



CASS COUNTY
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

Tree Seedling & Plant Sale

2023 Catalog

Orders Due 04/10/23

2023 Spring Events

March 11 - Pollinator Workshop,
Cass District Library, 9:30 - 11am

April 15-22
International Dark Sky Week
Special events at Dr. T.K. Lawless
Dark Sky Park

April 22 - Earth Day

April 27 - April 29
CCCD TREE SALE

April 28 - Michigan Arbor Day

May 13 - Migratory Bird Day



Art in the Parks

Save the dates, details TBD

May 10 - Fred Russ Forest Park

May 24 - Arthur Dodd
Memorial Park

June 7 - Dowagiac Woods
Nature Sanctuary

June 21 - Crane Pond Rec Area

July 5 - Spirit Springs
Nature Sanctuary

July 19 - Dr. T.K. Lawless Park



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1127 East State Street, Cassopolis, MI 49031
269-445-8641 x 5

Visit www.cassccd.org
for our online ordering and catalog

Tree & Plant Sale Info

Tree Sale Pick Up Location:

East of Cassopolis COA Building
60525 Decatur Road, Cassopolis, MI 49031
- in the Orbit Bldg on M-60 across from K & M

Dates:

Thursday, April 27: by appointment only

Friday, April 28: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday, April 29: 9:00 am - noon

For more information:

Call (269) 445-8641 x 5

Planting instructions and more information about the tree species found in this catalog.

Due to limited quantities from our suppliers it would be best to call ahead to reserve your order prior to mailing hard copy, the sooner the better! Plants are on first come, first serve basis.

Pre-orders MUST be picked up at the Cassopolis COA on sale days unless other arrangements are made.

Delivery available - additional charges may apply

**Mulch & water well until established
& protect from deer/rabbit/lawn mower.**

Restore your shore! Designates species that thrive in wet areas if you have property along a lake/stream or are installing a rain garden for handling storm water drainage.



Plant for the birds

Migratory bird species need our help!

You can help by planting nutritious wild bird food - native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs & trees. Research & apply window collision prevention. Join World Migratory Bird Day on May 13th.

Plan your planting location for best results:

Before digging, call 811 (Miss Dig) to locate underground utilities. Always make sure that a plant's mature size will be appropriate for the site. Do not locate plants where they may eventually interfere with overhead power lines, pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or buildings.



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Native Deciduous Trees



American Basswood



River Birch

American Basswood

Tilia americana H 60-80 ft.

Full sun to partial shade. Prefers moist, well-drained soils. Basswood trees are recognized by their large, toothed, heart-shaped leaves and fragrant clusters of creamy flowers that open in late spring. Valued by beekeepers for their nectar.

Black Gum

Nyssa sylvatica H 30-50 ft.

Low-maintenance but prefers well-drained, acidic soils. Full sun to partial shade. Slow-growing with lustrous foliage that transforms to vivid shades of orange, scarlet and yellow in autumn. Winter interest. Excellent specimen tree. Fruit readily eaten by birds and squirrels.

Hackberry

Celtis occidentalis H 40-60 ft.

This is one tough tree that is highly adaptable to most soil types. Commonly seen along fence rows and fields, it will grow naturally near bodies of water including floodplains and drainage ditches. Produces small dark-red berries that are popular with birds.

American Hornbeam

Carpinus caroliniana H 15-25 ft.

Also known as musclewood or blue beech, is a small, slow-growing understory tree. Prefers moist, organically rich soils, but can tolerate dryness when established. It is shade tolerant and is best grown with wind protection.

Red Maple

Acer rubrum H 40-60 ft.

Wetland Forest. Rapid grower. Does well in a wide range of soil types. Prefers swamplands or banks of streams, rarely found on hillsides. Sap is used in maple syrup and sugar making. Bright red flowers in early spring are beneficial for pollinator species. Green leaves turn in fall to colors varying from yellow to scarlet.

River Birch

Betula Nigra H 40-60 ft.

River birch is a fast-growing, medium-sized tree. It is the most heat-tolerant of birches and can grow quickly when well-sited. It prefers moist, acidic, fertile soils but also tolerates drier sites when established. It adapts fairly well to heavy clay soils and will tolerate poor drainage. Its spring ripening makes it particularly valuable. Goldfinch enjoys the mature seed in the fall.

