

Sunday	9:00 – 4:00
Monday-Tuesday	By Appointment Only
Wednesday– Friday	9:00 – 5:00
Saturday	Closed

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- Hanging baskets, annuals, herbs & perennials
- Mulch, compost, and topsoil (*Appointment required if purchasing by the yard.*)
- Rent the Chicken - Available May through October. See www.rentthechicken.com/p/northeastern-vermont for details.
- Host your event at Hillcrest or order event flowers! There is still availability for 2025-2026 bookings.
- Landscape Design & Maintenance. Let Gardens Made Beautiful bring resilient beauty and harvest to your garden, orchard, and farm. Laura and her trained crew strive to create sustainable, vibrant outdoor spaces. Through passion, expertise and lasting relationships, we're here to help you bring your outdoor vision to life.

Please note that we are a working farm and are unable to allow dogs to visit the nursery.
We appreciate your courtesy!

DECIDUOUS TREES

American Hazelnut

Corylus Strong, multi-stemmed spreading pattern. Edible nuts, maturing in September or October. This hazelnut is planted by enthusiasts to attract wildlife. Grows 12-18'.

Birch

Paper Birch Extremely hardy, rich reddish-brown stems mature to highly sought-after chalk-white bark as they mature. Deep green foliage changes to an outstanding yellow. Full sun, height of 40'.

River Birch Fast-growing, native tree with attractive, reddish-brown bark that exfoliates to reveal lighter under layer. Mature height 40-60'.

White Birch Cold tolerant. Fall yellow contributes to the beauty of the forest. Beautiful, ornamental addition to garden or estate. Bark is weather-resistant. Can reach 50-70' in height.

Eastern Red Cedar

Virginiana Evergreen, aromatic tree with trunk often angled and buttressed at base and narrow, compact, columnar crown; sometimes becoming broad and irregular. Pyramidal when young, its mature form is quite variable. This evergreen usually grows 30-40' but can reach 90'. Fragrant, scale-like foliage can be coarse or fine-cut, and varies in color from gray-green to blue-green to light- or dark-green. All colors tend to brown in winter. Pale blue fruits occur on female plants. Soft, silvery bark covers the single trunk.

Maple

Autumn Blaze® Maple A popular hybrid of the silver and red maples combining the best attributes of both; stunning fall colors, excellent habit of growth, tolerant of conditions, and fast growing. An excellent alternative for locations where a red maple may not grow, Autumn Blaze features showy clusters of red flowers along the branches in early spring before its green foliage unfolds. The lobed leaves turn outstanding shades of orange in the fall. The furrowed gray bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Fall Fiesta® Sugar Maple is a native of our state tree, the Sugar Maple, and noted for its increased vigor and growth rate compared to the straight species. Compact and sturdy when young, the Fall Fiesta® Sugar maple matures to a symmetrical, full-sized tree with thick, dark green foliage. It truly shines in autumn, its leaves turning a brilliant mix of red, orange, and yellow color!

Silver Maple is a large shade tree in the maple family (Sapindaceae) that gets its name from the silvery undersides of its leaves. This is a fast-growing tree reaching 50-80' tall and 40-60' wide with a rounded spreading crown. It is highly adaptable to soil types and tolerates urban conditions, will grow in poor acidic wet soils where other trees won't. Plant in full sun to light shade.

Oak

Northern Red Oak is a medium-sized, moderate to fast-growing, deciduous tree with a rounded to broad spreading crown that branches close to the ground. It may grow 50-75' tall and equally as wide. Its green leaves on the upper sides and grayish-white on the undersides have 7 to 11 pointed lobes with sharply pointed tips. The fall foliage is reddish-brown.

Willow

Prairie Cascade Graceful, weeping tree with glossy green foliage in summer. Changes to yellow in autumn. 30-50' tall. Grows best in damp or wet soil.

ORNAMENTAL TREES

Dogwood

Arctic Fire® Red (*Cornus sericea*, formerly known as *C. stolonifera*) has beautiful red stems and a compact habit and is at its peak in the winter sunlight. This dwarf variety is one of the most shade-tolerant ornamental shrubs that reaches just 3-5' rather than the 8-10' of conventional red-twig dogwood. Its smaller size makes this a great breakthrough for smaller gardens or residential landscapes. Tolerates a wide range of soil and light conditions. Plant a few extra to use in winter arrangements and holiday décor! Native to North America.

Bud's Yellow is a great improvement over the old-fashioned Yellowtwig Dogwood. It has young shoots that are bright yellow in winter and is ideal for moist or wet locations, including waterfront properties with lake, river, or pond access. It has white blossoms and white fruit that attract birds and butterflies! Be sure to remove the oldest stems to the ground each spring for the best stem color. Plant in masses, borders, near water, or as a single shrub.

Golden Glory commonly known as cornelian cherry, is a deciduous shrub or small tree that is native to central and southern Europe into western Asia. It typically grows over time to 15-25' tall with a spread to 12-20' wide. Scaly, exfoliating bark develops on mature trunks. Yellow flowers on short stalks bloom in early spring before the leaves emerge in dense, showy, rounded clusters.

Hawthorn

Crimson Cloud boasts red, jewel-like blooms with star-shaped centers as well as shimmery, red fruit persisting from fall into winter. Grows best in full sun, reaching heights of 15'. *Crimson Cloud* is resistant to leaf spot diseases.

