

Useful Plants Nursery

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Useful Plants Nursery is a small, permaculture based nursery specializing in useful, phytonutritional, food and medicine plants well adapted to our southern appalachian mountains and surrounding bioregions. Our plants are grown without the use of synthetic fertilizers or pesticides at our nursery located at Earthaven Ecovillage. I believe that growing your own food and medicine plants is a vitally important strategy and practice for regaining control over our collective and personal lives, our health, and our individual and bioregional economic well being. Our nursery is dedicated to putting these beliefs into practice and truly creating "Liberation through Abundance" as we serve your needs for healthy, useful landscape plants and work together to reweave the web of life.

--Chuck Marsh, nurseryperson, permaculture designer, bioregional inhabitant

VINES

Muscadine Grapes (*Vitis rotundifolia*) - \$25.00/ 3 gal.

_____ 'Bountiful' - small, sweet, black fruits, disease resistant, early to mid season, self-fertile.

_____ 'Doreen' - medium to large, bronze fruits, disease resistant, late season, self-fertile.

_____ 'Hunt' - medium to large, black, high quality, all purpose fruits, early season, female

(interplant w/ self-fertile var.).

_____ 'Jumbo' - largest of all, black fruits, extended ripening period, mid to late season, disease-resistant, female.

_____ 'Scarlett' - large, reddish, flavorful fruits, disease resistant, mid season, female.

_____ 'Southland' - med. to large, purple-black, sweet fruits, disease resistant, mid season, self-fertile.

_____ 'Sterling' - large, yellow-bronze fruits, productive, disease resistant, mid season, self-fertile.

Table Grapes (*Vitis labrusca*) - \$22.00/ 3 gal.

_____ 'Catawba' - red, medium-sized fruits in medium-sized clusters, vigorous vines, standard American wine and juice variety.

_____ 'Concord' - blue-black, med to large fruits in med to large clusters,

vigorous vines, popular juice, wine, and fresh variety.

'Reliance Seedless' - Red, excellent flavor.

Hardy Kiwis (*Actinidia arguta*) - \$36.00/5gal, \$28.00/ 3 gal., \$22.00/ 2 gal.

'Hardy Female' - smooth, thin, edible skin on small, sweet, flavorful fruits.

Hardy to -25 F.

'Hardy Red' - red fruited variety, great sweet-tart flavor, productive.

'Anna' - vigorous, productive variety with large, very sweet, delicious fruit.

'Issai' - compact, self fertile variety. Early bearing. Tasty fruit.

'Hardy Male' - \$22.00/ 2 gal. Apollinator for the female fruiting varieties above.

American Groundnut (*Apios americana*) - \$10.00/ gal.

North American perennial native that twines to 8 ft. and produces strings of nutritious, mild, nutty tubers in the fall.

Fo-ti (*Polygonum multiflorum*) - \$12.00/ gal

Important Chinese medicinal tonic herb. Rampant perennial vines best kept under close watch.

Jiaogulan/ Sweet Tea Vine (*Gynostemma pentaphyllum*) - \$12.00/ gal

One of top ten Chinese tonic herbs. Perennial, fast growing, sprawling vine (needs training) or groundcover. Delicious tea from the leaves is loaded with 8% ginseng compounds!

Passionflower (*Passiflora incarnata*) \$16.00/1 gal. A beautiful native vine with beautiful summer flowers and delicious and refreshing fruit. Leaves are medicinal.

Schisandra (*Schisandra chinensis*) \$36.00/ 3 gal., \$28.00/ 2 gal.

'Eastern Prince' - a self fertile, vigorous, pest resistant, and productive variety. Fragrant flowers, Refreshing tea from the leaves, shoots, and roots. Berries are medicinal, tonic, and high in vit. C and essential oils.

TREES

Asian Pears (*Pyrus pyrifolia*) - \$ 37.00/ 5 gal

'Shin Li' - Large, yellow, russeted fruit with crisp, white, juicy, sweet, richly flavored flesh.

'Daisui Li' - Crisp and juicy, exceptionally flavorful large yellowish green fruit.