Native Deciduous Trees cont.

Speckled Alder

Alnus incana H 12-20 ft.

Speckled alder is a smaller, multi-stemmed and sometimes thicket forming tree. While at home in wetter areas such as swamps, stream banks and lake shores, it will also survive in upland areas with adequate moisture. Will adapt to a wide variety of soil types and can tolerate periods of flooding as well as the intermittent drought. A good choice for nutrient deprived soils and has good wildlife value.

American Sycamore

Platanus occidentalis H 40-100 ft.

Easily grown in average, medium-to-wet, well-drained soils in full sun. Tolerates light shade. Prefers rich, humusy, consistently moist soils. One of the largest hardwood trees in North America. It can grow up to 100 feet tall, with an equally majestic spread of 40 to 70 feet. This is a great shade tree for farms, acreages, or larger properties.

White Oak

Quercus alba H 60-80 ft.

Upland Forest & Open Canopy. Grows in well drained, clay, loam or sandy soils. Prefers full sun or part sun/part shade. Not recommended for planting within 8 ft of curbs, or driveways, as trunks flair out at base & can cause lifting of these surfaces. Broad dense headed tree with purple-red fall color. Excellent for wildlife planting due to acorn production. Attracts wood thrush, thrashers, nuthatches and more.

Help us PREVENT the spread of Oak Wilt!

Don't move firewood. Don't trim oak trees between the months of April-October.

Conifers (Evergreens)

American Larch (Tamarack)

Larix laricina H 40-80 ft.

Native. Best grown in moist, acidic, well-drained soils in full sun. It is the perfect addition to your landscape as it brings beauty and wildlife to your backyard.

Blue Spruce

Picea pungens H 50-75 ft.

Blue spruce, also known as Colorado spruce, is a conical-shaped evergreen tree with stiff horizontal branches and short stiff needles. It is a commonly used tree in Midwest landscapes, grows best in a sunny location with moist, well-drained, fertile soil. It tolerates dry wind and can adapt to dry soil. Plant at least 20 ft. apart.

Concolor Fir

Abies concolor H 30-50 ft.

Also called white fir, is a great evergreen tree for the Midwestern landscape. Not only is it beautiful but it is one of the most adaptable firs. Concolor fir is native to the western United States and there can reach heights of 130-150 ft. Generally disease and pest resistant.

Norway Spruce

Picea abies H 50-70 ft.

Upland Forest. Moderately fast growing, transplants well. Grows in well drained, dry, sandy, acidic soils; will tolerate most soils. Reddish tinged bark. Resistant to most pests. Used for reforestation, windbreaks, & wildlife plantings.

Eastern White Pine

Pinus strobus H 50-80 ft.

Native. Wetland Forest Edge. Fast growing and longest lived of the pines. Will tolerate wide variety of soils that are at least moderately well drained. Long, soft needles. Provides wildlife cover & food. Used for windbreaks; be sure to space at least 15 ft apart. Widely used in reforestation. Michigan's state tree!

White Spruce

Picea glauca H 40-80 ft.

Native upland and lake/stream margins. Blue-green needles aromatic when crushed. Long-lived. Grows well in somewhat acidic moist loam soils, clay; will not grow well in sand. Shade tolerant. Very hardy tree, endures heat and drought, will retain lower branches except in close stands. Dense pyramidal tree widely used in hedges and windbreaks. Wildlife: birds & small mammals.



American Larch



Eastern White Pine

Conifers are well-suited for use in windbreaks

A dense grouping of trees, often situated in several parallel rows, that are planted adjacent to a house, building, road-way, or openland to intercept & slow prevailing winds.

By slowing wind speed, windbreaks help conserve energy used in buildings, can provide shade, & reduce damage to crops. Be sure to plant at least 15 ft. from buildings & not under power lines. If you are interested in knowing more about the benefits of windbreaks, native shrubs and NRCS conservation programs contact **NRCS 269-445-8641 x 3.**



Hikes with a Naturalist return this spring!

Follow us on social media or contact our office for details.

Native Small Deciduous Trees, Shrubs & Plants



American Hazelnut



False Indigo

American Hazelnut

Corylus americana H 10-18 ft.

A large, fast-growing shrub with clusters of spring flowers & edible nuts. Best used when naturalizing an area or in prairies. The species adapts well to a range of pH & soil types, does best in well-drained loams. Attracts birds.

