



# Plant a Backyard Buffer!



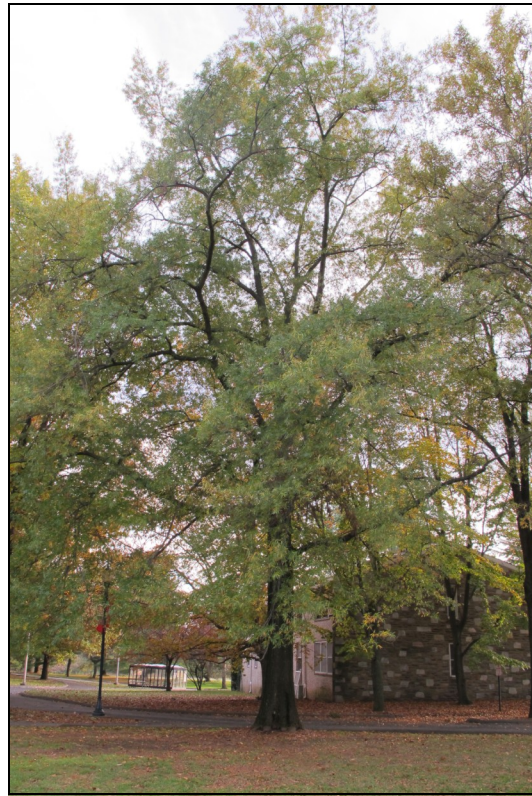
The Backyard Buffer program provides homeowners

**free trees and shrubs**

to create a native woodland buffer.

A woodland buffer:

- \*Beautifies your landscape
- \*Creates habitat for wildlife
- \*Prevents erosion
- \*Absorbs rainwater



Reserve your buffer bundles of seedlings at [www.aawsa.org](http://www.aawsa.org)!

**How many bundles can I order?** Property owners can order more than one bundle. **Small bundles include** 9 shrub seedlings and 1 small tree seedling. **Large bundles include** 15 tree seedlings.

**When will I receive my seedlings?** Bundles arrive March 19th-20th for pickup. Times and locations TBD.

Learn More at [dnr.maryland.gov/forests/byb\\_program.pdf](http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/byb_program.pdf) or [www.aawsa.org](http://www.aawsa.org)!

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# What's in my bundle?

(note– available in AA County only)

## **Small:**

9 shrub seedlings and 1 small tree seedling, intended for smaller properties with 700-1500 square feet of available planting space.

## **Large:**

15 tree seedlings, intended for larger properties with at least 6000 square feet of available planting space or share with a neighbor!

Each bundle contains an assortment of the following species:



**Chestnut Oak**



**Sassafras**



**Buttonbush**

## **Large Bundle:**

**Willow Oak** – *Quercus phellos* 50-100 feet tall at maturity; grows in full sun and medium to wet soils; tolerant of urban pollution; makes a great shade tree; acorns are an important source of food for wildlife; Maryland Native.

**Chestnut Oak** – *Quercus prinus* 40-75 feet tall at maturity; grows in full sun and average well-drained soils; tolerant of drought; makes a great shade tree; acorns are an important source of food for wildlife; Maryland Native.

**Sassafras** – *Sassafras albidum* 30-60 feet tall at maturity; prefers full sun to part shade, tolerates drought and clay soils, produces greenish-yellow flowers in Spring and has beautiful fall color; has many medicinal and culinary uses; Maryland Native.

## **Small Bundle:**

**Red Chokeberry** – *Aronia arbutifolia* 3-4 feet tall; prefers full sun to part shade; grows in average, well-drained soils; produces small clumps of lowers and has excellent fall color; fruits can be used to make jams and jellies; Maryland Native.

**Winterberry** – *Ilex verticillata* 3-10 feet tall; full sun to part shade, acidic, medium to wet soils; tolerates swampy conditions; pollinated females produce bright red berries; attractive to birds; Maryland Native.

**Buttonbush** – *Cephalanthus occidentalis* 3-6 feet tall; prefers moist areas with full sun – part shade conditions; of special value to bees, larval host for Titan Sphinx and Hydrangea Sphinx; Maryland Native.

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