'Sueri' - The 'candy' pear. Very sweet and flavorful golden orange fruit.

'Chojuro' - The 'Rum' pear. large, juicy, delicious dark golden fruit.

American Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*) - \$10.00/ 2 gal

North American native that produces rich, highly nutritious fruits in the fall. Tough and slow growing.

'Meader' - A unique, self fertile, productive variety. Large delicious fruit.

\$40.00/5+ ft.

Apple \$37.00/ 5 gal Disease resistant cultivars:

Enterprise semi-dwf., Deep red, flavorful high quality fruit, good for fresh eating and baking.

Goldrush semi-dwf.(also \$28.00/ 3 gal.), large, sweet, crisp golden yellow fruit. Stores well.

Liberty std. and semi-dwf. Bright red, productive, great flavored, crisp and juicy fruit.

Asian Persimmon (*Diospyros kaki*) - \$45.00/ 5-7 gal. Beautiful, productive small trees.

'Fuyu' - Non-astringent. Red fruited variety, medium sized, self-fruitful. Keeps well.

'Eureka' - Astringent till ripe, then delicious med-large,orange-red fruit. Fruit hangs on late.

'Tani Nashi' - Astringent till ripe, then delectably sweet. Orange apple sized early fruit.

'Russian Beauty' - A cross of asian and american persimmon. Heavy bearer of large, seedless, sweet persimmons. A naturally dwarf tree. Hardy to -30 degrees. \$36.00/3gal

Cherry (*Prunus sp.*) \$37.00/5 gal., \$45.00/ 7 gal

'Jubileum' Abundant dark red sweet/acid, firm fruit. Self-fertile, natural semi-dwarf.

'North Star' natural dwf. pie cherry. Large, bright red juicy fruit. Self-fertile.

'Montmorency' Richly tart, bright red pie cherry. Small to medium sized tree. Self-fertile.

Chinese Haw (*Crataegus pinnatifida*) \$36.00 'Red Sun'. An attractive small tree with sweet, tasty 1"fruit.

Colossal Chestnut seedlings (*Castanea spp.*) - \$22.00/ 3 gal

A cross between Japanese and European species to produce blight-resistant trees. Large, sweet nuts in abundance.

Cornelian Cherry (*Cornus mas*) 3 gal, Attractive, tasty, nutritious fruit on a small dogwood.

'Red Star', 'Elegant' \$40.00; Pioneer, Yellow \$36.00; Golden Glory \$20.00

Ginkgo \$18.00/3gal. An ancient, very hardy tree with medicinal leaves.

Heartnut (*Juglans ailantifolia*) -\$30.00/7gal, \$22.00/ 3 gal

Sweet and mild walnut with an easily crackable shell. Fast growing.

Jujube (*Zizyphus jujube*) - \$36.00/3 gal. A rare, hardy, pest and disease resistant small tree bears abundant crops of datelike, sweet and nutritious fruit. Varieties 'Lang' and 'Li' in stock.

Kentucky Coffee Tree (*Gymnocladus dioica*) \$27.00/ 3 gal, BeautifulN-fixing native.

Manchurian Apricot (*Prunus mandschurica*- \$20.00/ 3 gal

Hardy tree to 25' producing juicy, versatile fruit. beautiful wood, green

dye from leaves.

Mountain Ash Hybrid (*Sorbus aucuparia* x *Pyrus*) - \$30.00/ 3 gal

'Shipova' - Interesting hybrid with yellow-orange, sweet, seedless fruit with a delicate aroma.

Mulberry 'Illinois Everbearing' \$27.00/3gal: \$38.00/ 7gal. Attractive small to medium sized tree with sweet, juicy and flavorful fruit. Self fertile. Fruits mid to late summer over 6-8 weeks.

Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*) A hardy native tree with large, delicious tropical tasting fruit with custardlike flesh. Grafted cultivars: \$36.00/ 3 gal; Seedlings \$20.00.

'Davis' - an excellent large fruited variety selected from the wild in Michigan.

