

27th Annual Conservation Plant Sale



March 2 & 3, 2012
Evergreen State
Fairgrounds - Monroe

General Sale Hours:
Friday 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Open to the Public
Cash and checks only



Conifers

P = Plugs, BR = Bareroot

Douglas Fir (*photo right*)

(*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) Fastest growing evergreen, needs sunny site and well-drained soils. Often found on moist, deep soils. Good windbreak or screen tree, can get over 200 ft tall. Plugs



Western Red Cedar (*Thuja plicata*)

Good all-purpose tree. Full sun to shade, variety of soils. Grows best on seepages and alluvial sites. Often grows over 150 ft. tall. Can be used for screen or hedge. Plugs



Grand Fir (*Abies grandis*)

To 300 ft. Easy to identify due to the flat look of the branches and whitish look on the bottom of needles. Usually found on moist, deep soil with Douglas Fir. Shade tolerant. Plant a few every year for future Christmas trees. Plugs



Noble Fir (*Abies procera*)

Reach 90 - 200'+. Very pretty blue-green foliage. Young trees are great for Christmas trees or swags. Highly prized, grows very symmetrically. Likes cool, moist soil and full sun. Plugs

Sitka Spruce (*Picea sitchensis*) Typically found at low to middle elevations on moist, sandy or swampy soils. Full sun to shade. Large tree growing 90 - 140 ft. Good for winter cover, nesting sites and wildlife food. Plugs

Western Hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*) A large tree that thrives in humus and decaying wood. Full sun to shade, dry to wet sites. Fast growing, 120-160'. Graceful branches, good for tall visual screens. This is the State tree. Plugs

Mountain Hemlock

(*Tsuga mertensiana*)

Often found at elevations over 4,000 ft. but does well in landscapes down to sea level. Prized for its beautiful foliage, it also does well in containers. Full sun or shade. Can reach 100 ft. but stays smaller in gardens.



Subalpine Fir (*Abies lasiocarpa*) Grows 30 - 50 ft. in gardens. Prized for its contorted form in the wild, these plugs were grown from seed. Shade tolerant. Plugs



Pacific Silver Fir (*Abies amabilis*)

One of our true firs, Silver Fir is also known as lovely fir. It is dependent on adequate soil moisture during the growing season so it does best in areas where summer drought is minimal, and where there are springs or seeps. It is one of the most shade-tolerant trees in the Northwest. Slow growing at first, it can reach 150'+. Plugs



Shore Pine (*Pinus contorta contorta*) One of the best small pines for gardens and containers. Hardy anywhere but does not do as well in hot, dry areas. Tolerant of low nutrient conditions. Grows 30 - 50 ft. BR

Alaska Yellow Cedar

(*Chamaecyparis nootkensis*) Full sun to moderate shade. A neat, broad, conical shaped tree that grows to 65-130 ft. Usually found in moist to wet sites. Has dark green foliage and an odorless, yellow bark. Oldest tree in our region. Plugs



Incense Cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*) One of the most adaptable trees, Incense Cedar has a pleasant odor and is a much-prized ornamental. Trees grow 75 - 90 ft. in nature but can reach 125'. They have a columnar form and make good living fences. BR

We Have Leftovers!

Last year we had lots of leftovers. As a result, we cut back on most of the plants we ordered this year so order early if you know what you need.

We also potted up some of the leftovers such as Sub-alpine Fir, Silver Fir, Pacific Rhododendron, and some miscellaneous conifers. We will be offering these at the General Sale, first-come, first-serve.



Incense Cedar

Deciduous Trees

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Quaking Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) This distinctive tree has quivering dark green leaves which turn bright gold in the fall. Usually 40 - 70' tall, in wetter areas it can reach 80'. Full sun, wet to slightly dry areas. BR

Paper Birch (*Betula papyrifera*) A multi-stemmed tree with papery, smooth white bark occurring on older trees. Should not be planted near drain pipes or foundations. Wet to moist sites, full sun. Grows 30 - 50'.



Wildlife use the seed, bark, leaves & twigs. BR



Cascara (*Rhamnus purshiana*) A large shrub or small tree that can grow to 30 feet. The berries are a favorite of Pileated woodpeckers. Stems provide browse for deer. Moist to dry soil, sun or shade. Good restoration tree. BR

Garry Oak (*Quercus garryana*) Only oak native to Washington and British Columbia. Grows 30' - 70'. Dense, rounded, spreading crown. Oaks are highly utilized for their food value by many birds and mammals. Very slow growing. Plant in full-sun with good drainage. BR. Limited quantities.



