

Rusk County Land and Water Conservation Tree & Shrub Sales



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Tree & Shrub Sales

Every year the Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) purchases a variety of trees to be sold to residents and landowners of Rusk County. Residents and landowners that are on our mailing list will receive an order form via mail or email in January. Order forms are also available in the LWCD office that is located at the Rusk County Courthouse. A notice/order form is also posted in the local paper that can be cut out and sent in to place an order. Tree sales are based on a first come first serve basis. Once ordered, all those who purchased/ordered trees, will receive a notice that the trees will be ready for pickup on a designated weekend towards the end of April. All remaining trees that did not get purchased will be available for sale on that weekend. To get on the mailing list call (715) 532-2162.

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Things to remember when ordering your trees:

- ❖ Tree orders are based on a first come first serve basis
- ❖ Orders must be in multiples of the minimum order (10) but orders can be split up between landowners
- ❖ Call ahead for availability if ordering late in the season
- ❖ Tax is included in prices. Do not add tax.
- ❖ When ordering your trees, it is a good idea to pick trees that will grow well in your area. Things to look at include, soil types, sunlight availability, and water drainage. Not all trees do well in all conditions
- ❖ A check must accompany your order. Make checks payable to and return form to:

Rusk County Land and Water Conservation (LWCD)
311 Miner Avenue, Suite N121
Ladysmith, WI 54848

Caring for your trees!

How to care for your trees once you have picked them up:

- ❖ Trees that are pre-ordered will be bundle together and marked what species they are. The roots will be wrapped in newspaper or straw and dampened with water. Then placed in a plastic bag. To prevent any water from getting in your vehicle it may be a good idea to bring a tote or something to put your trees in.
- ❖ Upon receipt of your trees, you should plant them as soon as possible. If you are unable to plant your trees upon receipt, be sure to keep the roots damp and store them in a cool dark place. Trees should be planted within a week of receipt.

Planting Your Trees

How to properly plant your trees:

- ❖ Site Preparation: In order for your trees to get off to a better start it is a good idea to remove any existing vegetation where you plan to plant the tree. Existing vegetation will require your tree to have to compete for water and sunlight and may reduce the ability of the tree to take hold.
- ❖ Planting the tree: Trees can be planted by using a heavy spade or planting bars, in which case you just make an opening big enough to put the roots into the ground. However, to ensure that your trees will have a better chance to take hold it is a good idea to dig a hole larger than the root base. By doing this you can remove the existing vegetation and pack the dirt loosely around the tree allowing the roots to take hold and grow. If you are planting multiple trees in one specific area it is a good idea to keep them spaced out 6-10 feet apart. A good rule of thumb for the depth of which to plant your tree is “Plant ‘em high, they’ll never die...Plant ‘em low, they’ll never grow.” By leaving a ½” of the root ball showing will give your tree room to settle, which it will. Planting them too deep can cause potential rot or insect damage.

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- ❖ Once the tree is planted: After the tree is planted securely in the ground, you can place mulch around the base, a couple inches is more than enough, and then WATER WATER WATER! It is very important to water your trees a lot (every other day) for the first month depending on how much rainfall you get in your area. It is a good idea to keep the grass or weeds mowed down around your trees to keep the competition for water and sunlight down. For many Deciduous trees, (apple trees, maples, oaks, fruit bearing trees) it is a good idea to wrap the trunks with a protecting covering, such as plastic tubing, to prevent rodents from chewing the bark.

Trees Available for 2019

- ❖ Norway Pine (Red Pine) *Pinus Resinosa*
- ❖ White Pine *Pinus Strobus*
- ❖ Balsam Fir *Abies Balsamea*
- ❖ White Spruce *Picea Glauca*
- ❖ Colorado Blue Spruce *Picea Pungens Glauca*
- ❖ Red Maple *Acer Rubrum*
- ❖ Red Oak *Quercus Rubra*
- ❖ American Plum *Prunus Americana*
- ❖ Hybrid Poplar *Betula Papyrifera*
- ❖ Elderberry *Sambucus Candensis*
- ❖ Highbush Cranberry *Viburnum Trilobum*
- ❖ Red Splendor Crabapple *Malus X Red Splendor*
- ❖ Honeycrisp Apple *Malus Pumila*
- ❖ Granny Smith Apple *Malus Domestica*
- ❖ Jonathan Apple *Malus X McIntosh*