'Sunflower' - a reliable and productive variety with large, fine textured, sweet, delicious fruit.

'Taytwo' - early ripening selection, large fruit with exceptional vanilla custard flavored fruit. 'Taylor' - productive and early ripening. Sweet, aromatic, delicious fruit.

Peach \$40.00/7gal.

'Elberta' Late blooming. Large, juicy, yellow fleshed fruit. Compact tree. Self fertile.

'Red Haven' Mid season blooming. Yellow, firm, juicy sweet fleshed fruit. Disease resistant.

Plum \$40.00/7gal 'Santa Rosa' Excellent quality purple red fruit. good keeper. partially self fertile.

Quince (*Cydonia oblonga*) \$40.00/7 gal. Russian quince. "Kaunching" is a beautiful, naturally dwarf, disease resistant tree that bears abundant crops of yellow sweet fruit. Good for fresh eating or preserves.

Serviceberry, tree form (*Amelanchier* x *grandiflora*) Multi-stemmed small tree or large shrub 15 to 25'. Tasty, sweet purple-black fruit.

Species- \$27.00/3gal

'Autumn Brilliance' - Early spring white flowers followed by abundant fruit and brilliant orange-red fall color. \$27.00/3gal.

'Princess Diana' - Heavy spring flowers, abundant summer fruit, red fall color. \$36.00/5gal.

SHRUBS

Aronia arbutifolia 'Brilliantissima' \$27.00/ 5 gal. Red fall wildlife fruit. Fall color.

Aronia melanocarpa A hardy, native, pest and disease free shrub with white flowers in spring, that bears abundant crops of nutritious blue black fruit in fall. Brilliant red fall foliage.

'Nero' \$27.00/3gal, to 3'-4' ht, a heavy bearer of large, high quality fruit.

'Viking' \$27.00/3gal, to 6', a vigorous and productive grower with large fruit. **Blueberry** (*Vaccinium* spp.) - \$25.00/ 3gal.; \$18.00/2 gal; \$12.50/1 gal.

'Aurora' - Late season. Large, high quality, good storing fruit. 4-5ft tall and spreading.

'Bluecrop' - Early to mid season. large, firm berries on hardy shrubs , 4-6 ft., drought resistant.

'Blueray' - Early to mid season . large, firm berries, 4-6 ft., red fall color.

'Blue Gold' - Mid-late season excellent flavor and quality, easy harvest, 4-5 ft. '

'Collins' - Early ripening, tasty fruit. soil tolerant.

'Duke' Early ripening with high yields of excellent quality fruit. 4-6ft.

'Elliott' - Late season. good quality fruit, 5-7', orange/red fall color

'Hannah's Choice' - Early. excellent flavor and quality, 4-5 ft, excellent ornamental.

'Hillside' (V. pallidum) 2-4' rhizomatous, colony forming plant. Small fruit. Drought resistant

'Jersey' - Late ripening, excellent flavored medium sized berries. 5-7ft. Yellow-orange fall color

'Little Giant' - Late ripening. Small, fine flavored fruit. 4-5ft. Clumping from the crown out.

'Northblue' -Midseason. 20-30 in., Attractive small bush, large flavorful fruit.

'Northcountry' - Midseason. 18-24 in. lowbush, sweet, mild fruit, red fall color.

'Northland' - Early-midseason. 3-4 ft., small fruit with wild berry flavor, compact ornamental.

'Northsky' - Midseason. 10-18 in. groundcover, Flavorful fruit, red fall color.

'Patriot' - Early-midseason 4-6 ft. Large tasty berries. Fiery fall color.

'Rubel' -Midseason 5-7 ft., small tasty berries, high in antioxidants, ornamental foliage.

Rabbiteye Blueberry (Vaccinium ashei). \$18.00/2gal, \$12.50/1gal.

'Climax' - Early. sweet medium sized berries. Heavy bearing. 6-10ft. Fiery red fall color

'Centurian' - Mid-late season. large, dark, good flavored fruit. Upright growth.