Magnolia

Butterflies Prolific 4-5" vibrant yellow, double blossoms are upright and appear in late spring set against medium green leaves. Requires full sun and grows 15-18'. Needs winter protection to perform in zone 4.

Magnolia

Centennial Blush Fantastic floral display beginning with pink buds that open to full, fragrant pale pink blooms at almost every node. Attractive medium green foliage transitions from yellow to bronze in the fall. Requires full sun and well-adapted to a variety of soil types. Choose to grow as a shrub in your urban setting or as a small tree, reaching heights of 12-18'.

Showy Mountain Ash features a showy cluster of white flowers atop in spring followed by bright scarlet berries lasting into the winter. Grow at medium rate to approximately 25', low canopy. Best in sunlight; adaptable to dry and moist conditions.

Crabapple

Adams is a broad-rounded crabapple that matures to 15-20' tall and wide. Showy pink flowers bloom in abundance in April atop reddish tinted leaves. Small, glossy, red crabapples (with blood-red pulp) mature in fall and persist into winter. Birds are attracted to the fruit. Leaves transition from green in summer to an orange-red in fall.

Centennial is a great ornamental tree producing an abundance of striking red buds that open into a showy display of snow-white flowers. These crab apples ripen early making it a fantastic pollinator for your home orchard.

Dolgo has a show all season long. Whether it's the profusion of red fruit in winter or the dark green leaves or white flowers in spring. The disease resistant Dolgo Crabapple tree is a definite must for beauty and pollination! Its apples are known for making delicious jelly. A nice, rounded tree form that is rather large for crabapples maturing to around 40' tall and 25' wide.

First Editions® Courageous hits the mark with year-round interest and disease resistance. In spring, the tree is covered in pink buds that transform into fragrant lilac-pink flowers. The new leaves exhibit a maroon appearance before changing to green-bronze in summer. Fall brings yellow-orange foliage, adding another layer of interest to this upright tree. With little to no fruit production, Courageous™ maintains a tidy look that continues into winter. It is a low-maintenance variety with excellent resistance to fire blight and scab.

First Editions Gladiator™ is an excellent ornamental tree with a profusion of bright pink flowers followed by small reddish-purple fruit. Dark and glossy bronze-purple leaves remain lush all season long and are highly disease resistant. Gladiator™ is an ideal ornamental tree for space-challenged sites including under power lines, as a small boulevard tree, or planted in a row for a screen.

Prairifire if you like bountiful red flowers for your landscape, this flowering crabapple is for you. Known as the 'roses of the tree world,' these plants bring a headline attraction to your landscape design. Prairifire has a height and spread of 15-20'.

Crabapple

Whitney is one of the largest and tastiest of our crabapples. Tree is cold-hardy and heat-tolerant. Often used for juice and cider-making. Pink and white blossoms in spring. Reaches heights of 15-20'.

ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS

Azalea

Electric Lights (Red) a true fire engine red flower explodes on this hardy variety in early spring. Grows in an upright mound and tolerates full sun to part shade.

Lemon Lights Lemony and fragrant, these trumpet-shaped blooms introduce an early, bright pop of color to your garden. Bright summer greenery gives way to fall color that shimmers. Small, mounding habit makes this an easy addition, even if space is tight.

Forsythia

Meadowlark Noted for cold hardiness and its blooming ability in temps below zero. Grows in loose, medium, well-drained soil. Up to 8' tall with a 5-6' spread. Best planted in full sun. Some of our earliest spring color!

Northern Gold has bright, yellow flowers in early spring followed by a handsome display of dark green foliage. Very, fast growth rate. Good performer that loves full sun, average soil, and adequate moisture. Has 14" average growth rate each year. Mature height is 8' tall and wide.

Show Off Compact, new variety. Beauty stays small (3'), eliminating the need for pruning! Golden yellow flowers cover this forsythia in bloom in early spring. Great for masses, hedges, banks, and slopes.

Hibiscus

Evening Rose is an excellent combination of hot pink flowers and near-black foliage. 8" puckered flowers cover the round, dense habit top to bottom. Compared to 'Berry Awesome', the foliage is much darker and the flower color is more magenta than lavender. A must-have statement piece for your garden!

Holy Grail There's a whole lot to love about this plant, beginning with its incredible dark, near-black foliage of beautiful, oval shaped leaves. Deep red flowers are enormous at 8-9" across. The red and black colors perfectly complement each other. As an added bonus, once the flowers are finished, bright green calyxes starkly contrast the dark foliage. Use in an area with consistent moisture as a focal point to build your garden around.

Purple Pillar No room for a traditional Hibiscus? This statuesque beauty with its super-narrow upright habit, just 2-3' wide, has unlimited potential – tall narrow hedges, screens, entry ways, formal gardens or simply a quirky accent. Jam-packed throughout the summer with semi-double lavender flowers with a red eye. No need to prune unless a controlled height is desired. Seeds are sterile, so none of the rampant seeding the older species can exhibit. Award-winning with its columnar habit, Hibiscus Purple Pillar is a bold perennial shrub perfect for adding vertical accent to any garden.