Example Order Form

Species	Size	Price Per Tree/Pkg.	Price Per Unit (10)	Total Units	Total Price
Red Pine (Norway)	7-15"	N/A	\$10		\$
White Pine	7-15"	N/A	\$10		\$
Colorado Blue Spruce	7-15"	N/A	\$10		\$
White Spruce	7-15"	N/A	\$10		\$
Balsam Fir	7-15"	N/A	\$10		\$
Douglas Fir	6-12"	N/A	\$10		\$
Red Maple	12-24"	N/A	\$10		\$
Red Osier Dogwood*	12-24"	N/A	\$10		\$
American Plum*	12-18"	N/A	\$15		\$
Elderberry*	12-18"	N/A	\$15		\$
Highbush Cranberry*	12-24"	N/A	\$15		\$
Crabapple-Red Splendor	12-18"	N/A	\$15		\$
Wildlife Package (20 plants; 5 of each *)	5-Dogwood 5-Elderberry 5-Cranberry 5-Plum	\$30	N/A		\$
Honeycrisp	6'	\$25	N/A		\$
Red Delicious	5'	\$25	N/A		\$
Mcintosh	6'	\$25	N/A		\$
Superior Plum	6'	\$25	N/A		\$
Toka Plum	6'	\$25	N/A		\$

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ E mail: _____

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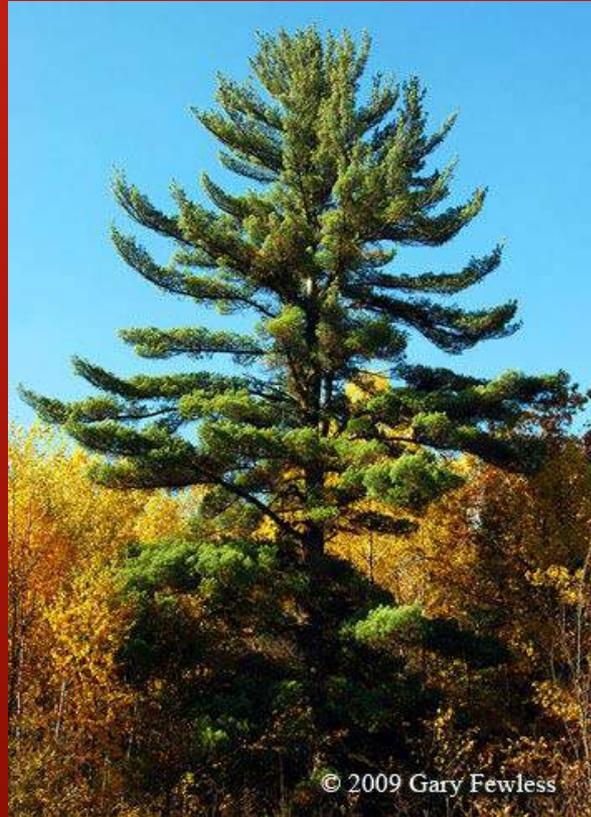
Red Pine



Norway Pine or Red Pine

	Features
Soil Conditions	Tolerates poor conditions such as dry, acidic, sandy or rocky soils
Height/Growth	Will grow up to 70-120 ft; trunk 1-2 ft in diameter; 50+ years
Shade Tolerance	Very cold hardy; likes full sun; fairly drought tolerant
Food/Shelter	Makes a good windbreak when combined with spruce; mature trees make marginal wildlife cover
Fruit/Cone	2-4" long, egg shaped, in clusters of 3-4; can take up to 15 years to produce a cones, produces cones every 3-7 years
Leaf/Needles	4-6" long in bundles of 2, dark green
Bark	Reddish-brown or gray with broad flat scaly plates
Use	Ornamental and shade; general construction lumber, millwork and pulpwood
Disease	Usually disease free; insects don't bother them