'Ira' - Early-midseason. Medium sized tasty fruit. Upright growth. Self fertile.

'Powderblue' - Late ripening. Highly productive with dark, sweet fruit. 8-12ft.

'Premier' - Early-midseason. Large, excellent flavored fruit. 6-10ft.

'Southland' - Mid-late season. Medium-large good quality fruit. compact growth.

'Tifblue' - Early-midseason. Large, tasty fruit. Vigorous upright growth. 8-14ft.

Chaste Tree (*Vitex agnus-castus*) - \$25.00/ 3 gal

Fast growing, ornamental and medicinal small tree or large shrub. Seeds used as spice and medicine for balancing womyn's systems.

Cherry, Nanking (*Prunus tomentosa*) \$27.00/3 gal., \$36.00/ 5 gal, White March flowers and early June sweet/tart juicy fruit on a beautiful shrub cherry.

Cherry, Bush (*Prunus japonica x jacquemontii*) \$12.50/1gal. Late season pie cherries on 4ft. shrubs

'Joy' - Mid-late September fruiting. Pollinate with 'Jan' or 'Joel'.

'Jan' - Mid August -early September fruiting. Pollinate with 'Joy' or 'Joel'.

'Joel' - Early-mid September fruiting. Self-fertile. or cross pollinate with 'Joy' or 'Jan'.

Crampbark (*Viburnum opulus*) - \$27.00/ 3 gal

Ornamental and medicinal shrub producing powerful antispasmodics.

American Cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpum*) - \$10.00/1 gal. , , a hardy native groundcover with delicate leaves. to 10" ht., grows on upland soil, high vitamin fruit.

'Ben Lear' - Early ripening with large deep red fruit.

'Stevens' - Vitamin rich dark red fruit. a leading commercial variety.

Currant (*Ribes*) - \$27.00/ 3 gal

'Rovada' - Large, clear, red berries in clusters. Disease resistant, productive, low maintenance shrubs.

"Jonkeer van Tets" - excellent flavored, early fruiting red currant. good for espalier or cordon.

'Blackdown' - a very flavorful black currant. Disease resistant.

'Swedish Black' - Bears large crops of very sweet, aromatic, early ripening jet black fruit.

'Black September' - Berries are very high in Vitamin C, large, flavorful and aromatic.

'Jostaberry' - a current/gooseberry cross. Large, tart berries. Also \$12.50/1gal available.

Elderberry, American (*Sambucus canadensis*) - \$27.00/ 3 gal, \$12.50/1gal. Cross pollinate.

'Adams' - large purple-black berries in wide clusters on beautiful 6-12' tall and wide shrubs. 'Aurea' - Flush of golden yellow foliage in Spring, fading to light green. Tasty small berries.

"Johns" - Early ripening. Large fruit clusters and berries. vigorous.

'Nova' - Early maturing , large, sweet fruit. High yielding. More compact than Adams.

'York' - Very large berries in large fruit clusters. Plant is very large and vigorous.

'Laciniata' - (\$30.00) Gorgeous cutleaf foliage on vigorous shrubs. Large,

'Rhode Zeller' seedlings - \$30.00/ 3 gal.

'Tonda di Giffoni' - Exceptionally flavored nuts on this leading Italian variety. Blight and mite resistant. Pollinator for 'Clark' and 'Rhode Zeller.'

Hazelnut, American (*Corlyus americana*) \$30.00/ 5 gal. A great native shrub with small tasty nuts. good for streambank plantings.

Lingonberry (*V. vitis-idaea*)- 'Red Pearl'- \$10.00/gal. Attractive 12-18" high stoloniferous native shrubs produce a very nutritious sweet-acid berry larger than a cranberry.

Pomegranate (*Punica granatum*) - \$28.00/ 3 gal., 'Favorite', a new Russian selection hardy to below 10 degrees F. A small to medium sized very ornamental shrub whose bright orange blooms are followed by tasty dark orange fruit. Suitable to container culture.