Honeysuckle

Dwarf Bush has dense, dark green foliage that turns yellow-orange, then red to purple in the autumn. The color will be more dramatic on plantings that receive more sunlight. Not a true honeysuckle, this small, mound-shaped shrub will spread to form thickets over time, making it a good choice for massing, hedgerows or shrub borders. The yellow honeysuckle-like flowers, which turn reddish in color as they mature, attract butterflies and other pollinators. The fruit capsules are desirable to many songbirds, in autumn and winter. Bush Honeysuckle is a host plant for the Laurel Sphinx moth and the Snowberry Clearwing.

Hydrangea (Our collection ranges from small shrubs to tree forms.)

Berry White is an impressive summer stunner with its strong, upright stems and large cone-shaped flower panicles that stay upright. The flower color starts out white in July then progresses to a jaw-dropping dark pink, beginning at the bottom and developing up to the top of the panicle. The color on Berry White® is truly remarkable, especially in cooler climates with a gradual decrease in fall evening temperatures.

The Fire Light® will brighten up any landscape with its beautiful pink-red blooms that blossom in the summer. This hydrangea with reputed beauty and resilience will liven up your lawn with its vibrant color!

Firelight Tidbit (panicle) blooms in mid-summer. The flowers start white and develop their pink coloration beginning in late August when the weather gets cooler. Don't sacrifice your flower coverage - blooms cover the compact form from top to bottom. Its long bloom period means you'll enjoy colorful flowers for 3+ months every year. Fire Light Tidbit™ hydrangea's unique small size of 2 to 3' height and spread makes it easy to tuck into perennial borders or containers.

Let's Dance Skyview hydrangea hybrid (*H. macrophylla* × *serrata*) is a standout for consistent, yearly blooming. Selected from our extensive Let's Dance® hydrangea breeding program for its ability to not only conserve its old wood buds in the face of weather challenges, but also its ability to continue creating new flowers. You'll love how easily this cultivar turns blue, which is what we recommend since it's so spectacular this way: flowers emerge a beautiful soft blue with a honeydew-green eye before maturing to a full sky blue. Its compact growing habit makes it both a good container and garden plant.

Limelight Fresh, green flowers open in elegant green. Blooms age to an array of pink and burgundy, persisting through frost. Excellent cut flowers, fresh or dried. Up to 96" tall. *Also available in the popular tree form.

Little Hottie compact garden favorite sports brilliant white blooms that stand up to the warm summer sun. As temps begin to dip, blooms turn to antique shades of white and pink. Grows 3-5' tall so is easily adapted into smaller landscapes.

Honeysuckle

Little Quick Fire among the first dwarf hydrangeas to bloom, this panicle-shaped flower transitions from white to pink then red from summer to fall. Grows 2.5'.

Magical Ruby Snow Small-space gardeners, here's a delight. Vigorous Hydrangea compact shrub has strong stems to hold aloft its color-shifting panicles. The airy, light, cone-shaped flower heads blend shades of white and pink. As autumn arrives, the lower portion of the panicles deepens to ruby red while the tops remain snowy white. A charmer in the garden and great for cutting, too. Because Panicle Hydrangeas bloom on new growth, they typically flower normally even if the twigs have been killed back by frost. Plant in a sunny, well-drained spot; Prune in late winter or early spring.

M.E.S. Popstar Genetically compact and incredibly floriferous, Pop Star® is a lacecap variety that stands out in the landscape or decorative container, giving year-after-year color. This blooming powerhouse exhibits strong bud hardiness and reliable rebloom. Its short stature makes this a strong border or short hedge plant that doesn't need pruning to keep its size. The dark green leaves against the blue or pink blooms give the classic hydrangea look, while the lacecap flowers add extra texture and interest to the garden.

Pink Diamond opens in summer as other shade flowers are fading. Luscious cream-colored flowers gradually turn to deep pink that are displayed atop bright green foliage. Fantastic as an anchor or focal point, ranging 6-8' tall and wide.

Quickfire Fab A show-stopping, early bloomer with lots of wow. The large, upright, football-shaped blooms are densely packed with delicate, cruciform flowers of a pleasing coconut-lime color. But there's more. Delicious watermelon hues quickly appear at the base of the bloom and darken as they work their way up towards a contrasting lime-green tip. A fabulous, upright garden plant that holds its bottom-to-top blooms with ease and elegance. 6-8' high, 5-6' wide. Full or partial sun.

Strawberry Sundae Although the colorful flowers of Strawberry Sundae® resemble those of Vanilla Strawberry™, this compact new Hydrangea paniculata selection by the same breeder grows only 4–5' tall. The blossoms evolve in similar fashion as the season progresses, from creamy white to pink to red. An award-winning variety that provides an easy way to add color to small spaces. Because Paniculata Hydrangeas bloom on new growth, they typically flower normally even if the twigs have been killed back by frost. Plant in a sunny, well-drained spot. Prune in late winter or early spring.

Vanilla Strawberry has an upright growth habit- 6-7' full sun- and is low maintenance once established. Fast-growing shrubs are an excellent choice for beds, borders, or a focal point. Large, eye-catching white to pink flowers are supported on red stems amidst glossy light green foliage.

Juniper

Chinensis Pfitzer Compacta Dense, compact, spreading form and unquestioned dependability are this juniper's calling cards. Prickly, fine-textured, medium green-colored needle foliage is attractive as well as functional, contributing to this plant's optimum uses as a low border planting or as a grouping plant for ground cover purposes.

