



Mike Greco landscaping along with its nursery, Mill Creek Nursery combine to design and implement gardens for communities!

Here are some native plants that we grow and are available for your gardens!

Dear Gardeners,

All native plants listed are presently grown at our nursery and will be available in the spring of 2018. Remember, about 80 % of the trees and flowering ornamentals have to be dug in the spring. It's risky to be digging many of them in the fall. I'll list plants and my opinion of them.

Native Trees and Ornamentals:

Acer saccharum/Sugar Maple, I'll only locate them for parks or residential areas away from the street where salt and other abiotic factors discourage its healthy growth.

Amelanchier laevis/Juneberry, Great plant for wildlife and a good substitute for the Chanticleer Pear.

Carpinus caroliniana/American Hornbeam, A very showy tree that attains only 20'25' in height and can take some shade. One of my favorite natives.

Crataegus phaenopyrum/Washington Hawthorn stunning horizontal growth as it ages with white flowers and bunches of orange berries. Birds tend to nest in this plant.

Juniperus virginiana/Redcedar, Shows us deer resistance and is a good substitute for the Arborvitae.

Pinus resinosa/Red Pine, A great native replacement for the Austrian Pine and will stay full if pruned when young.

Ostrya virginiana/Ironwood, This tree is one of my favorites with the American Hornbeam. It really has a nice canopy when young (1.5" caliper) and shows us its foliage and colors each fall being different colors year after year.

If you were going to plant any of these mentioned trees I suggest doing the Ironwood and American Hornbeam first.

Tilia americana/American Linden, Its shape is very inviting as a specimen tree alone or in a pruned hedge like the one they have at the Chicago Botanic Gardens, however, those plants are not native, yet create a incredible walkway north of the rose garden and also leading into the Japanese gardens.

To much going on in this newsletter, so Ill do native designs in the next newsletter.

Thanks for your time,
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