Pacific Madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*) Attractive trees that shed their bark. Creamy flowers and glossy, evergreen leaves. Needs coarse, well-drained soil. Full-sun to part shade. Small to medium-sized tree, 30-75'. Limited quantities available. Plugs.

Volunteers Help Make It Happen

We love our volunteers! They help us package and label over 60,000 plants every year. Think about bringing a friend and helping this year yourself! A free plant gift is given to everyone who helps package for at least two hours. See back page for dates and hours.

Call Kailyn at 425-335-5634, ext 123 to sign up.

Shrubs & Small Trees

Bareroot unless otherwise noted.

Rugosa Rose (*Rosa rugosa*) Extremely hardy, flowering rose with beautiful fall color, deep pink to white flowers and ruby-red rose hips. Excellent for erosion control. 3-8 ft. tall. Not native. Full sun, moist to dry sites. Pre-sale only.



Rugosa Rose hips



Nootka Rose (*Rosa nutkana*)

The most common bush rose, makes a great hedge-row. A favorite of native plant gardeners, grows 5 - 10' tall and wide. Blooms May-July, white to deep rose flowers & rose hips. Full sun/part shade, moist-dry sites.



Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*) Produces pretty white flowers and white/bluish berries. Has brilliant display of red fall color and bright red winter twigs. Good for holding soil on steep banks. Grows to 15'. Full sun to part shade, wet to moist sites. Large quantity bags can be ordered for erosion projects, see 'Whips & Erosion Control' section.

Vine Maple (*Acer circinatum*)

Shrub or small tree. A favorite for fall colors with its brilliant orange and red hues. Tolerant of shade and dampness. Nice companion to ferns and woodland flowers. Grows 15 - 30 ft. Partial to full shade, moist to dry sites.



Shrubs & Small Trees ~ continued ~

Mock Orange (*Philadelphus lewisii*) A popular native shrub that has showy white flowers and a citrusy smell. Full sun to part shade, moist to dry sites. Grows 10 - 12 feet.



Indian Plum (*Osmaronia cerasiformis*) Shrub or small tree. This is one of the first trees to leaf out in the spring and produces small white flowers that produce yellowish-red plum-like berries. Can reach 15 - 20 ft. Moist to somewhat dry sites.



Pacific Ninebark (*Physocarpus capitatus*) Erect to spreading shrub or small tree that develops layers of shredding bark. It has beautifully rounded clusters of flowers and prefers moist areas. 10 - 15' tall and wide, full sun to part shade.

Native Crabapple (*Malus fusca*)

Small native tree or shrub that grows to 35'. Prefers moist to wet habitats, including salt water and estuaries. Flowers and fruits are attractive to many kinds of wild-life. Full sun.

Pacific Rhododendron

(*R. macrophyllum*) Small Plugs. Coast rhododendron. Grows 7 - 12 ft. tall and wide. Leaves are dark green, flowers rosy to rose-purple from May-June. Rarely sold and can only be collected with a permit. Part shade to full sun, moist to dry sites.



Red Flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum*) An early blooming shrub that attracts migrating hummingbirds. Pink to red, drooping flowers and palm-shaped leaves. Grows 5 to 10 feet high. Best in dry areas. Full sun to part shade. Do not overwater these as they can be subject to root rot in wet soils.

Serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*) Grows from 8 - 30' tall and wide on moist to dry, well-drained sites. It is an important shrub for wildlife habitat, tolerates salt spray and is an excellent soil binder. Full sun to part shade. These attract many species of birds.



Beaked Filbert (*Corylus cornuta v. californica*) Small tree or shrub. Excellent wild-life plant providing nuts for birds and squirrels. Grows to 10 - 30'. Full sun to part shade, moist to dry sites.



Ocean Spray (*Holodiscus discolor*) Covered with masses of loose, creamy plumes that persist into Fall, leaves become tinted red. Can reach 15 to 20 feet tall. Dry-site plant, full sun to full shade.

Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos alba*)

Common deciduous shrub with persistent white fruit. Grows 4-7 ft. and spreads by rhizomes. Provides excellent erosion control and is an important winter food source. Tolerates a wide variety of conditions from wet to dry, full sun to mostly shade. Berries are inedible.



Blue Elderberry (*Sambucus caerulea*) Deciduous shrub that grows to 10' or more with blue berries that ripen in late summer. Berries are good for jams and wine and loved by birds. Plant in full sun or partial shade. It prefers

well-drained soil but will grow in clay too, as long as the soil is not waterlogged for prolonged periods.

Evergreen Shrubs

Oregon Boxwood 2" Pots (*Paxistima myrsinites*) Oregon Boxwood is a hardy, no-muss-no-fuss, low-growing (2 - 3 ft.) evergreen native shrub. In spring and summer, it bears tiny ruby jewel flowers. Drought tolerant and very hardy, although deer love them too!