Lilac

Baby Kim is a timeless classic, maintains compact size and shape while providing the beloved fragrant purple flowers. Disease and deer resistant.

Hyacinth Declaration was selected for its massive, fragrant, strikingly dark reddish-purple flowers that bloom in early spring and its open, upright growth (to 8' x 6') habit.

Little Lady is a sweet, low-maintenance dwarf variety, growing 4-5' tall and wide. Dark pink buds open to a fragrant lilac pink. Versatile and cold-hardy and resembles Miss Kim.

Maiden Blush offers a delicate alternative. Blooms one week before the common and French lilacs. Dark-green heart-shaped leaves offer the perfect backdrop for each single, very fragrant pink cones that dazzle well into May. Full sun or partial shade. Plant near your porch or along a walkway to enjoy the scent and beauty.

Miss Kim Korean lilac with dreamy, sweet fragrance on long-lasting lavender blooms make a great hedge. Low-growing, long-lasting, up to 6' tall. Blooms mid-season. Tolerable to full sun but prefers partial shade. Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.

Pocahontas Laura's favorite! Cold-hardy, upright plant blooms earlier and longer than most. Deep purple blossom, 10-12'. Rich, vibrant blooms fade to a pretty and deep lilac. Tolerates some shade but prefers full sun. Excellent cut flowers.

Sensation is an upright growing cultivar with single purple florets, each with a distinctive pure white border along every edge. As their name suggests, these sensational lilac flowers bloom vibrantly in mid-spring. The foliage is a blue-green color, which makes for an interesting contrast in a green landscape. Sensation prefers full sun and is a slow-growing Lilac shrub and requires patience, but the wait is well worth it. Great pollinator and deer-resistant. Mature height and spread of 8-10'.

Yankee Doodle The flowers on this lilac have a strong fragrance and are the deepest purple lilac we grow. An upright shrub that grows to be approximately 8-10' tall blooms in May.

Siberian Peashrub is a hardy, sun-loving, large shrub which is tolerant of drought, wind, deer, and varying soil conditions. Prized for its light green, fern-like foliage and bright yellow spring flowers.

Physocarpus (Ninebark)

Amber Jubilee With a bold array of colors throughout the seasons, Amber Jubilee™ Ninebark is a true multiseason, 5-6' showstopper. New growth glows with tones of orange, yellow, and gold as delicate white flowers bloom in spring. Green leaves brighten up the garden in summer that age to dramatic tones of red and purple in the fall. This mildew-resistant ninebark thrives when planted in full sun and makes an eye-catching hedge or garden border.

Center Glow Striking newly emerging foliage is bright rosy red with a golden yellow center. Foliage matures to deep burgundy followed by clusters of contrasting white flowers and finally bright red fruit. A great choice for a background shrub or an informal hedge. Deciduous.

Honeycomb makes a statement with large, vibrant, chartreuse leaves that hold their color all season long, even in full sun. In the spring, white flowers provide lovely contrast to the leaves, and in the fall, stunning gold leaves. Maturing at 4-6' tall and 5-7' wide, Honeycomb® makes for a beautiful hedge or color block along a fence line.

Tiny Wine is smaller than other dwarf varieties, superior disease-resistance. Native to North America, this deciduous shrub exhibits petite purple leaves contrasted by petite white flowers that bloom from early spring. Prefers full sun but will tolerate partial sun/shade.

Rhododendron

Aglo is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a rounded form. The leaves are elliptical in shape with smooth margins and dark green in the fall, turning purplish-maroon in the fall. The showy lavender-pink flowers are bell-shaped, blooming mid-spring. The fruit on the shrub is not ornamentally significant. Maturing to a size of 3-5' tall and wide, with a low, rounded growth habit, this rhododendron is a good choice for small areas.

Album is a broadleaf evergreen variety with a dense, rounded form. Its pink buds open to white, yellow-throated blossoms. Thrives in partial shade to part sun, reaching heights of 6-7'.

Chionoides A late to mid-season bloomer with large, rounded trusses, each holding a dozen or more clear white bell-shaped flowers with yellow dorsal blotches. The compact, dense form is wider than tall (4' by 4-6'), with an excellent even growth habit. Exhibits good sun tolerance. Outstanding for use as an informal hedge or foundation plant. Prefers moist soil, partial shade.

Haaga dense and compact, this open multi-stemmed shrub has dark pink trumpet-shaped flowers set against textured leaves. Grows in an upright, rounded habit.

Holden's Pink has been rigorously tested and selected for their resistance to *Phytophthora cinnamomi*. This mid-May bloomer is dense and spreading evergreen with a mound-forming habit. Enjoy this charming, old fashioned shrub that is an essential part of the spring landscape. Brightly colored flowers contrast its leathery, dark leaves that brighten shaded gardens or borders. Height: 4-5', spread of 4-6'.

Viburnum

Acerifolium maple-leaved viburnum is a native, medium-sized under-story shrub, preferring shade and part shade conditions. It makes it a great option for naturalizing in shady areas. The creamy-white, flat-topped flowers in May, black fruit in fall that persists into winter, and excellent pink to dark burgundy fall color add year-round interest.