Rosa rugosa \$27.00/ 3 gal, \$35.00/5 gal. A hardy pest free shrub rose with large, high vitamin C rose hips. Varieties 'Alba' and 'Rubra' available

Sea Buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) - \$36.00/ 3 gal., Soil tolerant, hardy shrubs produce small, bright orange fruits that are very high in Vitamins A,C, and E and EFA's make a delicious healthy juice. Very ornamental. Disease and insect resistant. N-fixing

'Amber Dawn', sweeter fruit, ripens in mid July, compact grower to 6 ft.

'Askola', exceptionally high Vitamin C and E content, ripens in late August.

'Frugana' - to 12-15 ft, very productive, upright grower, ripens early to mid August.

'Garden's Gift' An attractive high yielding variety of large aromatic fruit.

'Russian Orange' - Large berries in mid to late August, delicious juice.

'Male' - an attractive ornamental. Pollinates the fruiting females.

Serviceberry, shrub

(*Amelanchier alnifolia*) - \$28.00/ 3 gal, \$12.50/1gal. Attractive, multiple-stemmed shrub to 6'

with delicious, sweet, blue-black berries in early summer. Spring flowers and fall color.

'Pembina' - Sweet and tangy fruits in heavy clusters on vigorous, ornamental shrubs.

'Regent' - Up to 1/2" fruit in June, A trouble-free plant.

'Smokey' - Especially flavorful, sweet large fruited selection.

Species- Similar to above varieties. \$18.00/2gal.

Siberian Pea Shrub (*Caragana arborescens*) - \$22.00/ 3 gal., \$30.00/ 5gal. N-fixing.

Small Leaved Pea Shrub (*Caragana microphylla*) - \$25.00/5gal, N-Fixing.

Wild Plum (*Prunus americana*)- Hardy native plum. Small tasty fruit. \$15.00/3gal.

Wolfberry (*Lycium barbarum*)- Goji berry. Very nutritious, flavorful fruit on an 8-10' vining shrub. Self fertile. Drought resistant. Needs good draining soil. \$30.00/3gal.

Yellowhorn (Xanthoceras sorbifolium) - \$16.00/2 gal.

Pea-sized, sweet nuts follow white, springtime flowers on this unusual shrub. Lacy, compound leaves, flowers, and fruits are edible.

HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS

Blackberry, thornless \$12.50/ 2gal.

'Apache' - Disease resistant, large fruited, high quality, very productive, upright grower.

'Arapaho' - Earliest ripening, erect canes. flavorful, disease resistant.

'Navaho' - superior fruit quality, long August bearing, erect growing.

'Triple Crown' - Highly productive, large sweet fruits. semi-erect canes.

Raspberries (Rubus spp.) - \$10.00/2 gal, \$15.00/3gal.

'Fall Gold' -Tasty, luminescent gold berries are borne in profusion.

'Heritage' -High quality, red fruits on this popular, all-purpose variety.

Wineberry \$25.00/3 gal. A delightful midsummer fruit. Fruits in shade.

Comfrey (Symphytum officinale) - \$7.00/ gal

Large, dark green, hairy leaves make a striking, easy care plant. Long history of medicinal use for many ailments.

Horseradish (Amoracia rusticana) - \$6.00/ gal

Very strong flavored root and leaves used for seasoning and medicine. Also can be used as a fungicide and to deter some pests.

Strawberry (Fragaria spp.) - \$2.50/quart

'Allstar' - Mid season. Very large sweet fruit. Disease resistant. Adaptable.

'Earliglow' - Early June bearing. good for dessert or freezing. Disease resistant

'Guardian' - Disease resistant, midseason, large flavorful berries. Processes well.

'Surecrop' - Disease resistant. June bearing. Large crops of fine, slightly tart, bright red berries.

'Ozark Beauty' -Productive, everbearing variety with mild, sweet fruit.

'Fort Laramie' - Everbearing, outstanding flavor fruit, hanging baskets.

'Tri-Star' - Everbearing on 6 week cycle. Fruit has sweet, aromatic flavor.

Disease resistant.

'Ogallala' - Everbearing. Rich, red, sweet fruit. Processes well.