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SPRING SEEDLINGS 2008: EVERGREENS AND BERRIES



With the cold and snow, it's hard to think of munching berries or planting seedlings. However, as you know by the number of gardening catalogs you've received, this is the planning (not planting) season. Let us be a part of your planning.

EVERGREENS: We've dropped White Cedar this year, and have modified our Spruce assortment. The new selection, Black Hills Spruce will also be our featured selection and hence the most economical of our evergreens. So, for all of you with deer problems, here is your chance. Note however, that while our other seedlings are 3 year olds, we could only get the Black Hills as a two-year-old bare root seedling. In addition to Black Hills Spruce, we have two other Spruce varieties. (Spruces are more deer resistant than other varieties of evergreens.)

BERRIES: Ready for something new...how about currants? We're offering a black and a red (with a name like pink champagne, who could resist?). Of course, we'll have our standards...blueberries, everbearing strawberries and red raspberries. If you want to try them all, we have a special "berry bundle" which includes a pair of blueberries, a pair of currants, five red raspberries and ten strawberries all for \$50!!!

EXTRAS: To check your soil before you plant we're offering soil testing kits. (Blueberries like acidic soil, below 5 pH) One kit should last you many, many years. To help keep organized, we have sturdy metal plant markers.

BERRIES

STRAWBERRIES: Seascape plants are very vigorous, producing berries all summer long. A day neutral berry, it is exceptionally disease resistant and produces a very high yield of large, sweet, deep red berries. The rich, uniform color and excellent flavor make it a favorite with home gardeners. Zones 4-7

RASPBERRIES: Heritage: This hardy variety can produce two crops. The first comes in July and the second, a fall crop, starts in September and lasts right up until the first hard freeze. Note however, that the yield from only one full crop (in autumn) will usually be greater than the combined yield of a double crop. Berries are large, brilliant red, extremely firm and attractive. These berries are superb for freezing and delicious for table use. Because the fall season is usually cooler, the fall crop is larger than the summer crop. It is resistant to most diseases. Zones 4-8



CURRANTS: *These will be sold as a pair – one black and one red*

Ben Sarek (black): This black currant is ideal for the home garden. The bushes are compact, approximately 3 feet in height at maturity, with high yields of large, easy-to-pick berries. The fruit makes an excellent jam or jelly and is recommended for winemaking. This cultivar is highly resistant to White Pine Blister Rust. Zones 3-7

Pink Champagne (red): This red variety is the tastiest currant on the market for fresh eating. It is a vigorous upright bush, free of leaf diseases, with a beautiful translucent pink fruit. Pink Champagne is easy to grow, produces fruit of high quality and good flavor. Best in zones 3-7

BLUEBERRIES: *Blueberries require two varieties for cross pollination-- we sell them as a pair*

Blueray : Blueray is an early-midseason variety. The large, dark-blue berries, with sweet, high-quality flavor, make Blueray an excellent choice for the home gardener. The bush is vigorous, productive, and winter-hardy. It grows to a height of 4-6 feet. Blueray is widely planted throughout the Northeast and Midwest. Best in zones 4-7

Patriot: Patriot is an early season variety with very large, dark blue berries, with a very good flavor. This extremely winter hardy variety is upright growing to a height of 4-6 feet. Patriot is adapted to many different soil types and has performed better in heavier soil (wet clay) than some other varieties. It is tolerant or resistant to some strains of *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, a soil fungus that causes root rot. Zones 3-7

Evergreens are 3 year old bare-root seedlings, except for Canaan which is a 3 year transplant and Black Hills Spruce, which is a 2 year old bare-root seedling

FIR

CANAAN FIR: (to Zone 4) These are 3 year old transplants rather than seedlings. This should result in better branching and a stronger root system. Closely related to both the Fraser and Balsam Fir, it is more tolerant of wet sites than Fraser. It is also less susceptible to late Spring frosts. Color is a dark green to bluish dark green with stripes on the underside of the needle. Canaan fir is popular as a Christmas tree. It is an attractive medium-sized tree generally reaching 40-55 feet in height and 20-25 feet in width. It exhibits a relatively dense, pyramidal crown with a slender spire-like tip that often imparts a formal appearance. Seedlings 8-15"