Dentatum is a native deciduous shrub that may grow 5-10' in height. It is native to much of the eastern U.S. In spring, small, white flowers mature in flat-topped clusters up to 4" wide. The shrub produces a bluish-black drupe that matures in late summer and early fall. More than one genetic strain is needed for fruit set.

Winterberry

Afterglow A profusion of bright red berries brighten the winter landscape and provide food for birds. An early-flowering male pollinizer such as Jim Dandy Holly is required for berry set. Rich green foliage is larger and glossier than most. Extremely hardy. Deciduous.

Berry Heavy Gold Strike it rich with Berry Heavy® Gold, the biggest, brightest gold fruit yet. You will treasure this long-time staff favorite for gardens, mass plantings, or as a cut branch. Selected by the late, great plantsman and conservationist Fred Case of Saginaw, Michigan. For berries on this female selection, a male pollinator is required; use Mr. Poppins® winterberry holly. Fruit is not edible.

Jim Dandy is an early-blooming, hardy winterberry that produces male flowers in late spring. Slow-growing, average size at maturity: 6-10' tall and wide. Prized for rich, deep green foliage on a dense, twiggy, oval-to-rounded form. Excellent pollinizer for berry production on early-flowering female varieties such as Red Sprite. A superb choice for the shrub border, particularly in cooler northern regions. Deciduous.

Tiny white flowers appear in spring on lush foliage, but no subsequent berries will develop. A ratio of one male (Ilex Mr. Poppins®) to ten females (Ilex Berry Poppins®, Berry Nice®, or Berry Heavy®) is sufficient. Bees do the transporting, so even a distance of 50-75' will work. Road salt tolerant makes this winterberry a viable option for urban borders.

Weigela

Afterglow Hardy, low maintenance, deer-resistant and extends an open invitation for butterflies and birds. This old-fashioned, romantic shrub bears profuse clusters of creamy, pink flowers in spring. 3-4' in width and height.

Cotinus (Smokebush)

Grace is a vigorous, deciduous shrub emerging bright, wine-red in spring leading to mature dark reds, oranges and golds in the fall. Huge, feathery, purplish flower plumes over the plant during summer. Grows 12-15'.

Velvet Fog adds texture to any garden with waxy, blue-tinted leaves beneath billowy and prolific deep pink blooms that appear mid-summer. Plant in full sun to partial shade.

Winecraft Black is elegant with deep purple foliage that deepens over the summer to a shade of midnight before soft plumes of red and orange erupt in the fall. Grows 8-10' at maturity and is deer-resistant.

Snowball Bush also known as the European Cranberrybush makes a striking statement with large, white flower clusters that bloom in the spring. It thrives in a range of light – from full sun to partial shade and is known for its adaptability. Foliage transitions to a burst of orangey-red in the fall. Mature bush reaches 8-10'.

FRUIT TREES

Apple: All of our trees are cold hardy up to -40 degrees and are standard size unless otherwise noted.

Cortland is a favorite among farmers for its hardy, annual bearing and disease resistance. Medium to large, bright red with white flesh that is both sweet and tart. It doesn't brown in salads and is also perfect for pies or cider. Ripe in September.

Frostbite™ is a novelty apple for a special niche. It is extremely cold hardy, small in size, unusual in appearance, and very sweet. People either love or dislike Frostbite™. It is great for cider or people with a real sweet tooth Frostbite™ offers a distinctive late season option.

Gravenstein is among the first to ripen, often as early as late-July. Considered one of the best all-around apples, often called old-fashioned. Crisp, slightly acidic, tart, sweet flavor, and full aroma.

Haralred® is an improved version of the Haralson Apple. The medium-large fruits are firm and tart, making it an excellent choice for making pies. This variety holds its shape when cooked, but it's not suitable for applesauce. The fruit ripens in early October. Very cold hardy variety for those in northern zones.

Haralson are crisp and juicy with tart flavor. Firm and good for cooking and pies. Ripens late September. Extremely cold-hardy and stores very well.

Hazen A hardy, large dark red apple with a mild, sweet flavor. It is good for cooking or as a dessert apple; short storage life. Hazen is a natural semi-dwarf tree ideal for home landscapes. Needs well-drained soil and full sun.

Apple

Honeycrisp outstanding fresh eating yet stores well into winter. Large fruit is aromatic and sweet as honey with explosively juicy and crisp texture. Ripens in September.

Jonathan The Jonathan apples are medium, striped red here in our cooler climate with fine-textured, juicy, sprightly subacid flavored flesh. One of the best dessert and pie apples. The fruit freezes well and has a long storage life.

MacIntosh Late September. Classic red and green skin, white, tart flesh. Suitable both for cooking and eating raw. Most popular cultivator in Eastern Canada and New England. Ripens in late September. Versatile for fresh-eating, sauces, and cider. Good keeper in proper storage.

Norland is an early season apple good for fresh eating and desserts. The apple is smaller with red blushed over green-yellow skin. It has a slightly conical shape with ribbing. Its flesh is cream colored with a slight red hue. Like other early apples, this apple should be used quickly after harvest and is great in desserts and eating fresh.

Red Duchess is a red selection of ‘Duchess of Oldenburg’. Very hardy, medium to large size red apple. Fruit is tart and juicy. Good for eating, but best for pies and sauces. Abundant fruit, annual bearer. Short storage life.

