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Hardy, Fast Growing, Early Producing, Native & Foreign Varieties

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Plant Nut Trees For Pleasure, Beauty, Shade And Profit

They will grow in practically any type of soil, their hardiness, rapidity of growth, form, foliage, timber, longevity, productivity, and the fact they take little or no care makes them most interesting and desirable, greatly enhancing the value of city property, country estates, golf clubs, parks, farms, etc. Stock herein listed is the result of many years experimentation and of guaranteed proven quality. Extensive plantings are in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, and other northern states. Our trees do equally as well below the Mason Dixon line.

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Until recently we have been able to supply our customers each season with practically every known variety of grafted northern nut tree nursery stock. Due to conditions prevailing the past few years the number of varieties now have greatly been reduced. Nevertheless there are enough herein listed to give a tree planter a good start. Our fall catalogue will carry less items and definitely no filberts. Bearing filberts we now have available.

FILBERT OR EUROPEAN HAZEL (*Corylus Avellana*). Those with large or small space will do well to plant this small fruitful tree. Its shape and beautiful large, almost round leaves are outstanding. Grows to a height of 10 to 15 feet. Growth is rapid and crops heavy. Planting distance, 15 to 20 feet. Filberts also make an excellent screen hedge when planted 6 feet apart in the row. More than one variety must be planted for cross-pollination. These trees produce an abundance of large, delicious nuts. The trees we now offer are BEARING, well branched, twice transplanted with full fibrous root system. **4-5 ft. \$4.90**

CIRCASSIAN WALNUT, KING OF NUT TREES—a paper shell Persian or English Walnut (*Juglans Regia*). This tree grows in many parts of the world; the hardiest is found in Russia, Poland and Northern Carpathian mountains where winter temperatures at times drop to more than 40 degrees below zero. It was from these countries of northeastern Europe that the original stock was brought to Canada some years ago. The trees have a battleship gray colored skin, leaves large, glossy and beautifully scented. In Europe the leaves are used as an insecticide. Nuts vary in size from that of the California English Walnut to three times this size. Nuts fall free of hull. In Canada this variety has been a heavy producer and thousands are now growing in many of the northern states. Becomes a large tree. Growth rapid. Well rooted. Strong vigorous stock. **1-2 ft. \$1.50**

CHINESE SWEET CHESTNUT (*Castanea Mollissima*) blight resistant. From the Tientsin district Northern China. For two weeks of early summer this tree is a riot of yellow blossoms. Grows fast. Nut resembles our native sweet chestnut in size and flavor which the blight has killed throughout the country. The blossom, foliage and fruit of this tree make it worthy of a place on any property. Some hold their golden brown dried leaves during winter. Tree grows 30 to 35 feet. Not self-pollinating, therefore more than one must be planted, preferably three or more. Sturdy, well-branched stock. **3-4 ft. \$2.85**

JAPANESE WALNUT (*Juglans Sieboldiana*). This tree grows thriftily and bears precociously and heavily. In rich soil the leaves are sometimes a yard in length, giving it an oriental or tropical appearance. Nuts are large and almost round, grow in clusters of five to ten, flavor butternut. Reaches a height of 30 to 40 feet. Makes a beautiful lawn and shade tree. Early fruiting transplants **5-7 ft. \$3.75**

BUTTERNUT (*Juglans Cinerea*). The well known butternut of boyhood days. Probably the hardiest and fastest growing of our native nut trees, it has almost passed from the landscape. Help perpetuate this tree. Nuts large. Early fruiting. Transplants **5-7 ft. \$3.75**

BLACK WALNUT (*Juglans Nigra*). Several named varieties, thin shell, loose kernels that break out mostly in whole halves. Early and heavy bearers. Grafted, root pruned. **4-5 ft. \$6.00**

GIANT HICKORY (*Carya Lacinosa*) also known as the Big Western shellbark, Missouri nut and King nut. This is the largest hickory nut in the world, three to four times larger than the average hickory. Leaves extremely large, glossy, of a beautiful rich green. Like the Pecan and Hiccan does best in rich moist soil (not wet soil). Vigorous stout trees **4-5½ ft. \$3.75**