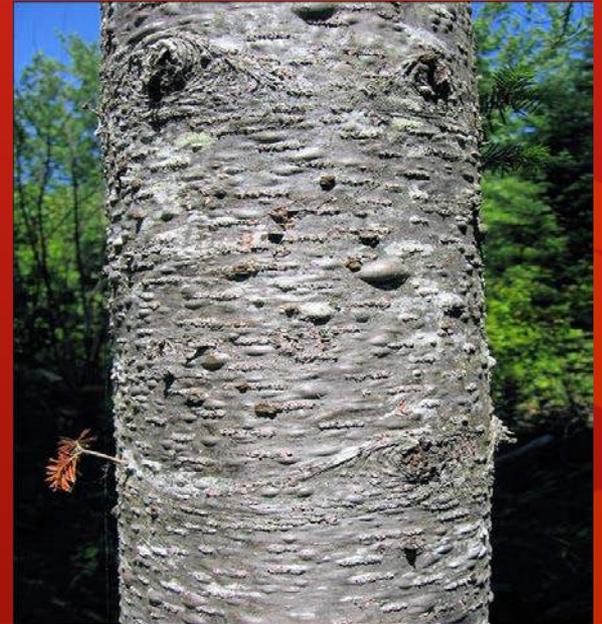
White Pine



White Pine

	Features
Soil Conditions	Tolerates poor conditions such as dry, acidic, sandy or rocky soils; Avoid clay and wet soils
Height/Growth	Will grow up to 80-120 ft; trunk up to 4 ft in diameter; 75+ years
Shade Tolerance	Shade tolerant when young; Intermediate sunlight
Food/Shelter	Food for a variety of wildlife from mice to deer; great shelter for birds nesting especially Eagles and any cavity dwelling animal or bird
Fruit/Cone	3-10" long that taper to a point; 2 seeds per scale
Leaf/Needles	Needles up to 5" long in bundles of 5, dark green
Bark	Smooth and gray on young trees; gray-brown, deep furrowing with broad ridges of irregularly rectangular scaly plates
Use	Ornamental and shade; general construction lumber, furniture, door frames, cabinets, matches, and pulpwood
Disease	White Pine Blister Rust

Balsam Fir



Balsam Fir

	Features
Soil Conditions	Very hardy; prefers rich, acidic soil; requires lots of moisture
Height/Growth	Range from 40-75'; Native conifer; prefers cool climates
Shade Tolerance	Very Shade tolerant
Food/Shelter	Excellent wind break; great for wildlife food and cover for a variety of species
Fruit/Cone	Cones 2-3 ½" long; oblong to cylindrical shape, green with purple tinge; seeds disperse in mid-september
Leaf/Needles	Flat needles approximately ¾" long; shiny green on top silvery-blue below
Bark	Dull green to gray; smooth with resin blisters
Use	Most popular for Christmas Trees
Disease	Very insect and disease resistant

White Spruce



White Spruce

	Features
Soil Conditions	Grows best in well-aerated soil will however tolerate a wide range of moist conditions
Height/Growth	Ranges from 60-70'; large narrow cone shape
Shade Tolerance	Very shade tolerant
Food/Shelter	Great winter cover for wildlife and nesting areas for birds in the spring
Fruit/Cone	Cones are 1 ½"-2 ½" long; cigar shaped; light brown color; matures in the fall
Leaf/Needles	Four sided; stiff and sharp; less than an inch long; green to bluish color
Bark	Thin flaky and scaly; gray-brown in color
Use	Used for lumber and many different craft projects
Disease	Prone to insects (spider mite, budworm, sawfly) and needlerust and needlecast

Colorado Blue Spruce



Colorado Blue Spruce

	Features
Soil Conditions	Grows in just about any soil type; acidic, loamy, moist, rich, sandy, clay
Height/Growth	Ranges from 50-75'; slow to medium growth 1-2' per year; Long lived
Shade Tolerance	Full sun is required
Food/Shelter	Provides food for many small birds (chickadees, nuthatches) squirrels and other rodents; provides great cover for other wildlife
Fruit/Cone	Light brown color; 3-4" long; hang downward on branches; concentrate in the upper crown
Leaf/Needles	Very stiff and prickly; 1-1 ½" long silvery blue-green year round
Bark	Becomes thick with age; pale gray small flattened scales when younger; turns reddish brown and furrowed with age
Use	Great for ornamental and Christmas tree
Disease	Major insects include spruce budworm, spruce bark beetle, and western spruce dwarf mistletoe

