

Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District

2012 Tree Seedling Giveaway Species Info

Seedlings are marked with colored ribbon. Because the species of a seedling can be hard to identify, the ribbons are color-coded according to species to help you identify your seedlings.

<u>Ribbon color</u>	<u>Species</u>
green/black strip	Redbud (<i>Cercis canadensis</i>) This small tree reaches a height of 20-30'. Redbud is known for reddish purple buds and flowers which appear in April. Fruit is in the form of a flattened, pea-like pod. Plant in full sun or part shade. Adapts well to most soils.
orange	Sourwood (<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>) A small 25-30' tree with an irregular crown shape. Known for flowers similar to lily-of-the-valley which appear in late June. Considered an all-season ornamental with brilliant red leaves in fall. Plant in full sun or part shade as a landscape specimen.
black	White Dogwood (<i>Cornus florida</i>) State tree of Virginia. A small 20' tree with a short trunk and flat-topped crown. Flowers appear in April. Birds love the shiny, red fruits which appear September-October.
red	Red Maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>) Mature trees grow to a size of 60-75' tall. Foliage is brilliant yellow, burnt orange, or red tones. Growth is slow. Prefers well-drained soils.
green	Red Osier Dogwood (<i>Cornus sericea</i>) A medium to large-sized shrub, up to 15' tall, with multiple stems. Known for its bright red stems. Small, dull, white flowers appear late May to early June. Does well in wet areas. Red stems are a function of sunlight and young age; pruning older stems is important to maximize color display.
blue/black stripe	River Birch (<i>Betula nigra</i>) Interesting shaggy bark varies from pale reddish-brown to black. This tree has a narrow, oval crown and can reach 60-80'. Seeds and buds are eaten by song and game birds. Particularly suited to areas which are wet a portion of the year. Fall foliage is a bright yellow.
yellow/black stripe	Bald Cypress (<i>Taxodium distichum</i>) A large 50-70' tree with a pyramid-shaped crown and buttressed trunk. Foliage is feather-like, deciduous and turns pinkish in the fall. Produces small sphere-like cones. Very adaptable to wet, dry, or well-drained soils.
red/black stripe	Red Oak (<i>Quercus rubra</i>) A medium sized to large tree that reaches up to 90 feet tall, develops a short trunk and round crown when open grown, straight with a clear, long bole when grown with competition. Northern red oak grows best on deep, well-drained loam to silty, clay loam soils. Attractive red fall foliage.
white	White Oak (<i>Quercus alba</i>) A large 50-80' tree that grows best in deep, loamy, well-drained soil. Acorns are sweet and a preferred food for deer, turkey, suireels, and other wildlife, Makes an impressive ornamental in large landscapes.
pink/black stripe	Pin Oak (<i>Quercus palustris</i>) A tall (up to 75 feet), medium-growing tree. Fall color is variable. Will tolerate wet soils, but prefers well-drained soil. Acorns are good wildlife food. A good specimen tree, but also good for windbreaks.
orange/white stripe	Green Ash (<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>) This fast-growing, medium sized (50-60' tall and 25-30' wide) tree has an extremely irregular crown. Native to moist bottom-lands or along streambanks, but is very adaptable and tolerate3s high pH, salt, drought, and sterile soils. Does require full sun.
blue	American Sycamore (<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>) A very massive tree with heavy, spreading branches with obviously zigzag twigs reaching up to and over 100 feet tall. In winter, the persistent fruits resemble Christmas tree ornaments. The most striking feature of this tree, often referred to is a mottled, brown, white, and gray "camouflage" bark that readily exfoliates.
white/black stripe	White Pine (<i>Pinus Strobus</i>) Fast growing to 100 feet. Can tolerate dry , rocky soil or wet, swampy conditions. Excellent ornamental tree, windbreak, or dense screen.
white/yellow dots	Loblolly Pine (<i>Pinus taeda</i>) A medium to large tree; can reach well over 100 feet. Fast-growing species. Attracts various wildlife species.