Sweet Sixteen is super-sweet with a rich, unusual flavor. Delight for snacking, fruit salads and no-sugar added applesauce. This medium-sized apple has yellow skins striped with reddish-pink hues can be slow to come into bearing. Ripens in mid-September.

Yellow Transparent, a classic, early-season (July or August) baking apple is extremely cold hardy. Pale yellow skin and flesh, the Yellow Transparent is crisp, light and sweet. Makes delicious applesauce!

Zestar!® an extremely hardy high-quality mid-late summer dessert apple. Medium-sized blocky round fruit covered with red stripes and blush. Juicy and crisp with a well-balanced acid/sweet flavor. Keeps in cold storage for up to seven weeks. Tree has moderately vigorous upright form; excellent horizontal branching habit makes it easy to train and prune. Precocious and annual-bearing. Blooms early season.

Peach

Bailey was chosen for its superior fruiting and hardiness. Fruit is of good size and eating quality. The sweet, semi-freestone juicy flesh is excellent for fresh eating, sauces and baking. Ripens mid-August. This dwarf tree will bear fruit in 2-3 years. Self-fruitful, needs no pollinator.

Contender is known as one of the more hardy peaches because of its later blooming dates and hardy, more frost resistant buds. Most report it to be hardy enough for Zone 4. It has large, firm, excellent quality and freestone. We recommend it for areas that routinely suffer late frosts that hurt many other peach varieties.

Peach

Reliance Our hardiest peach tree, this tree produces a heavy crop of fruit as far north as Canada, even after frigid winters. Perfect for northern fruit gardens! Fruit is medium-to-large with a sweet, peachy flavor. Features a flush of pink flowers in spring. Originates from New Hampshire in 1964. Cold-hardy. Freestone. Ripens in July. Self-pollinating.

Pear

Early Gold Sweet, yellow fruit is great for fresh eating, baking & preserves. Abundant white blooms in early May. Fruit ripens quickly in early-mid September; stores for 2 weeks in the refrigerator. Glossy green foliage turns orange-red in the fall. Self-fertile, yet produces more fruit with a pollinator (planted within 200') . Produces fruit approximately 5-6 years after planting. Grows 2-3' per year.

Golden Spice September Heavy flowering, hardy tree produces small, spicy yellow pears good for canning, cooking, and spicing.

Luscious A stunning, hardy pear tree perfect for northern gardens! This vigorous, upright tree is known for its cold hardiness and resistance to fire blight. It makes an excellent landscape accent with its globe-shaped form and glossy green foliage that turns red in the fall. Luscious produces medium-sized, bright yellow pears with a lovely red blush. The fruit is juicy, sweet, and more intense than Bartlett pears, with a melting yet firm flesh. Pears ripen in early autumn and maintain their quality for up to 2 weeks in storage.

Parker is a medium to large tree that has a compact vase-shaped form and canopy. It can be used as a pollinator for 'Luscious.' Parker Pear is blanketed in stunning clusters of white flowers with purple anthers along the branches in mid-spring. It has dark green foliage throughout the season. The glossy pointy leaves turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance in late summer. This variety requires a different selection of the same species growing nearby in order to set fruit.

Patten should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the leaves in alkaline soils.

Summer Crisp Late August Good pollinator. Crisp, juicy fruit with mild flavor. Harvest early while flesh is firm. Stores up to two months.

Ure is an exceptionally hardy, productive and disease-resistant pear tree. The pear is small – but what it lacks in size, it easily makes up for in taste! It is sweet and juicy, a delicious treat when fresh off the tree. The fruit must be eaten fast or used in canning, however, as it does not store well.

Plum

BlackIce® Large 2" round early-ripening high-quality hardy blue-black dessert plum. Very sweet, juicy reddish-purple semi-freestone flesh. Precocious and productive tree with a naturally compact growth habit.

Mount Royal is a variety of European plum (*P. domestica*). It has dark green foliage throughout the season with leaves that turn yellow in fall. This tree is a self-pollinator. The flowers are white, showy, fragrant, and bloom in the spring. Blue drupes are ripe in August and are sweet and tender. They can be eaten fresh, dried, or in baked goods. The dark green foliage turns yellow in the autumn. The expected average age is 40 years in ideal conditions.

Pembina is the hardiest of all the native plum varieties on the market! This is a late summer plum with red skin and beautiful yellow flesh, great for eating out of hand and making desserts. Pollinate with Pipestone Plum, or Toka Plum.

Pipestone One of the best plums for northern growers. This vigorous, productive tree has immense fruit with a tough, red skin blushed with gold that peels easily and that is sweet and juicy. Excellent for fresh eating, and in jams and jellies. Fruits ripen mid season. Needs cross pollination by another red variety such as Toka or Superior or Pembina.

Superior a robust tree that produces an abundant crop of fire-red fruit with juicy and sweet yellow flesh. Dessert plum that ripens in July. Grows up to 20'.

Toka sweet, candy-like with bright red fruit and apricot-colored flesh. This gorgeous and functional tree is a hard-working pollination partner. Extremely cold hardy matures to 15-20' and ripens late-August into September. A clingstone variety perfect for fresh eating, cooking, and preserving.

Waneta Sweet and juicy orange flesh with a very small pit. The skin is a tart red skin and easy to peel. Delicious for fresh eating or jam. Mid to late summer ripening. Waneta Plum is quick to bear and is high yielding. A cross between Japanese plum and American plum. Originated in South Dakota. Zone 3-8.

