

*Blooming cover crop of crimson clover
(Trifolium incarnatum)
used to improve nitrogen and
organic matter.
Photo taken 22 May 2023.*



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June 2023 Update

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PRELIMINARY INVENTORY FOR AUTUMN 2023!

You are invited to take a look at our [preliminary projections for this fall and next spring's availability](#). We expect these numbers to increase as the summer progresses and to have additional larger sizes available. Of note we have excellent crops—in both quality and quantity—of the following species and sizes:

- *Cladrastis kentukea*; 2", 2½"
- *Fagus grandifolia*; 2", 2½"
- *Liquidambar styraciflua*; 2", 2½"
- *Liriodendron*; 2", 2½", 3"

- *Ostrya virginica*; 1½”
- *Quercus alba*; 2”, 2½”, 3”
- *Quercus palustris*; 2”, 2½”, 3”
- *Quercus phellos*; 2”, 2½”, 3”

We will have limited availability on *Asimina*, *Carpinus*, *Celtis*, *Cercis*, *Chionanthus*, and *Nyssa* larger than 1½” due to strong demand and several large orders last year. We have not adjusted our pricing for fall yet, after holding the same pricing for three years. We do expect a 5-10% increase this fall based on increasing input costs especially fuel and labor. We will honor current pricing for any Fall 2023 orders placed before August 1st, which is when we expect to have our fall pricing completed.

We will refine our inventory counts as summer progresses and as orders get tagged for fall. [Click here to see a detailed projected inventory](#) and check back monthly for updates. With continued strong demand for native trees especially in small sizes (1½”), we expect to sell out of many items—as we did last year—even with increased availability.

We encourage you to place your orders early and come out to tour this summer. Our nursery can easily be toured on foot if you want to stretch your legs or in the convenience of our four-seat gator, with all trees located at one location. [Eric is at the nursery daily](#) and can answer any specific questions you may have about availability and exactly how each tree looks, since he handles each tree several times a year. We are conveniently located just over an hour from Northern Virginia in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley along the banks of the South Fork of the Shenandoah River in Luray, Virginia. When you schedule a tour, ask Eric about bringing your fishing pole to enjoy a private stretch of river with extremely productive small mouth fishing before or after your tour.





NOTES FROM THE FARM

Summer is time to craft our next crop of native trees into uniform plants that are evenly branched and ready to find their forever home in a Mid-Atlantic landscape. Each and every tree gets handed pruned and tied a minimum of once and faster growers like pin oaks can be three times by Eric and his experienced team. We are fortunate to have invested in an efficient drip irrigation system when we established the nursery so that we can reduce the stress on our native trees and promote growth that otherwise we would be stunted by the lack of rainfall that we have experienced since last fall. There is no replacement for regular rainfall, but our supplemental drip irrigation makes a tremendous difference in reducing stress on trees which in turn increases their vigor that allows them to fight off minor pests and diseases, producing a healthier tree that will flourish when planted in your landscape.



NATIVE OF THE MONTH:
Magnolia virginiana



Our featured native for June is another familiar flowering small tree, the sweetbay, *Magnolia virginiana*. It is a common occupant of moist, acidic habitats along the Atlantic coastal plain from Long Island south to Lake Okeechobee and westward to east Texas. Its habit varies strongly based on climate; in the north it is a large—often multistemmed—shrub to 15-25 ft / 4½-8 m in height, while along the Gulf Coast it can mature to a tree 100 ft / 30 m in height. In Virginia, *Magnolia virginiana* remains a shrub or small tree.

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