Red Maple



Red Maple

	Features
Soil Conditions	Grows in just about any soil type; acidic, loamy, moist, rich, silty loam, clay, well-drained; slight drought tolerance
Height/Growth	Ranges from 40-60'; 1-2' in diameter; 13-24" per year; medium to fast growth rate
Shade Tolerance	Full sun is required
Food/Shelter	Provides food for squirrels and rodents; rabbits and deer like tender shoots and leaves
Fruit/Cone	Seeds have paired wings; less than 45 degrees apart; up to 1" long
Leaf/Needles	Broad flat; has 3-5 lobes; notches between lobes that are v-shaped; green in the summer bright fire red in the fall
Bark	Gray in color; smooth on younger trees becomes more scaly as tree matures
Use	Great for a shade tree
Disease	Not any major diseases or insects; however they are prone to fungi

Red Oak



Red Oak

	Features
Soil Conditions	Grows in just about any soil type; acidic, loamy, moist, rich, sandy, clay
Height/Growth	Grows to 60-75' tall with a spread of about 45' at maturity; Fast growth can put on more than 24" a year
Shade Tolerance	Prefers full sunlight
Food/Shelter	Provides food for lots a wildlife such as deer, grouse, squirrels, turkeys, waterfowl and other small rodents
Fruit/Cone	Yields acorns that are $\frac{3}{4}$ "-1" long with a flat, thick, cap
Leaf/Needles	Alternate, simple leaves with 7-11 lobes. Each lobe has a bristle tip; dark green in the summer turns russet red to bright red in the fall
Bark	Young trunk is grayish turning dark gray with age. Mature bark is gray with flat topped ridges.
Use	Great shade tree; valuable lumber
Disease	Prone to Oak Wilt

American Plum



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American Plum

	Features
Soil Conditions	Grows best in well-drained soils; Wisconsin Native; moderately drought tolerant
Height/Growth	Will grow up to 15' tall; moderate growth rate
Shade Tolerance	Moderate to full sun required
Food/Shelter	Excellent wildlife cover and food source; great for bird nesting and shelter
Fruit/Cone	Fruit is red to yellow; approximately 1" in diameter; great for eating and jams
Leaf/Needles	Broadly oval shape with sharply tapering tip; 2-4" long dark green on top pale and smooth below; white 5 pedal flower 1" in size; matures in July
Bark	Numerous stems grayish in color; become very scaly with age; branches are pale and spiny with sharp-tipped twigs
Use	Excellent windbreaks, wildlife cover; great for eating and making jams
Disease	Not any major insects; Plum Pocket and Black Knot are common diseases

Hybrid Poplar



Hybrid Poplar

	Features
Soil Conditions	Grows well in acidic, alkaline and wet soils
Height/Growth	Will grow up to 40-50' tall; spread about 30'; rapid growth rate up to 5-8' per year
Shade Tolerance	Full sun is ideal
Food/Shelter	Excellent wildlife cover; great for bird nesting and shelter
Fruit/Cone	Grows a bud each year; is a "cottonless" hybrid
Leaf/Needles	Triangular leaves 3-6" long and 4-5" wide; dark to silvery green on top pale green on bottom
Bark	Smooth greyish to silver bark; bark will become more rigid as the tree matures
Use	Excellent windbreaks, wildlife cover; and shade
Disease	Not any major insects or diseases

Elderberry



Elderberry

	Features
Soil Conditions	Grows best in rich moist soils, well-drained
Height/Growth	Will grow up to 16' tall; moderate growth rate
Shade Tolerance	Moderate to full sun required
Food/Shelter	Excellent wildlife cover and food source; great for bird nesting and shelter
Fruit/Cone	Fruit is dark purple or black; grows in clusters
Leaf/Needles	Opposite compound leaves that are serrated; Taper to a point; flowers are white or cream colored; bloom in late spring
Bark	Fairly smooth; gray in color; will develop small wart like bumps on younger trees and stems or branches
Use	Wood can be used for craft items; fruit is used for a variety of things such as jams, wine and pie filling; extract has been used in medicines
Disease	Prone to Cankers, Tomato Ringspot Virus, Leaf and Stem Spots, Powdery Mildew, and others; insects include Thrips and Cane borer