FRUIT BUSHES & SHRUBS

Blueberry Ours are all high bush! **Blueberries need a variety for pollination** (At least two different varieties).

Chandler mid-to late-season variety with the largest of all blueberries. Vigorous and hardy, this flavor-packed grower can be picked over 4-6 weeks.

Duke is an early-season variety. This attractive bush delivers high yields of flavorful, light blue, firm fruit. Reaches heights of 5-7' with shallow, fibrous roots that require regular moisture and good drainage. (A layer of mulch is recommended.)

Blueberry

Jersey is a late-season variety that is easy to grow, high-yielding, and one of the oldest and most widely grown. The berries are dark blue, medium in size, and very sweet. A tall and well-shaped bush, it has excellent ornamental value.

North Country boasts the same exceptional flavor of a wild blueberry. Small-to-medium sized berries ripen late June to early July. Self-pollinating but yields and cold hardy.

Northland Bears in July. Most cold-hardy variety. Adaptable to soil types. Berries are small and sweet with a high sugar content. Process well.

Patriot Quarter-sized berries ripen in July. Variety is big and bountiful. Outstanding flavor fresh baked and in preserves. Freezes well. Adaptable to soil types.

Cherry

Evans Bali August. Self-pollinating. Fruits in August, late for a cherry, often making it easier to get the fruits before the birds! Very hardy. Excellent for eating and baking.

Mesabi has a sugar content that is between sweet and pie cherries. With its deep red fruit, it is an excellent option for baking, preserves or wine-making.

Meteor is a dwarf cherry with a rounded habit and upright, spreading branches. Abundant, white flowers cluster along the branches in late spring. Large and bright red fruit is abundant in early-mid summer. Excellent for pies and sauces. Self-fertile and does not require a pollinator. However, for better cross-pollination, planting several is still recommended.

North Star Cherry is another dwarf that is incredibly versatile. Its tart, sweet-sour cherries can be eaten fresh but also excellent used in pies and jams. Prefers full sun but will tolerate some shade.

Sweet Cherry Pie yields an extremely heavy crop of high quality, dark and tart berries. Excellent for pies, jams and cobblers. Sweet Cherry is another self-fertile tree.

Chokeberry

Aronia (Brilliant Red) is a multi-stemmed shrub that grows 6-12' tall with four seasons of interest. White flowers are born in profusion, giving way to dark, glossy green leaves that turn orange-red in fall along with bright red, pear-shaped berries with dark bark, adding color and texture to the winter landscape.

Aronia (Glossy Black) is a suckering shrub native to Wisconsin with four-season interest. It has fragrant white flower clusters in spring, brilliant fall color, and large shiny dark berries that persist throughout winter. It provides habitat and food for wildlife and is a great plant for natural areas with wet soil. This interesting native shrub requires minimal maintenance and tolerates many soil conditions.

Chokeberry

Regent Amelanchier Serviceberry A multi-stemmed shrubs reaching heights of 18'. White flowers in spring give way to small, round, edible, purplish black berries in June. Berries can be eaten fresh off the plant or used in jams, jellies, and pies.

Currant

Consort Black Currant July. Medium sized fruit forms in clusters on an upright bush. High in Vitamin C. Can be eaten fresh but traditionally used for preserves. Self-pollinating.

Red Lake July. Native. Often grows wild, up to seven feet tall. Sweet fruit with tart flavor, used for jams and cooking. Sometimes served raw in salads or garnishes.

Elderberry

Adams Elderberry Carefree beauty with edible appeal. Vigorous plants have glossy, green foliage. Large, white flowerheads bloom in early May. If not harvested, the birds will consume. Juicy, purple berries excellent for elixirs, pies, syrups. Heavy producer in late summer.

York Versatile elderberry grows in dry or wet soil, one of the few berry plants that can thrive in partial shade. Self-fruitful but, like all berries, will bear more plentifully when planted with other varieties. Makes delicious pies, jellies, wine, elderberry syrup.

Gooseberry

Hinnomaki Red Originally from Finland. High yields. Large, sweet, dark red berries with tangy skin.

Ribes Pixwell Best grown in organically rich, fertile, medium moisture, well-drained clay or silt loams in full sun to part shade. Prefers full sun, but some part afternoon shade is appreciated in hot summer climates such as the St. Louis area. Gooseberries generally do not perform well in the hot and humid climates south of USDA Zone 6. Plants are best sited in locations protected from strong winds and frost pockets. Plant bare root bushes in October or November.

Grape

Kay Gray Matures early September. Fine, hearty, white grape suited for table use and winemaking. Medium to large berries are produced in large clusters on very, productive vine.

La Crescent is one of the University of Minnesota's most popular cold-hardy grapes, with a flavor reminiscent of muscat (likely because it has Muscat Hamburg in its lineage). The fruit has high acidity and can be used to make off-dry to sweet/dessert and late-harvest wines. Aromas are primarily apricot, peach, and citrus. Vines of medium vigor are cold-hardy, disease-resistant and not susceptible to sulfur. Developed by the University of Minnesota and introduced in 2002. Ripens late September to early October. Self-pollinating.

