



FREE TREES AVAILABLE MAY 11TH

The Middlesex County Master Gardeners will be having a plant sale on Saturday May 11, 2024

The North Brunswick Environmental Commission has been given 100 small trees which will be available for free to individuals during the sale.

Tree types include:

1. Red Oak
2. Bur Oak
3. Swamp White Oak
4. Pecan

Location: Former New Jersey Agricultural Museum building, Rutgers Cook Campus, 103 College Farm Road, New Brunswick, NJ.

Date/Time: Saturday, May 11, 2024, 10 AM to 3 PM





RED OAK

(*Quercus rubra*)

- Found in USDA Plant Hardiness zones 5-9
- Fast-growing, large deciduous tree
- Grows between 60'-75' with a width of 45' at full maturity and can grow up to 2' per year
- Great shade tree, covering the canopy and able to block sunlight
- Requires at least 6 hours in direct sunlight
- As the name suggests, in the fall, leaves turn variations of red, from russet to bright red.
- Leaves are 4"-8" with waxy, spine-tipped lobes
- Prefers acidic, moist, and well-drained soil
- Provides acorns, a top food preference for blue jays, wild turkeys, squirrels, small rodents, whitetail deer, raccoons, and black bears



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BUR OAK

(*Quercus macrocarpa*)

- Found in USDA Plant Hardiness zones 3-8
- Slow-growing, large deciduous tree
- Growth rate of 1' per year when young
- Grows up to 100' tall
- One of the largest oaks with a trunk diameter of up to 10'
- Grows in hot, dry, open areas, away from forest canopy
- Bark is a medium gray and somewhat rugged
- Flowers are greenish-yellow catkins, produced in the spring



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SWAMP WHITE OAK

(*Quercus bicolor*)

- Found in USDA Plant Hardiness zones 3-8
- Rapid growing, medium deciduous tree
- Grows to 65'-80' tall for 300-350 years
- Very large range, and can survive in a variety of habitats
- Bark resembles the White Oak
- Grows under conditions of poor drainage in marshes, swamps, or seepage areas
- Not found where flooding is permanent, although it is usually found in broad stream valleys, low-lying fields, and the margins of lakes, ponds, or sloughs
- In autumn, they turn brown, yellow-brown, or sometimes reddish. Generally, the color is not as reliable or as brilliant as the White Oak can be.



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PECAN

(*Carya illinoensis*)

- Found in USDA Plant Hardiness zones 5-9
- Grow in moist woods, particularly along rivers or in bottomland flats
- Require large quantities of water during the growing season
- Can grow over 150' (2-4' per year), trunks can measure over 3' in diameter
- Begins producing nuts within 3-4 years of maturity
- As a member of the hickory family, they provide edible nuts for humans and animals
- Average lifespan is approximately 300 years
- Bark appears red-brown with platy scales
- Leaflets are double-toothed, yellow-green, and smooth



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