

Platanus occidentalis
(American Sycamore); 2-2½"
2 Jun 2025.



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June 2025 Update

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NOTES FROM THE FARM

We are currently conducting our mid-year physical inventory, which involves riding up and down each row of trees, checking their current size grade, and then using our crystal ball to make a best guess as to what size these trees will reach. We still have three more months of potentially good growing weather during which many of our native trees will get pruned at least once more this summer to promote uniform head shape and central leaders. We are having a great growing season so far and have not had to use our drip irrigation

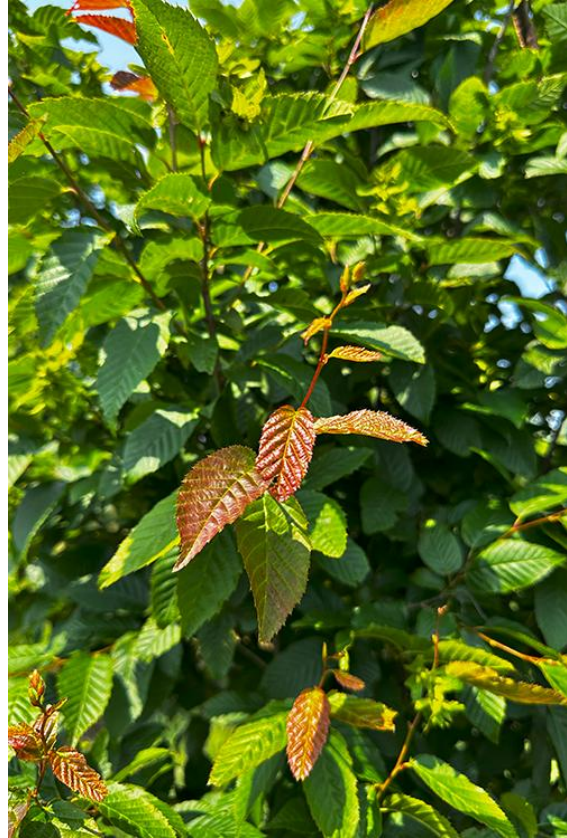
system. But we have been to this movie before, and the last two summers and autumns have been dry, and that hurt our growth expectations. We will have our preliminary fall availability ready by the middle of July.

We do expect to have excellent crops with good quantities in the listed size ranges of:

- *Acer saccharum* 1½" and 2"
- *Betula nigra* 6', 8' and 10'
- *Carya glabra* 1½" and 2"
- *Liquidambar styraciflua* 1½", 2" and 2½"
- *Liriodendron* 2"
- *Magnolia virginiana* 4' and 5'
- *Platanus occidentalis* 2" and 2½" and some 3"
- *Quercus alba* 1½" and 2"
- *Quercus coccinea* 1½" and 2"
- *Quercus palustris* 1½", 2" and 2½"
- *Quercus phellos* 1½", 2" and 2½"
- *Quercus rubra* 1½"

Redbuds, fringetree, *Carpinus*, paw paw, persimmon, and *Ostrya* will continue to be in short supply with small quantities and small sizes. On the plus side we expect to have some larger pin oaks in the 3½"-4" size range if you have a need for instant shade.

If you have fall or spring native tree needs, please [contact Eric](#) and he can let you know what we will have and tag your orders. You are also always welcome to tour and tag your exact tree needs while enjoying a wonderful day in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley. Have a great summer, and check your inbox in July for updates on our availability.





NATIVE OF THE MONTH:

Quercus bicolor



You might assume with a common name like ‘swamp white oak’, *Quercus bicolor*, favors a marshy habitat loaded with frequent or continuous standing water. But that is not actually the case. *Q. bicolor* is most at home in a moist, acidic environment where soils at least occasionally thoroughly dry out; in the wild it favors stream and river banks as well as lowland areas that are prone to occasional inundation. To thrive in this environment, swamp white oak develops a shallow layer of fine fibrous roots to capture the plentiful moisture. But a complementary set of roots also dives deep to capture moisture during periods of drought.

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