

MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023



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## October 2023 Update

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### **AUTUMN 2023 DIGGING UNDERWAY!**

If you've not placed your fall 2023 order yet, **NOW IS THE TIME** as digging began Saturday 21 October. Our latest [availability update is here](#). As inventory changes quickly while we're digging, please [contact Eric](#) to confirm that what you need is still available!



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## NOTES FROM THE FARM

Cooler temperatures and shorter days have brought on fall color which means we can safely start to dig your fall tree orders. As it has been all summer, the nursery is still on the dry side and Eric is having to utilize our drip irrigation system and water bags to hydrate trees and provide enough moisture into the soil to dig a good root ball and insure survivability. His team has been color-coding orders so each customer gets the exact tree they selected. We encourage all customers to make the easy trip to the Shenandoah Valley, which looks spectacular this time of year, to tour the nursery and tag the exact tree they want. As part of the digging process in preparation the team is also wrapping trunks with fabric to protect them during the digging, hauling out, loading and delivery process. For the next two months, our team will be all hands on deck to process your orders in a timely manner so that you can be sure to get a locally grown, native, and vigorous tree that will successfully transplant into its forever home in your customer's landscape.



The lack of rainfall this summer reduced the amount of growth that we normally anticipate. This caused several large blocks of our native trees to not caliper up to the larger sizes we expected. We have continued to invest in planting more liners each year and have plenty of native trees in the pipeline, but we do expect to sell out of many favorites that we have built a reputation on having available in past years including redbuds, paw paws, persimmon, sycamore and blackgums. Not to worry we do have a wide selection in various sizes of native trees available with an excellent selection of pignut hickory, sugar maples, yellowwood, beech, sweetgum, and tulip poplar (finally after a few years). In addition, our vast selection of native oaks look great this year and we have numerous white, swamp white, pin and willow oak in the 3" and 3½" size to give your landscape instant impact.

You can check our [full availability online](#) and Eric is always available to fill in all the details about what exactly we have available, get you pictures, and provide you time frame that he can process your valued order.



## NATIVE OF THE MONTH: *Liquidambar styraciflua*

**As we reach the time of year of peak autumn leaf color, it seems only appropriate that we turn to one of our**



most colorful native deciduous trees, the American sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*). *Liquidambar* is a small genus of trees, comprising around 15 species with distribution in east and Southeast Asia, eastern North America, and the western Mediterranean. Both the botanical and common name of the tree refer to the sweet, resinous, pale-yellow sap exuded from the tree when cut. From fossil records, the genus arose approximately 95 million years ago.

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