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SPRING PLANTINGS 2010
FRUITS - VEGGIES - EVERGREENS

Are you counting the days till the snow disappears and the ground thaws? Are you thumbing through all the seed catalogs? Yep, it's that time of year again and we hope to entice you with some of our offerings. We're continuing to offer veggies and fruits along with our evergreens. For those of you who didn't get your asparagus last year, you have a chance again or add to your plantings with Purple Passion asparagus (with a name like that you just have to get some). For those of you who wish to broaden your harvest we're offering gooseberries this year. We're adding onions to our vegetable offerings, but no potatoes. (We're still nervous about last year's blight). Can't make up your mind, try one of our specialty packs: 30 different spruce seedlings (dare we say they are deer resistant?) or two berry options; our BB (Berry Bundle) or our VBB (Very Berry Bundle) which adds currants and gooseberries. While you have until **Friday March 5th** to get your order in, some of the items like yellow raspberries and onions are limited, so the sooner you get your order in, the more likely we can fill it.

FRUITS & VEGGIES

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

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 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

RIBES: Currants and gooseberries are two of the better known plants within the Ribes genus – we're offering a "taste" – one of each.

Currants: **Pink Champagne** 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. Zones 3-7

Gooseberries: **Invicta** This green gooseberry has the highest yields of large, high-quality fruit of any gooseberry variety, and is resistant to mildew and late spring frosts. The bush is vigorous and spreading. Zone 3-7

RHUBARB: This easy to grow plant will reward you with stalks year after year. The **MacDonald** strain produces large tender stalks with a gentle red color. Rhubarb is deer resistant (the leaves are poisonous), you can use it as an ornamental as well as for fruit. Zones 4-8 (Offered in bundles of 2.)



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 (Offered in bundles of 5)

RASPBERRIES: **Caroline** is the most productive everbearer. This hardy variety can produce two crops. The first comes in July and the second 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, with a rich full intense flavor. Zones 4-7 (Offered in bundles of 5.)

Anne is a large-fruited fall bearer that holds a pale yellow color and is proving to be highly productive. Anne's excellent size, appearance, and very sweet flavor make it an excellent choice for a yellow fall bearer. Zones 4-8 (Offered in bundles of 5)

ASPARAGUS: **Jersey Knight** is an extremely vigorous all male variety, with large, succulent flavorful spears. Resistant to rust, crown rot and fusarium, it does well in heavy, clay-like soils. Zones 3-8. (Offered in bundles of 10)

Purple Passion: Its special, attractive purple color, flavor and tenderness distinguish this variety from others. For best performance, plant spacing for Purple Passion is 6-8 inches apart in the row instead of the usual 12-inch spacing. When cooked, the bright purple color is reduced, but when served fresh in salads it provides a colorful and flavorful accent. Zones 3-8 (Offered in bundles of 10).

ONIONS: These sets come already bagged with approximately 80 bulbs in each bag: all are long-day varieties suitable for the Northeast.

Yellow Stuggart Large German yellow-skinned onion for long storage. Crisp and full flavored. Flat round in shape, early maturing and suitable for summer production. Excellent bolt tolerance and cold hardy.

White Ebenezer: Medium to large white-skinned flattened bulbs, with a sweet, mild taste and good keeping qualities. Excellent for growing green onions or salad onions, good cooked or raw.

Red Wethersfield has a dark burgundy skin and internal red color. Grow for mild, good-sized onions that are excellent in salads.

Evergreens are 3 year old bare-root seedlings, except for Canaan which is a 3 year transplant

FIR

CANAAN FIR: (to Zone 4) These are 3 year old transplants rather than seedlings (and hence are more costly). This should result in better branching and a stronger root system. As a 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"



BALSAM FIR: (to Zone 3) is one of the more important conifers in the northern United States and in Canada. It is a small to medium-sized tree used primarily for pulp and light frame construction, and it is one of the most popular Christmas trees. Wildlife rely extensively on this tree for food and shelter. Seedlings 6-10".

PINE

SCOTCH PINE: (Zones 3-7) 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 and can grow 100 to 150 tall. 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



BLACK HILLS SPRUCE (Zones 2-6) Our **featured tree** this year, this slow growing tree has a mature height of 30'-60'; it is dense & pyramidal in shape. Long stout branches from ground up, bright green to bluish needles. Root system is shallow, fibrous and wide spreading giving good use for farm windbreaks. Browsed by mammals. Nesting site for birds. Makes a good winter cover. As our featured tree, the price is lower than any other tree. Seedlings 10-18".

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 10-16".

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"

WHITE SPRUCE: (Zones 2-6) evergreen has needles which are stiff, 1/3 to 3/4 inch long, green to blue-green in color, square in cross section. When crushed a pungent odor is apparent. Needle tips are pointed, but not sharp. Conical, medium-sized trees. Seedlings 10-16"

We're offering a deer resistant pack again this year – 10 each of each Spruce – Colorado Blue, Black Hills and White for only \$25.

PICK-UP DATES—MARK THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday/Thursday, April 21st and 22nd (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) at Ulster County Fairgrounds, New Paltz, NY

Friday, April 23rd (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM) and Saturday, April 24th (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM) at Ulster County Highway Garage, 66 Hurley Ave, Kingston, NY

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County will not be responsible for seedlings after pick-up dates or after they are removed from pick-up station. All orders subject to availability or supply, otherwise money will be refunded. The seedlings are BAREROOT, not balled stock, of stated sizes. For more information, contact Dona Crawford, Master Gardener Coordinator - (845) 340-3990