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Dear Member,

Thank you for contributing to the Arbor Day Foundation and for sharing our mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Please enjoy these free trees as a sign of our appreciation.

Your trees have arrived in a bundle; please separate them before planting. Included is a guide to help identify your plants and ensure proper planting conditions. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*, and more information is available online at [arborday.org/plant](http://arborday.org/plant) or by scanning the QR code below.

Because we want your planting experience to be successful, your trees are guaranteed to arrive healthy and to grow, or they will be replaced within one year of shipment.

If you need further assistance, please contact Member Services at [info@arborday.org](mailto:info@arborday.org) or 888-448-7337.

Best regards,

The Arbor Day Foundation Team



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# START HERE: Guide to Your New Trees

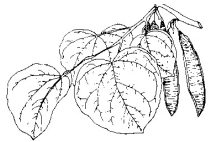
Please refer to the information below to identify each tree or shrub species in your bundle and to ensure proper planting sites and conditions for each.

## IDENTIFICATION CHART

5 Flowering Trees + 5 Norway Spruces  
+ 2 Pee Gee Hydrangeas  
(Tree Package 9591)

Species	Bark ID Color
2 Eastern Redbuds ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )	None
1 Sargent Crabapple ( <i>Malus sargentii</i> )	Green
1 Washington Hawthorn ( <i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i> )	Blue
1 White Flowering Dogwood ( <i>Cornus florida</i> )	White
5 Norway Spruces ( <i>Syringa vulgaris</i> )	None
2 Pee Gee Hydrangeas ( <i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> 'Grandiflora')	Orange

### EASTERN REDBUD *Cercis canadensis*



**Number of trees: 2**

**Bark ID color: NONE**

Small, rosy pink spring flowers are followed by reddish-purple leaves in summer that turn yellow in fall. The shiny reddish-brown 2"-3" seed pods remain on the tree throughout winter.

<b>Mature Height</b>	20'–30'
<b>Mature Canopy Spread</b>	25'–35'
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Medium (13"–24" per year)
<b>Sun Preference</b>	Full Sun, Partial Shade
<b>Soil Preference</b>	Acidic or Alkaline, Clay, Loamy, Moist, Rich, Sandy, Well-drained

### SARGENT CRABAPPLE *Malus sargentii*



**Number of trees: 1**

**Bark ID color: GREEN**

Profuse clusters of small, white, fragrant flowers in spring are followed by ½" red berries that persist into winter and attract birds. New leaves are light green, later turning a darker green.

<b>Mature Height</b>	6'–10'
<b>Mature Canopy Spread</b>	6'–12'
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Slow (12" or less per year)
<b>Sun Preference</b>	Full Sun
<b>Soil Preference</b>	Acidic or Alkaline, Moist, Rich, Well-drained

### WASHINGTON HAWTHORN *Crataegus phaenopyrum*



**Number of trees: 1**

**Bark ID color: BLUE**

White spring flowers are followed by ¼" red fruits that stay on the tree into winter. Thorny stems produce reddish-purple leaves that change to dark green in summer, then to orange, scarlet, or purple in fall. This tree has a high wildlife value.

<b>Mature Height</b>	20'–30'
<b>Mature Canopy Spread</b>	25'
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Medium (13"–24" per year)
<b>Sun Preference</b>	Full Sun
<b>Soil Preference</b>	Acidic or Alkaline, Clay, Drought-tolerant, Loamy, Moist, Sandy, Well-drained, or Wet

### WHITE FLOWERING DOGWOOD *Cornus florida*



**Number of trees: 1**

**Bark ID color: WHITE**

Showy, white spring petal-like bracts are followed by glossy red ½" fruits that ripen in fall and linger into winter. Summer's dark green leaves turn red-purple in fall. This tree has a high wildlife value.

<b>Mature Height</b>	20'–25'
<b>Mature Canopy Spread</b>	25'
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Medium (13"–24" per year)
<b>Sun Preference</b>	Full Sun, Partial Shade
<b>Soil Preference</b>	Acidic, Clay, Loamy, Moist, Rich, Sandy, Well-drained

### NORWAY SPRUCE *Syringa vulgaris*



**Number of trees: 5**

**Bark ID color: NONE**

The stiff, dark green needles are retained on the tree for several years before drooping. Cones 4"–6" long are formed around age 30. The seeds and tender foliage are eaten by birds and mammals. Plant 6'–13' apart for windbreak.

<b>Mature Height</b>	40'–60'
<b>Mature Canopy Spread</b>	25'–30'
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Medium (13"–24" per year) to Fast (25" or greater per year)
<b>Sun Preference</b>	Full Sun
<b>Soil Preference</b>	Acidic, Clay, Drought-tolerant, Loamy, Moist, Sandy, Well-drained

### PEE GEE HYDRANGEA *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Grandiflora'



**Number of shrubs: 2**

**Bark ID color: Orange**

A cold-hardy flowering shrub that produces large panicles of persisting, summer-blooming, white flowers. It is very versatile — it can grow naturally into shrub form or can be trained into a single small flowering tree.

<b>Mature Height</b>	10'–20'
<b>Mature Canopy Spread</b>	10'–20'
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Fast (25" or greater per year)
<b>Sun Preference</b>	Full Sun, Partial Shade
<b>Soil Preference</b>	Acidic, Clay, Loamy, Moist, Rich, Sandy, Well-drained

**NOTE:** To train as a single-stemmed tree: Select the straightest and strongest stem to use as the trunk. Stake the stem. Prune out additional stems, leaving three to four branches on the upper fourth of the plant. Every spring, remove branches from the bottom three-fourths of the plant and prune top to desired shape. In addition to training the plant, prune it in early spring to remove non-productive growth and ground suckers. For larger flowers in shrub form, prune to 10 primary shoots.