NORTHERN PECAN (*Hicoria Pecan*)—A large stately tree. Hardy, thin shell seedlings from large, named variety seed.4-5½ ft. **\$3.75**

AMERICAN HAZEL (*Corylus Americana*) hybrid. Grows 6 feet. Beautiful bush producing the largest hazel nuts in the world, about the size of Filbert. Grows fast, bears heavily. Fall foliage is of various colors and shades. More than one should be planted for cross-pollination. Fine for clumps or hedges, planted 3 feet apart they fill in. Should bear first or second year. Thickly bushed, heavily rooted. **2-2½ ft. \$4.00**

MULBERRIES—A new variety, becomes a good size tree in short order. Bears 4-6 weeks, producing huge quantities of fruit. The berries are a deep glossy black, very large with a most exquisite flavor. Unexcelled for table use, juice or wine, no sugar needed. Should bear first year. Grafted.**5-6 ft. \$2.25**

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TRANSPLANTING SIZE AND TIME—

Nut trees should not be transplanted much over seven feet in height, three to six feet is better and moved only in spring or fall when dormant.

ROOT PRUNING—

A root pruned nut tree is one that has had part of the main or tap root removed when young. A transplant is one that has been root pruned and moved one or more times. This treatment causes the tree to develop a branched or lateral root system or many more roots than it would have ordinarily enabling the tree to better withstand the shock of transplanting. All our trees are carefully hand dug.

BEARING TIME—

Hardy varieties of nut trees come into bearing six to eight years from seed, with the exception of hickory and pecan. These should bear as soon as the slower varieties of apples. Grafting reduces the bearing time two-thirds when graft wood is taken from producing trees.

CROSS-POLLINATION—

Nut trees are fruit trees and should be planted and cared for as such, except spraying, this is very seldom necessary. Most varieties are self-pollinating but like other fruiting trees, produce more regularly and larger crops if cross-pollinated by the same specie. Sweet Chestnuts and Filberts are not self-pollinating.

LENGTH OF SEASON FOR CROPS—

Most nut trees need 150 growing days between spring and fall frosts to properly fill out the nuts.

PLANTING DISTANCE—

Nut trees should not be planted closer than 30 ft., much farther is better. Filbertnuts as a hedge, 6 ft., otherwise 15 ft. Hazelnut bushes as a hedge, 3 ft., as clumps, 4 ft.

The many orders received by us each year from friends and neighbors of our customers testify to the virility of our stock and the careful way it is dug and packed for shipment. Help and all packing material is scarce, yet we are still able to maintain our high standard of service without advancing prices. They are practically the same now as in the past 9 years. Quantity of stock now listed is limited, therefore we ask that you send your order early. Planting instructions sent on receipt of same.

Prices include packing, express and 25% duty for Canadian stock from Toronto, Ont., to Hillsdale, Mich., and repacking, whence trees are f. o. b. Terms—50% with order, balance c. o. d. **Orders accepted until April 10th.**

To those who have not received our catalogue before, wish to state that we purchased 80 acres in Hillsdale County, Michigan, a short time ago, to farm and plant nut trees and that our nurseries are not located here. Repacking and transshipping is done from this address.

NUT TREE SEED.

The following seed is now available for planting this spring, priced at 20 seeds for \$1.00, persimmons and paw paws 30 for \$1.00, postpaid. Seeds should be ordered at once or at least before termination of freezing weather with the exception of the English walnuts and persimmons. These can be ordered until the 10th of April. Instructions for the preparation and planting sent with order.

1. Circassian English Walnut, variety No. 2.
2. Filbertnut (hybrid) for clumps and hedges.
3. Papershell Northern Pecan.
4. Jap Heartnut.
5. Jap Walnut.
6. Butternut, select variety.
7. Persimmon.
8. Paw Paws.

Nut tree seed must be stratified before planting. The simplest method is to place seed on ground and cover with a good layer of straw. On top of this an old piece of carpet or burlap and allowed to freeze. Do not disturb until last week of April when seed should be planted. English walnuts and persimmons are kept indoors and soaked five days in water prior to planting first of May.