Blackhaw Viburnum

Viburnum prunifolium H 12-15 ft.

Blackhaw viburnum is a large shrub with an upright form and rounded shape, making this native shrub attractive when planted individually or grouped for a tall hedge or screen. Flat topped white flower clusters bloom in spring, giving way to yellow berries that turn blue-black. Two or three shrubs are recommended for ample fruiting. Keystone species in the Eastern temperate forest ecoregion. Provide excellent support for wildlife and pollinators, serving as host plants to numerous lepidoptera including the Green Marvel and Pink Prominent moths.

Buttonbush

Cephalanthus occidentalis H 6-15 ft.

Full to partial sun, great shrub for naturalizing wet areas. Native shrub with spherical pincushion blossoms composed of dense clusters of tiny white or pale-pink tubular flowers. The fragrant blooms are attractive to a wide array of pollinators including butterflies.

Common Witchhazel

Carpinus caroliniana H 15-30 ft.

Full sun or partial shade. A native small tree or large shrub with yellow, fragrant flowers bloom from October through December. Plant as an understory or for a shrub border in large areas. Great native to use instead of Forsythia.

Downy Serviceberry

Amelanchier arborea H 15-25ft.

This is one of the earliest small trees or shrubs to bloom during the spring. It's very popular as a native tree for landscaping, for its ornamental qualities, wildlife value, and edible fruits. These delicious berries resemble blueberries in size and color and are often used in jams, jellies & pies.

False Indigo

Baptisia australis H 3-5 ft.

Blue False Indigo is a large bush-like perennial, with dense clusters of deep blue flowers on long upright spikes. Attractive bluish-green foliage provides a backdrop to other flowering plants. An excellent specimen plant for formal designs. Blue False Indigo is a host plant for the Frosted Elf, Wild Indigo Duskywing & Hoary Edge butterflies.

Gray Dogwood

Cornus racemosa H 10-15 ft.

Tolerant of both moist and dry sites. Prefers partial shade. This tough, low-maintenance shrub offers subtle year-round beauty. White panicles of flowers brighten the landscape in June. White berries attract many birds in the late summer and early fall.

Redosier Dogwood

Cornus sericea H 8-10 ft.

Attractive deep red stems and twigs. This loose form, spreading shrub is great for erosion control and wildlife cover. Its spring show of white clusters of flowers gives way to white berries that attract up to 18 different kinds of birds. The red color against the snow provides brilliant winter interest. The Redosier Dogwood is a great choice for your lowland areas, but will work well in upland areas as well.

Steeplebush

Spiraea tomentosa H 2-3 ft.

Requires a moist setting and is well suited for planting along shorelines, around ponds, in rain gardens. It prefers full sun, but light shade is tolerated. Showy pink flowers, features excellent foliage that turns bright reddish-gold in the fall.

White Flowering Dogwood

Cornus florida H 20-25 ft.

An excellent landscape choice for all four seasons, the white dogwood is a favorite in many yards and gardens. White "flowers" show their beauty in spring, foliage turns a vibrant red-purple in fall, and glossy red fruits attract winter songbirds for the enjoyment of all.

Winterberry

Ilex verticillata H 20-25 ft.

Winterberry grows wild in acidic soils in forested wetlands or along edges of ponds, lakes and marshes. Winterberry provides seasonal interest in autumn and early winter when female plants are covered in red, orange or yellow fruit. Poisonous to pets and people.



Common Witchhazel



White Flowering Dogwood



Enhancing your woodlot? Consider MAEAP verification - Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program offers a Forest, Wetlands and Habitat System verification! Use your new trees to establish or enhance a woodlot, prairie, or wildlife habitat - this is part of a sustainable management practice that will help your property to get verified! **For more information, please contact:** MAEAP Technician, Emily Haluda, at 269-445-8641 x 5, or emily.haluda@macd.org

Fruit Trees

Apple, Aztec Fuji® Apple

Considered the best Fuji on the market. This tree is similar in shape, growth habit, and production to other Fuji apple trees, but the beautiful highlights and deep red color give the Aztec its own unique look.

Apple, CrimsonCrisp®

The balance of tart and sweet gives it a distinct, rich flavor. It pollinates other diploids in the same season. The tree is spreading and easy to maintain, making it an ideal tree for fruit growers and homeowners.

