

2026 Lorain County Conservation District Annual Seedling Sale

Plant Descriptions

EVERGREENS

Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*)

Excellent tree for windbreak and wildlife cover. Deer generally do not browse this evergreen. This fast-growing spruce grows best on well-drained soils and will tolerate a lot of shade. It will retain its dense drooping branches as the tree matures. Grows to 50 feet.

HARDWOOD TREES

N. Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*):

Our 2026 choice for our annual Big Tree Contest! A lovely landscape tree with large, showy flowers in early summer. Grows to 50 feet tall. Great shade tree with large, heart-shaped leaves. Also called cigar tree for its long, dark brown seed pods.

American Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)

Sycamores love our damp Lorain County soils. You can find these large, stately trees along rivers & streams. Look for the bright white bark of mature trees. 75-100 feet tall. Fast growth, especially in full sun.

Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*)

Their mature height depends on growing conditions, with rich, well-drained soil and full sun encouraging faster growth. Open grown walnuts tend to be shorter & wider, typically up to ~60 feet. Important wildlife tree.

White Oak (*Quercus alba*): the king of trees! White oak supports more species than any other tree in Ohio. Found statewide in diverse habitats, it's a tall (80-100 feet), long-lived species (centuries), with lobed leaves and beautiful, reddish-brown fall color, making it an important timber and landscape tree.

SHRUBS/SMALL TREES

American Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*)

Patti D.'s pick for favorite shrub. This native shrub can be found in the SE states but is predicted to do well as our growing zones shift northward. Clusters of pale pink flowers precede explosions of bright magenta edible berries. Does best in full sun. Grows to 6 feet tall & wide. It's stunning!

Pink azalea 'Boudoir' (*Rhododendron hybrid*)

Looking for long lasting color in a hardy shrub? Azaleas have long been a favorite for landscaping for their perfect landscaping size, evergreen foliage, & showy flowers. Up to 5 feet tall & wide in part shade.

Wild Plum (*Prunus americana*)

Known for its early spring, fragrant, white blossoms, small yellow-to-red edible fruit in late summer, and distinctive peeling bark, wild plum offers benefits to pollinators and wildlife. It's also a great native replacement for invasive pears, thriving in full sun and well-drained soil across Ohio. Grows to 20 feet.

TREE PACKS – We've taken the guesswork out of what to buy. We have 4 different packs to choose from this year!

Wildlife Pack: Packed with nutritious goodness, this pack contains 2 of each: swamp white oak, hazelnut, ninebark, American plum, and red-osier dogwood. This mix is sure to please all your local feathered & furred neighborhood wildlife.

Wild Berry Pack: Looking for fruiting plants for jams or to feed wildlife? This pack contains 3 elderberries, 3 purple-flowering raspberry shrubs, 2 Allegheny serviceberry, & 2 red mulberry.

Beauty Pack: This flowering pack will provide beauty for months on end! You get 2 of each of: redbud, serviceberry, lilac, flowering dogwood, black chokeberry. Their fall leaf color is just as stunning!

Wetland Pack: Do you have a low, wet area that you'd like to plant? This selection of 2 each of spicebush, pussy willow, river birch, button bush, & nannyberry viburnum is for you!

WILDFLOWER SPECIES



Purple passionflower



Wild petunia



Winged monkeyflower



Seedbox



Blue violets



Ohio spiderwort



Stiff goldenrod



Royal catchfly



Mountain mint



Purple coneflower



Smooth aster



Anise hyssop