

MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023



*Pre-planting soil prep on
blocks 18 and 19 NW;
10 April 2023.*

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April 2023 Update

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NOTES FROM THE FARM

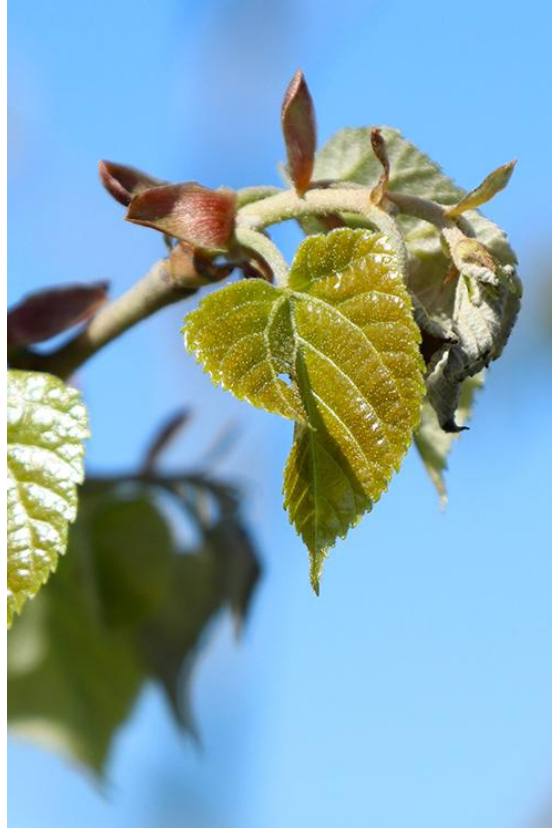
When trees leaf out in the spring, the cycle of life starts all over again. At the nursery we go from digging trees to planting trees with the optimism that in three to five years, the trees we plant today will grow and prosper only to find another home where they can set their roots for many more cycles and provide shade and habitat and all the additional benefits of a native tree.

Spring is the time to prepare the fields and utilize our fertile soils to give our hand-picked and hand-planted liners the best “temporary” home for them while being

crafted into marketable native tree. Fields have been sub-soiled, cover crops have been disked and planting rows tilled. Soil tests are completed with careful and precise recommendations for fertility. Spring is also the time for April showers that have been oddly absent this year. We are thankful to have invested in an extensive drip irrigation system that applies just the right amount of water to each tree the same day it is planted and until they can make it on their own strengthening their resolve to be ready for transplanting. All of these aspects are closely monitored every day by Eric and his experienced team as they help to make sure each tree gets the care it needs from the start of the cycle at planting to the end when they are dug and shipped, which is complete for this season. You can see pictures of trees starting their spring cycle of leafing out and being planting [on our website](#) and on our [social media pages](#).

Thank you to all the numerous customers that invested in purchasing White House Native trees this past spring making it one our biggest and busiest seasons. Eric has been diligently working on building up our customer base as our inventory has grown and can fill the requests for locally grown and specimen native trees.

We were a little concerned about shade tree sales being a bit flat last year, but the demand for native trees continues to grow and we at WHN are going all in on planting more native liners to make sure we have the mix of species and sizes to fill our customers needs. We do expect to have excellent availability in most 2" trees this fall along with 2½-3" in certain species such as sycamore, white oak, pin oak, willow oak, sweetgum, tulip poplar, and beech. Understory and ornamental natives like pawpaw, redbud, *Carpinus* and American holly are selling quickly and at smaller sizes limiting our ability to hold back larger quantities for larger sizes, these species should be pre-ordered this summer



to secure your needs for this fall. We will have a [preliminary fall inventory estimate in June](#), but you can always [contact Eric directly](#) if you have questions about what he is growing and should have available.



NATIVE OF THE MONTH: *Chionanthus virginicus*



For our April 2023 featured native, we've chosen a native April bloomer, the white fringetree, *Chionanthus virginicus*. Fringetree in the wild is an inhabitant of the savannas and moist ravines of the southeast piedmont and coastal plain from New Jersey south and west to northern Florida and east Texas and southern Arkansas. *Chionanthus virginicus* is the type specimen for the genus, from Greek *chion* 'snow' and *anthos* 'flower'.

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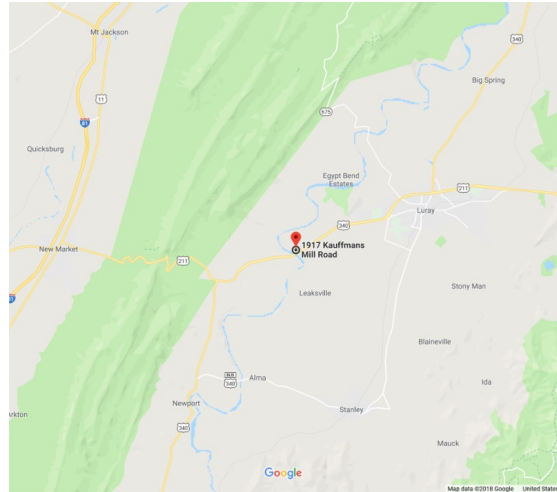
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