Apple, Goldrush

Organic growers' choice. This dessert-apple tree is disease-resistant to apple scab and powdery mildew. Fruit has a tart, tangy flavor that sweetens with age. Excellent fresh or in pies and crisps. Ripens in mid-to-late October.

Apple, Honeycrisp

Crisp unbeatable sweet, juicy flavor. Very hardy & productive. Harvest early in mid-September. Good storage. Mid-season blooming. Fire blight & scab resistance, moderately vigorous, exhibits good winter hardiness.

*A pollinator is required when growing these apple varieties.
Another apple tree or a crabapple can provide pollination
- consult a pollination chart to check compatible bloom times.*

Cherry, BlackGold™

Dark red very juicy, large, crack resistant sweet cherry. Tree is frost resistant and very hardy. An easy to grow self-fertile, very productive tree that is an excellent pollinator for other late blooming varieties. Harvest early to mid July. Pollinates with Regina™.

Cherry, Jubileum® (tart)

A sweeter tart cherry, Jubileum is used for both processing and fresh market. The fruit is dark mahogany, juicy, and can be left to hang on the tree to develop additional sugar. The tree is compact and spreading.

Cherry, Regina™

The large fruit of this German import is exceptionally firm and split resistant. Its skin is dark red and the red flesh is about one shade lighter in color. Pollinates with BlackGold™.

Crabapple, Manchurian

A flowering crab used to pollinate other apple varieties. The white flower is a very prolific pollen producer. Blooms early and through midseason. Fruit is too small for commercial purposes.

Peach, CoralStar®

Large, beautiful freestone peach with 80 percent red color. The flesh is firm with wonderful flavor. Holds well on the tree and in storage and does not brown when cut. Tree is hardy and resistant to bacterial spot. Ripens about 2 weeks after Red Haven season. Adding 2nd cultivar increases bloom times.

Peach, Redhaven

The standard by which all early peaches are judged. The flesh is firm and yellow with a smooth texture. The tree is vigorous and early bearing. An attractive red and golden skin color further enhances its popularity. Redhaven is excellent for canning and shipping for the fresh market. Adding 2nd cultivar increases bloom times.

Pear, Bell

This exciting new release named after the longtime pear breeder, Richard Bell. The fruit has ranked the highest in flavor intensity, balance and juiciness among other pears in its season during years of extensive evaluation. The tree is vigorous and exhibits excellent resistance to fire blight. Requires a pollinator and will pollinate all other pears. Ripens in same season as Bartlett. Mid-August here.

Pear, Magness

A medium-sized pear, ripening Mid-September. Flesh is soft and juicy. Flavor is sweet and of excellent quality. Tree is vigorous, spreading and resistant to fire blight. Magness should not be used as a pollinizer. Bell will pollinate it and there are enough other varieties of pear that will pollinate it.

Plum, Empress

This large European plum has good flavor and eye appeal. It resembles President Plum, with blue skin and amber flesh. Not self-fertile.

Plum, Italian Prune

Hardy and vigorous mid-season freestone plum, self-fertile, but will have greater production when cross-pollinated by other European variety. Great for eating fresh, drying, or preserving.

At sale pick-up day the above fruit tree bare root saplings are approx. 4-6 ft. tall, 1/2 - 1 inch diameter trunk; all need full sun & well-drained soil. All fruit is of high dessert quality - good for fresh eating, juice or cider, canning or freezing, cooking or baking. Most are semi-dwarf with H 12-15 & W 10-15. Go to our website for a link to more specific species information. ***Get a conservation star for adding to your edible landscape with the addition of any of these pollinator & wildlife attracting fruit trees to your home or farmstead.***

Miscellaneous Supplies & Rentals

Seedling Protective Tubes with Bamboo stakes - Standard rigid mesh or deluxe blue tree tubes available.

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 plant. Free to use with \$50 equipment security deposit.

2020 Cass County Plat Book - Full color spiral bound book of all land parcels in Cass County, on sale for \$20 (*previously \$32*).

Berries



American Black Elderberry



Heritage Red Raspberries

American Black Elderberry

Sambucus canadensis H 8-10 ft. W 3 ft.

