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2003 TREE & WILDLIFE PRODUCTS SALE

The Delaware SWCD is now taking orders for the annual Tree & Wildlife Products Sale. Information on items for sale can be found on pages 2 & 4 of this newsletter. To place an order, simply fill out the order form found on page 3 and return it, with payment, to the SWCD office. There is a limited stock on all items, so orders will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Order early to avoid being closed out of items you desire.

These products are offered as a low cost opportunity for landowners to establish wildlife habitat areas, windbreaks, and other conservation related improvements to their property. A wide selection will once again be offered.

Seedlings, seeds, and wildlife products will be available for pick-up beginning April 17, 2003. All who place an order will receive a postcard providing the exact times and procedures for pick-up. The seedlings we offer are high quality, bare root nursery stock. With reasonable care, a fine planting can be developed. However, due to numerous handling conditions and planting variables beyond our control, the Delaware SWCD cannot be responsible for plants in your care or picked up after the assigned dates.

ABOUT OUR TREE SEEDLINGS



Seedlings are young trees or shrubs that are planted from seed. They are grown 1-4 years in beds, and then dug. There is usually a variation in size because they are "bed-run" or include all trees that were growing in that bed at the time of digging. Most trees sold in our program are dug in the late winter or early spring depending on soil and digging conditions. If trees were dug from frozen soil, there would be no fine roots. Our trees usually arrive in early April, but because of varying weather conditions, it's possible that some may be delayed. If this ends up affecting

your order, bear with us. We will do our best to get your trees to you as soon as the weather allows.

TREE SPECIES FOR SALE

| Tree Name | Classification | Growth Rate | Mature Height | Seedling Age | Seedling Length | Fall Color | Other Info |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| American Arborvitae | Evergreen | Fast | 40-60 ft. | 3 yr. | 6-12" | N/A | Shade tolerant |
| Austrian Pine | Evergreen | Fast | 35-50 ft. | 2 yr. | 6-9" | N/A | Pollution tolerant |
| Bittersweet | Vine | Fast | | 1 yr. | 12-18" | | Good for birds and wildlife |
| Black Gum | Tree/ Ornamental | | 50' | | 12-18" | Brilliant red | Color changes begin in August |
| Canaan Fir | Evergreen | Good | 50-60 ft. | 3 yr. | 6-12" | N/A | Grows in high-clay soils |
| Colorado Blue Spruce | Evergreen | Moderate | 30-45 ft. | 3 yr. | 8-16" | N/A | Prefers full sunlight |
| Common Chokecherry | Deciduous | | 20 ft. | | 12-18" | Yellow | Prefers moist soils |
| Norway Spruce | Evergreen | Fast | 40-60 ft. | 2 yr. | 6-9" | N/A | Tolerates a variety of sites |
| Redbud | Tree/ Ornamental | | 12-15 ft. | | 6-12" | Yellow | Lavender blossoms in spring |
| Scotch Pine | Evergreen | Moderate | 40-60 ft. | 2 yr. | 4-8" | N/A | Good for well-drained sites |
| Sugar Maple | Deciduous | Slow to Moderate | 75 ft. | | 12-18" | Yellow, orange, fiery red | Native shade tree |
| White Flowering Dogwood | Tree/ Ornamental | | 15-30 ft. | | 12-18" | Dark red | White blossoms in spring |
| White Pine | Evergreen | Fast | 40-60 ft. | 2 yr. | 6-9" | N/A | Shade tolerant |
| Crownvetch Crowns | Ground Cover | | | | | | Good for steep slopes |

This year we will once again be offering high quality cedar-made wildlife boxes for sale. All products are manufactured using 7/8" kiln dried cedar and stainless steel screws. These products do not require a protective finish for outdoor use.

Bluebird House: Attract bluebirds. Put this house near grassy areas, meadows, or pastures. Easy to care for.

Bat House: Bats are beneficial! To the mosquito, bats are "flying lawnmowers," eating 3000-7000 insects in one night.

Butterfly House: Put this long, hexagonal box near your flower garden for the 8-10 species of butterfly that overwinter in Ohio.

Wood Duck House: Mount on a pipe 1-10 feet above water in wetlands or the shallow end of a pond. Face entrance to open water. This box can also be attached to a nearby tree.

Screech Owl/Kestrel House: Locate near wooded area close to meadows, parks, or grass fields. Put 8-20 feet above ground on tree or pole.

