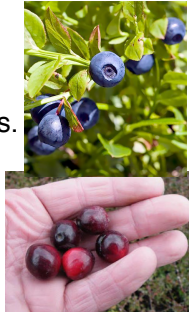


# Edible Fruit Plants

**Chippewa Blueberry** (*Vaccinium corymbosum* 'Chippewa') H & W 3-4 ft. Highbush/lowbush type cultivar- Univ. of Minnesota origin. Early ripening with yield of 3-7 lbs per plant. Medium to large fruit size with excellent quality-very sweet with little acid. Good ornamental or hedge bush, attracts birds & butterflies. White flower blooms in May. Best grown in acidic, peaty, organically rich, medium to wet, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Very cold hardy with beautiful red foliage in fall. **Self-fruitful.**

**Pilgrim Cranberry** (*Vaccinium macrocarpon* 'Pilgrim') H 8-10 ft. The American Cranberry is a native fruiting plant consumed for unique flavor and high vitamin content. Most think of low bush cranberry being just for bogs however, our supplier has been growing these upland and they are prospering very well. Plants spread outward to form a thick mat of vines and delicate leaves. Bright red, large fruits are easy to harvest. Berries ripen late in season. Plants are vigorous and attractive bushy ground covers.

**Jaclyn Raspberry** (*Rubus ideas* 'Jaclyn') H 4-5 ft. W 1-3 ft. Large firm dark red berries with superior flavor; exhibit less fruit rot & sun scald than other varieties. Leave on plant until completely ripe for best flavor. Upright, vigorous plants are self pollinating & ever bearing for two harvests a year (July & September) Great in pies, jams & fresh eating. Lightly thorny canes are resistant to cold & many insects & diseases. Late spring blooms attract pollinators.



## Miscellaneous Supplies & Rentals

**Earth Machine Compost Bin** - perfect for food waste composting and use in small yards. Very sturdy long lasting bin with twist-locking pest-resistant lid and side ventilation.

**Rigid Seedling Diamond Mesh Protective Tubes with Bamboo stake** - 30 inch tree tubes with bamboo stakes for support. These diamond mesh tubes protect young seedlings from nibbling intruders for up to five years. For best results, install tubes at time of planting & cover entire seedling. Allow 10-12 inches of tubing to extend above tree to compensate for later growth & protection.

**Tree Marking Flags** - 4 inch x 5 inch fluorescent orange flag with wire staff. A great way to mark seedlings or other plants to protect them from the lawnmower, tractor or simply remember where you planted them!

**Tree Planter or Dibble Bar Rental** - pull behind your tractor or hand tool to aid in planting - daily rental fee applies.

**Japanese Knotweed Injector** - for precise application of herbicide to control this destructive invasive. Free to use with \$50 equipment security deposit.

**Cass County Plat Book** (*new version coming soon*) - A full color spiral bound book of all land parcels and owners in Cass County.

## Thank you for supporting your Conservation District!



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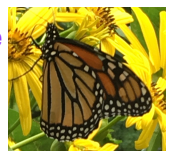
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**Pollinator Priority** - Our tree sale has several different species this year adding more edibles and more species to benefit pollinators. Pollinators such as bees & butterflies are vital for production agriculture yet, populations continue to shrink. **NEW OFFER:** We will be making special combo variety packs for those who just want a few plants for their property. \*We may also be able to accommodate other special requests.

- **Wet area/rain garden pack** - 2 river birch, 2 swamp rose, 2 red osier dogwood, 1 swamp milkweed

- **Pollinator pack** - 2 tulip poplar, 2 arrowwood, 2 meadowsweet spirea, 1 butterfly milkweed



**Monarch Waystation Initiative** - our District has partnered with Cass County Parks & Recreation & Friends of the Cass County Parks to install Monarch Waystations ([MonarchWatch.org](http://MonarchWatch.org)) & pollinator nature education signs at Dr. Lawless, Russ Forest, & Dodd County Parks. Please join the volunteer committee to help create & maintain these pollinator gardens.

**Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control (SESC)** - As Cass County's SESC Enforcing Agency we're charged with protecting our lakes & streams from construction sedimentation. A permit is required for any earth changes within 500 ft of a lake or stream. Too much sediment can literally smother the life out of a waterway. Erosion can be controlled & shoreline landscaping can protect & enhance the waters edge - look at our wet area plant choices.

**Pointers from the MAEAP program:** MAEAP provides assistance in making sure your farm conserves our soil & water. Some practices worth thinking about are fuel pads to prevent soil contamination, cover crops to build biological activity in soils, minimum tillage, grass waterways & windbreaks to prevent erosion. For questions about the MAEAP program, contact Erez Brandvain, [Erez.Brandvain@macd.org](mailto:Erez.Brandvain@macd.org)

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