Grape

Somerset A unique, strawberry-like flavor. This heavy bearer will give you compact clusters of medium-sized table grapes that are good for fresh eating and making jelly. The fruit starts out pink but becomes much sweeter and more flavorful after ripening on the vine until turning a full red color. Moderately vigorous, mostly disease-resistant, and very cold-hardy — in temperatures as low as -30°F. Ripens in August. Self-pollinating.

Swenson Red is a firm, meaty red table grape with a unique fruity flavor with strawberry notes. This was the first grape released from the breeding efforts of Elmer Swenson and is a favorite among grape breeders and hobbyists.

Valiant produces medium sized fruit on well-filled 4" clusters. This grape's flavor is rich and tangy with a beautiful blue color. It can be enjoyed for table use, juices, and wines. This variety of grape was developed by South Dakota State University, bred especially for Northern Growers.

Jostaberry

Ribes Jostaberry (pronounced YUST a berry) is a cross between a black currant and 2 coastal black gooseberries. There's a lot to love about jostaberry! They are one of the first bushes to leaf out each spring, and the last to drop their clear yellow leaves in the fall. The fruit is borne in the inside of the bush, hiding it from birds' hungry eyes. The berries are dark purple/black, single, large, with a papery blossom remnant (like a gooseberry). Not as crunchy as a gooseberry, and sweet enough to eat right off the bush. The self fruitful bushes bear early.

Mulberry

Morus alba *Trader* The original *Trader* mulberry was brought to the US from Germany by the *Trader* family and planted on their farm in North Dakota, where it still stands today, over a century later. Its longevity is thanks to a tolerance for extreme cold, and high levels of disease and pest resistance. *Trader* has an extended ripening season where it produces sweet, juicy black mulberries. One of the hardiest mulberry varieties, grown in zones 3-7.

Raspberry

Boyne Cold-hardy and reliable, *Rubus idaeus* 'Boyne' (Red Raspberry) is an early season, upright, self-fruitful, thorny shrub with clusters of white, rose-like flowers which give way to medium sized, sweet, flavorful, deep red raspberries in early summer. The berries are great for fresh eating, freezing, preserves and pies.

Bristol Black is a superbly delicious raspberry. It produces very firm but shockingly sweet berries that are arguably the most beautiful black raspberries we've seen. Canes grow upright and do not require staking, making this a fantastic choice for backyard berry enthusiasts. Fruit ripens in early-mid summer. Hardiness zone 4-8.

Fall Gold yields the same deliciously sweet taste as red varieties but brightens the garden with its warm, yellow berries. Excellent fresh or for preserves and pies.

Killarney is a new hybrid from Manitoba that produces red berries! It is very hardy and disease-free/resistant. The berries are very shiny and tasty! The berries can be used for eating, freezing, canning, or baking! The berries from the raspberry Killarney would be scrumptious in a summer pie!

Latham (*Rubus Isaews*) Cold-hardy and reliable, this red raspberry is an upright, self-fruitful, thorny shrub with clusters of white, rose-like flowers which give way to medium sized, sweet, flavorful, pure red raspberries in mid-summer. The berries are firm and great for fresh eating, jams, and jellies. Developed in Minnesota, this raspberry shrub is perfect for northern gardens.

Rhubarb

Canada Red Extremely cold-hardy, yet heat-resistant. Produces thick, crisp stalks good for pies, jams, and jellies. Cooks up to a nice, straw-berry red sauce. Natural sweetness requires less sugar than most varieties.

Serviceberry

Autumn Brilliance An attractive tree with white, spring blossoms followed by showy, sweet deep purple fruit. This serviceberry has a notable branch pattern with beautiful light gray bark.

Strawberry

Ft Laramie When it comes to a hardy, highly productive, and delicious strawberry variety, the Fort Laramie Strawberry (*Fragaria x ananassa* 'Fort Laramie') fits the bill. These tenacious, everbearing plants will impress and excite you and your family members year after year as they produce delectable strawberries.

Honeoye is a June-bearing garden strawberry cultivar known for its very large, bright red strawberries. These plants produce a large crop over a 3–4-week period, which typically occurs from mid-June to early July. Honeoye Strawberry plants tend to grow vigorous runners after the berry crop ripens.

VEGETABLES & HERBS

Asparagus

Jersey Knight Heavy producer with impressive yields year after year. Extra-large, tender spears are wonderful for fresh eating and cooking. Harvest May to mid-June, this asparagus is self-pollinating.

Purple Passion Mild and sweet, sweeter stalks than green asparagus. Unique, nutty flavor. Stalks turn green as they are cooked. Harvest May to mid-June. Self-pollinating.

Horseradish

Armoracia rusticana is a herbaceous perennial in the mustard family. As a vegetable, it is grown for its fleshy roots that are harvested and grated to make relish, sauces, and seasonings. They have a hot, bitter taste that comes from mustard oils that are released when the plant cells are cut or damaged. The leaves are edible but rarely used.

Lavender

Lavendula X Intermedia Phenomenal Notable for its outstanding cold hardiness, this French lavender has aromatic silvery foliage with lavender blue flowers. 18-24”.

Russian Sage

Perovskia atrip *Russian Sage* is easy to grow and requires virtually no maintenance. This top-notch performer boasts long clusters of lavender blooms, reaching heights of 2-4’. Tolerates poor soil (as long as it is well-drained).

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