2003 DELAWARE SWCD TREE & WILDLIFE PRODUCTS SALE

| # IN PKT. | ITEM | COST | # PKTS. | TOTAL |
|-----------|--|----------|------------------------|-------|
| 10 | American Arborvitae | \$ 11.00 | | |
| 10 | Austrian Pine | \$ 6.00 | | |
| 10 | Bittersweet | \$ 9.00 | | |
| 10 | Black Gum | \$ 11.00 | | |
| 10 | Canaan Fir | \$ 8.00 | | |
| 10 | Colorado Blue Spruce | \$ 8.00 | | |
| 10 | Common Chokecherry | \$ 8.00 | | |
| 10 | Norway Spruce | \$ 9.00 | | |
| 10 | Redbud | \$ 11.00 | | |
| 10 | Scotch Pine SOLD OUT | \$ 6.00 | | |
| 10 | Sugar Maple | \$ 10.00 | | |
| 10 | White Flowering Dogwood | \$ 10.00 | | |
| 10 | White Pine | \$ 6.00 | | |
| 10 | Crownvetch Crowns | \$ 9.00 | | |
| 1 oz. | America's Blend Seed | \$ 4.50 | | |
| 1 oz. | Bird & Butterfly Seed | \$ 4.50 | | |
| 1/2 oz. | Hummingbird Seed | \$ 4.50 | | |
| 1 oz. | Perennial Mix Seed | \$ 4.50 | | |
| 1/4 lb. | Switchgrass Seed | \$ 3.00 | | |
| 1/4 lb. | Indiangrass Seed | \$ 6.50 | | |
| 1/4 lb. | Big Bluestem Seed | \$ 5.50 | | |
| 1/4 lb. | Little Bluestem Seed | \$ 8.00 | | |
| 1/4 lb. | Eastern Gamagrass Seed | \$ 4.50 | | |
| 1/4 lb. | Sideoats Grama Seed | \$ 6.50 | | |
| Ea. | Bluebird Cedar House | \$ 14.50 | | |
| Ea. | Butterfly Cedar House | \$ 27.50 | | |
| Ea. | Bat House | \$ 43.50 | | |
| Ea. | Screech Owl Cedar House | \$ 40.00 | | |
| Ea. | Wood Duck Cedar House | \$ 80.00 | | |
| 2.2 lb. | Animal Repellent Powder Conc. | \$ 37.00 | | |
| 1 lb. | Animal Repellent Conc. | \$ 19.95 | | |
| 1 L. | Animal Repellent pre-mixed spray bottle | \$ 19.95 | | |
| 1 Gal. | Animal Repellent pre-mixed | \$ 59.00 | | |
| Ea. | Tree Planting Bar | \$ 40.00 | | |
| 10 | Fertilizer Tablets | \$ 1.50 | | |
| 25 | Marking Flags (Florescent Pink) | \$ 3.00 | | |
| 100 | Marking Flags (Choice of Color) | \$ 8.50 | | |
| | | | TOTAL ENCLOSED: | |

Make Checks Payable To: DELAWARE SWCD
557-A Sunbury Road
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PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER

Name _____ **Home Phone** _____

Address _____ **Work Phone** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

WILDFLOWER & GRASS SEED PACKETS

America's Blend: 10-12 annual and 10-12 perennial varieties of wildflower seeds adapted to our area. Beautiful spring to fall. Covers 250 sq. ft.

Bird & Butterfly Blend: Wildflowers that attract birds, bees, & butterflies. 18 varieties, 1/2 annual, 1/2 perennial. Covers 250 sq. ft.

Hummingbird Seed: 6 annuals & 6 perennials, covers 75 sq. ft. Formulated for hummingbird forage.

Perennial Mix: 10-12 varieties of wildflower seeds. Will grow from season to season. Covers 250 sq. ft.

Eastern Gamagrass: Can reach up to 8 ft. Forms large, sod-like clumps at maturity. Blooms in early summer. Covers 300 sq. ft.

Switchgrass: 4-6 ft. high prairie grass. Winter hardy & drought tolerant. Open feathery heads, yellow-orange in winter. Covers 300 sq. ft.

Indiangrass Seed: 5-8 ft. tall. Golden plume-like heads in late summer. Reddish-yellow in winter. Covers 200 sq. ft.

Big Bluestem: 4-5 ft. tall. King of native grasses. Turns reddish-purple. Turkey foot head. Covers 250 sq. ft.

Little Bluestem: 1-3 ft. tall. Fine leafed bunched grass, grows well on up or low lands. Brilliant red after frost. Covers 300 sq. ft.

Sideoats Grama: 12-18 feet tall. Fine leaf, sod forming, grows well on upland soils; turns reddish-white after frost.

AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS SEMINAR

A Series of Concurrent Sessions

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2003

6:30 - 9:30 PM

To be held at

The Delaware County Bank & Trust
110 Riverbend Avenue - Lewis Center
New facility just off of US 23

SPEAKER TOPICS:

*Outlook & Market Plan for 2003

-Bob Utterback, *Farm Journal Economist*

*CAUV & Ag Zoning Issues

-Larry Gearhardt, *Ohio Farm Bureau*

*2002 Farm Bill Updates & Conservation Programs

-Tom Edwards, *USDA-NRCS*

-Don Henry, *USDA-FSA*

This seminar is free and refreshments will be served. Please call the Delaware County Farm Bureau office, 740-363-1613, with your reservation by February 14, 2003.

Sponsored by OSU Extension, Delaware & Franklin Co. Farm Bureaus, & Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District



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