Evergreen Shrubs

Evergreen Huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*) Huckleberry is well-known to hikers. It has lustrous leaves, white to pink flowers and black berries. The berries are good in pies, jams, & jellies. Cut branches are popular for floral arrangements. Grows 2-3 ft. in full sun, 8-10 ft. in shade. Moist to dry sites. Plugs.



Low Oregon Grape (*Mahonia nervosa*)



A nice evergreen ground cover, low oregon grape spreads by underground stems. It is tolerant of many conditions and will do best in some shade. It can also tolerate full shade. It has clusters of yellow flowers and purple fruits. Loved by towhees, thrushes and waxwings. BR

Whips & Erosion Control

Hooker Willow (*Salix hookeriana*) 36" whips. Native shrub reaching 15 - 26 feet used for bank stabilization and riparian restoration. These are easy to plant and help re-stabilize streambanks. Full sun, moist to dry sites.

Black Cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa*) 36" whips. Not typically used in the urban garden, more often used for habitat projects. They have a phenomenal growth rate. 70-150', full sun, moist sites. Quick windbreak tree.

Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*) Bags of 200 rooted, one-year old plants specially priced for erosion projects. See RO Dogwood description on page 3.

Groundcovers

Salal (*Gaultheria shallon*)

A common forest understory plant with shiny evergreen leaves, white to pink flowers and purplish/black berries. 2-6' tall and wide, full sun/full shade, moist to dry sites. Plugs



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(*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*) Trailing evergreen for ground cover. Has bright red berries that ripen late and stay on the plants into winter. 8" tall and 5' wide. Full sun to part shade. Dry, well-drained sites. Plugs

Perennials

Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) Showy plant with large, purple flowers. Great for sunny borders. It attracts bees and butterflies. It is not a native plant. 2 - 3' tall. Best for the back of your flowerbed. Bulbs



Ferns

We will have 4" potted deer fern (*Blechnum spicant*) and sword fern (*Polystichum munitum*) available for pre-order. Both ferns are great in perennial gardens, forest settings, and just tucked in around yard edges.

What's New

This year we will be offering plant protectors at our general sale. These vinyl tree guards protect your trees against sunscald, severe frost, rodents, windburn, lawn trimmers, and rutting deer. The vinyl tree guards are easily installed by unwrapping them onto the tree trunk from the base upward and can be re-used in the future.



Also this year, look for an exhibit at the Plant Sale on deer browsing-prevention and protection. There are a number of techniques and tricks for protecting your newly planted investment.

**Order Early for
Best Selection!**

Order forms are also available at
<http://www.snohomishcd.org/plant-sale>

or request one at:
treesale@snohomishcd.org



Dig It! The Secrets of Soil

Dig It is a Smithsonian exhibit that will be featured at the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture in Spokane from February 4, 2012 until September 22, 2012. If you will be in Spokane next year, check it out!

Learn more here: www.northwestmuseum.org

Planting Suggestions

Erosion Control

Excellent:

Snowberry
Salal
Madrone
Big Leaf Maple
Pearly Everlasting
Willow
Red Osier Dogwood

Good:

Oceanspray
Nootka Rose
Grand Fir
Douglas Fir
Western Hemlock
Sitka Spruce
Shore Pine
Western Red Cedar

Shady Areas

Western Hemlock
Western Red Cedar
Sitka Spruce
Salal
Bleeding Heart
Ferns
Yew
Cascara
Bunchberry
Vine Maple

Sunny, Dry Sites

Douglas Fir
Noble Fir
Oceanspray
Red Flowering Currant
Garry Oak
Pearly Everlasting
Yarrow
Nootka Rose

Nectar Plants for Hummingbirds

Honeysuckle
Columbine
Pacific Madrone
Bleeding Heart
Crabapple
Red-Flowering Currant

Wet Areas

Sitka Spruce
Western Red Cedar
Western Hemlock
Red Osier Dogwood
Willow & Cottonwood
Oregon Ash



Deer Resistant Plants

Pine, Douglas Fir,
Western Hemlock
Red Flowering Currant
Wild Rose, Snowberry,
Tall Oregon Grape (*photo above*)
Bleeding Heart

Please note - young plants may still need protection from deer. Factors such as number of deer, availability of other food sources, and winter conditions can affect deer browse. See 'Landscaping for Wildlife' for more information on deer.