CONCOLOR FIR: (Zones 4-7) One of the best Christmas trees as well as most beautiful and easy to care for evergreens. Silver trunk and soft, silvery foliage. Needles are 1 ½ - 2" long and hold well. Tolerates drought better than most firs. New growth is light colored and remains so during much of the year. Attains best growth on well drained soils in full sunlight. Will not do well in heavy, clay soil. Slow growing, reaches 120'. Takes 8-9 years for 3 yr. old seedling to reach 6'. Seedlings 8-14".

DOUGLAS FIR: (Zones 4-6) Excellent ornamental and Christmas tree. Deep green color, good form, excellent density and late bud break. Grows faster in light, fertile and well-drained soil in full sun. Takes 9-10 years for 3 yr. old seedling to reach 6'. Seedlings 10-18".

FRASER FIR: (Zones 4-7) Medium size, gray bark; very soft, shiny bright flat, dark green needles, with silver underside 1/2 to 1-1/4" long. Used for ornamentals as well as Christmas trees with good needle retention. Needs cool, moist, well-drained soil. Does not do well in heavy, wet clay soil. Full sun not required. Grows to 60'. Seedlings 8-14".

PINE

AUSTRIAN PINE: (Zones 4-7) Good for timber, Christmas trees and ornamental. Needles are stiff medium green color - 3 1/2" to 6 1/2" long. Can tolerate dry, rocky, windy conditions. Likes full sun and does well in ordinary to poor soil - does equally well in limestone or acid soil. Excellent specimen tree as well as for thick screen or windbreak. Fast growing. Should reach 6' in 6-7 years, eventually reaching 90'. Seedlings 10-18"

SCOTCH PINE: (Zones 4-7) One of the fastest growing of the pine family. A very popular Christmas tree. Beautiful evergreen with short, rigid, bluish green needles. A vigorous growing hardy plant, adjusts well to dry rocky soils, as well as moist, well drained soils. Seedlings 10-18"

WHITE PINE: (Zones 3-8) Has long, soft deep green needles. Reacts well to shearing. Makes an excellent ornamental, as well as Christmas or timber tree. The only pine that performs well in partially shaded areas. Seedlings 10-18".

SPRUCE

COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE: (Zones 2-7) One of the finest trees for ornamental and Christmas tree use. Color of needles ranges between a dark green and a silver-blue depending upon the particular plant soil conditions. Has the largest needles of all the spruces. Makes a colorful screen or windbreak. Will grow best in well drained soils. Grows to 100', reaching 6 feet in 8-9 years from 3 yr. seedling. Seedlings 10-18".

NORWAY SPRUCE: (Zones 3-7) A tall, fast growing (1-2 ft/yr) evergreen tree native to Europe. Drooping branchlets with dark green needles. Mature height up to 150'. Needs moist (not wet), well drained soil. Avoid dry sites. Used as ornamentals and windbreaks. Seedlings 10-18"

BLACK HILLS SPRUCE: (Zones 2-6) This 2 year old seedling will transform itself to a medium size evergreen (30-60'). It has a slow to moderate growth rate. Its dark green dense foliage and conical form requires little, if any, pruning. This tree is commonly used for windbreaks, privacy screens and accent plantings. Resistant to winter injury. It prefers rich moist soil in full sun, and thrives in dry, well-drained sites. Seedlings are 5 -10"

PICK-UP DATES—MARK THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday/Thursday, April 16th and 17th (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) at Ulster County Fairgrounds, New Paltz

Friday, April 18th (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) and Saturday, April 19th (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM) at Ulster County Highway Garage, 66 Hurley Ave, Kingston, NY