Native. Feed wildlife, birds, and yourself with these nutrient-rich fruits. Elderberries yield fruits that are highly nutritious in September. Excellent source of vitamins and antioxidants for humans. Wildlife also enjoys the fruits. Multi-stemmed shrubs add landscape interest as well.

Heritage Red Raspberries

Rubus idaeus 'Heritage' H 4-5 ft. W 1.5-2 ft.

Prefer 1/2 day to full sun to part shade and well-drained soil. Upright, self-fertile, thorny shrub which does not require staking. Showy white blooms. Bearing age is 1-2 years after planting. The fruits ripen in the later part of August and will continue to produce 3-4 lbs of berries by the first frost.

Triple Crown Blackberry

Rubus 'Triple Crown' H 10-12 ft. W 3-5 ft.

Full sun to part shade. Trailing, thornless blackberry cultivar. Self-fruitful, free standing, rose-like showy white flowers bloom April-May. Large, firm glossy blackberries are excellent eating quality that mature in summer. Mature plants must be supported to hold the heavy yield of 25 lbs of fruit. Attracts birds & butterflies.

Potted Plants

Blue 'Select' Lobelia 💧

Lobelia siphilitica H 2-4 ft. W 1-2 ft.

An easy-to-grow native that will thrive in a partly sunny, moist spot in your garden, this Lobelia will spread and multiply when given the chance. Blooms appear late in the season and provide important nectar to bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Deer and rabbit resistant.

Butterfly Milkweed

Asclepias tuberosa H 1-2.5 ft. W 1-1.5 ft.

Showy, orange flower with long blooming period on this outstanding wildflower. Tough, durable plant once established. Tolerates deer, drought, erosion, dry soil, shallow-rocky soil. Take care to not over water young stage. Full sun. Attracts hummingbirds and nectar source for many butterflies - food source for Monarch caterpillars.

Cardinal Flower

Lobelia cardinalis H 2-4 ft. W 1-2 ft.

Herbaceous perennial easily grown in rich, medium-to-wet soils in full sun to part shade. Needs constant moisture & mulching is recommended. Effective in moist areas of woodland/shade gardens, wet meadows or along streams, ponds, and rain gardens. Late summer erect terminal spikes of large scarlet red flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Tolerates deer & rabbit.

Ironweed

Veronia fasciculata H 2-4 ft. W 3-4 ft.

Erect, late summer-early fall blooming. Easily grown in average, medium-wet soils in full sun. Flowers-dense clusters of reddish-purple disks. Good cut flowers. Attracts pollinators. Named for tough, fibrous stems, & rusty colored seeds & fading flowers.



Cardinal Flower



Red Milkweed

Red Milkweed

Asclepias incarnata H 2-5 ft. W 1-2 ft.

Tall herbaceous perennial plant grows in damp to wet neutral to slightly acidic soil - will tolerate heavy clay. Can use as a garden plant for its flowers, which attract butterflies & other pollinators with nectar. Monarch butterfly host plant. Dusty pink flowers in summer. Requires full sun. Also attracts hummingbirds.

White Turtlehead

Chelone glabra H 1.5-3 ft. W 1-2 ft.

Creamy-white flowers with pink tinge in late summer resembles a turtle's head. Great plant for moist or wet areas. Ovate, shiny, rich, dark green leaves. Pinch to reduce height. Attracts butterflies.

Birds, bees & wetlands

Our tree sale has plenty of pollinators, rain garden and wetland friendly species. Loss of habitat is of great concern. You can help by changing the current lawn culture & set aside part of your yard for wildlife. Do your part by planting native shrubs, plants and trees to provide food and shelter for the birds, bees and other wildlife.



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Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control (SESC) - As Cass County's SESC Enforcing Agency, we are charged with protecting our lakes & streams from construction erosion and sedimentation. A permit is required for any earth changes within 500 feet of a lake or stream. Sediment harms fish habitat and can contribute to nutrient imbalance. Shoreline landscaping can protect & enhance the water's edge. **Look at our wet area plant choices to beautify and naturalize your shoreline. You may also consider rain gardens for stormwater management.**



Pointers from the MAEAP program - The Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program helps producers navigate environmental safety risks on their farms. Invite our technician, Emily Haluda, to visit your farm for a *free confidential risk assessment*. Limited cost share is available to help aid in mitigating risks. MAEAP verification helps reduce farm liability and is a great way to show the community you care! Visit <https://maeap.org> to learn more.



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