Highbush Cranberry



Highbush Cranberry

	Features
Soil Conditions	Grows best in moist, well-drained, but will do well in moderately drained soils
Height/Growth	Grows up to 12' tall; average height ranges from 6-10' tall, moderate growth rate
Shade Tolerance	Shade tolerant; for best flower color plant in full sun
Food/Shelter	Excellent food source for Songbirds and grouse; provides great cover to deer, rabbits, and birds
Fruit/Cone	Fruit is bright red; ripens in September and October; will hang on branches all winter
Leaf/Needles	Leaves are 3 lobed; range from 2-5" long; turn scarlet red in the fall
Bark	Gray-brown in color; waxy feel to the outside
Use	Great use for windbreaks; fruit is used for jams, preserves and wines
Disease	No major insects or diseases

Red Splendor Crabapple



Red Splendor Crabapple

	Features
Soil Conditions	Grows best in moist, well-drained, acidic soils, but will do well in most soil types
Height/Growth	Ranges from 20-30' tall; Upright spreading form; moderate growth rate
Shade Tolerance	For best flower and apple production plant in full sun
Food/Shelter	Excellent food source for deer, grouse, turkeys and other wildlife
Fruit/Cone	Fruit is shiny red; range from ½" - ¾" in size;
Leaf/Needles	Dark reddish or green leaves; 2-3" long; turn reddish purple in the fall; flowers are a deep dark pink
Bark	Gray-brown in color; smooth at young age; scaly and more rigid as tree matures
Use	Great use for landscaping and ornamental trees
Disease	Moderately susceptible to disease and insects

Honeycrisp Apple



Honeycrisp Apple

	Features
Soil Conditions	Grows best in moist, well-drained soils
Height/Growth	Ranges from 15-20' tall; spreads about the same as the height; moderate to fast growth rate
Shade Tolerance	Requires full sun
Food/Shelter	Excellent food source for rabbits, deer and other rodents; great for bees in early to late spring
Fruit/Cone	Large red fruit; can grow to over 3" in diameter; crisp and crunchy flesh; juicy sweet flavor
Leaf/Needles	Green leaves; range from 2-3" in length
Bark	Gray-brown in color; smooth at young age; scaly and flaky as tree matures
Use	Great for eating and desserts
Disease	Moderately susceptible to disease and insects

Honeygold Apple



Honeygold Apple

	Features
Soil Conditions	Grows best in moist, well-drained soils;
Height/Growth	12-16' at maturity; spreads to about 14' wide; medium growth rate
Shade Tolerance	Prefers full to partial sun
Food/Shelter	Excellent food source for rabbits, deer and other rodents; great for bees in early to late spring
Fruit/Cone	Medium to large sized Yellow fruit; crisp and juicy with a sweet flavor; yields ripe fruit in late September
Leaf/Needles	Green leaves; range from 2-3" in length; flowers bloom in mid season and are pinkish-white
Bark	Gray-brown in color; smooth at young age; scaly and flaky as tree matures
Use	Great for eating, cooking and desserts
Disease	Moderately susceptible to disease and insects

Jonathan Apple



Jonathan Apple

	Features
Soil Conditions	Grows best in moist, well-drained soils; not drought tolerant
Height/Growth	Ranges from 20-25' tall; spreads about the same as the height; Semi-dwarf ranges from 12-15' tall; moderate growth rate 13"-24" per year
Shade Tolerance	Requires full sun
Food/Shelter	Excellent food source for rabbits, deer and other rodents; great for bees in early to late spring
Fruit/Cone	Medium sized red fruit; crisp and juicy with a sweet and tart flavor; yields ripe fruit in mid September to mid October
Leaf/Needles	Green leaves; range from 2-3" in length; flowers bloom in mid April and are pinkish-white
Bark	Gray-brown in color; smooth at young age; scaly and flaky as tree matures
Use	Great for eating and cooking
Disease	Moderately susceptible to disease and insects

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