See a comprehensive list of plants in these books:

'Landscaping for Wildlife'

by Russell Link, WDFW

'Gardening with Native Plants'

by Arthur R. Kruckeberg

You can also visit the Washington Native Plant Society website at www.wnps.org

~ Plant Selection & Care ~

If you are an experienced gardener, you know that plants have specific needs. If you can meet those needs, you know that your plants will thrive and require little from you later on. The same is true for native plants. Here are some things to think about when you order plants:

- **What kind of soil do I have? Clay, sand, loam?**
- **Does it drain quickly or slowly?**
- **Is the site in full or partial sun or full shade?**
- **Will the tree or shrub eventually be too big, tall or wide for the space?**
- **How far is the site from water? Will a hose reach?**
- **Will it impact your neighbor's view, or yours?**

Here are some common questions we are often asked

Do I have to water native plants?

For the first two or three years, you will need to water the plants to get them established. How much you will need to water depends on the weather. Dry, hot summers may

require a few more waterings. Water deeply to encourage the roots to grow down deeply.

Do the plants need to go into the ground right away?

The plants you purchase are in plastic bags and will need to come out of those bags as soon as possible, however, you need to keep the roots/plugs from drying out. You can either pot them up, plant them in their permanent home, or 'heal them in' temporarily by placing them in a garden or cool place with mulch over the roots.



Will I need a truck to pick up my plants? Likely not, most orders will fit in a trunk or on the floor of a car.

Learn more about plant needs from the plant guide on our website: www.snohomishcd.org/plant-sale.

General Sale

March 2 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

March 3 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

425-335-5634, ext 4
www.snohomishcd.org

Prices on the order form are for

PRE-ORDERS ONLY

Package selection and prices at the General Sale may be different from those listed in this brochure

Pre-Order Sale

Please read before ordering your plants!

Pre-Order

First day to order

December 5, 2011

Last day to order

February 8, 2012

Payment Due

February 22, 2012 by 4 p.m.

Minimum order size \$25

Pre-order pickup

Friday, March 2

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 3

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pickup site Order

Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe (see details on page 8).

Order by phone, mail, or FAX (order blank enclosed).

Phone: 425-335-5634, ext 4 ~ FAX: 425-335-5024

You may also fill out an order form on-line and email it to:

treesaleorders@snohomishcd.org

Payment

Please DO NOT send a check with your order.

After we record your order, you will receive a **white bill**, based on availability. Send a check/money order at that time, made out to: SCD. You will then receive a **blue receipt** confirming your order.

Reminder postcards

Shortly before the plant sale, you will receive a **reminder postcard** to pick up your order. This card will also allow you to shop the general sale before the doors open at 10:00 am. on Friday.

Unclaimed orders

Unclaimed pre-orders are void after 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 3. There are no refunds for unclaimed plants.

Please note:

- ❖ All plants are bareroot, whips or small plugs and should not require a huge truck or trailer to transport.
- ❖ If you will not be able to come to pre-sale pickup during the times listed above, please make arrangements to have your order picked up. We have no storage facility.
- ❖ Pre-order early as popular items tend to sell out fast.
- ❖ If you do not receive a white bill after ordering, please follow-up with a phone call. We often can't read faxed orders and have no way to trace customers. You will also receive a **blue receipt** for paid orders.
- ❖ A reminder card will be sent just prior to the sale to orders paid for by 4 p.m., Feb. 22nd, 2012.
- ❖ To keep the plants reasonably priced, we do not accept credit cards.

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Blue-eyed Grass



**The plant sale and pre-order pick-up will be at the:
Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe**

**Evergreen State Fairgrounds
14405 179th Ave SE,
Monroe, WA 98272**

Please watch for green signs once you get there
for the correct building to go to.

For a map of the fairground and directions, go to:

www.evergreenfair.org

Click on 'Directions'

Select 'Map of the Fairgrounds'

Parking is free

Sorry, no pets are allowed in the buildings



**We need
your help!**

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**Volunteers  
needed to  
package plants!**

Come join us for a few hours or all day, by yourself  
or with a friend. You'll meet others who love plants  
- and those who commit at least 2 hours will receive  
a special plant gift!

**We need the most help on these days:**

**Feb. 27 Monday** **Noon to 4:30 pm**

**Feb 28, 29, March 1** **8 am - 4:30 pm**

**We also need limited help on sale days:**

**March 2 Friday** **8 am - 5:00 pm**

**March 3 Saturday** **8 am - 4:00 pm**

**To volunteer, contact Kailyn  
after February 1st,  
at 425-335-5634 ext 123 or  
email: [kailyn@snohomishcd.org](mailto:kailyn@snohomishcd.org)**

**We'd love to have you!**

Don't forget to bring gloves, a lunch, & warm  
clothes. We'll have drinks and snacks!