



Growing Kids & Trees

For Virginia's Forests

Free Trees for Youth

Free Trees for the Greater Prince William Community

The Virginia Department of Forestry and Virginia Cooperative Extension are providing free hardwood seedlings to schools and youth groups. The purpose of this project is to improve water quality by restoring forest cover to residential and riparian lands. Prince William County 4-H is offering tree seedlings (Buttonbush, Crab Apple, and Northern Red Oak) to youth educators for planting projects in the community. These trees are not meant for youth to take home and plant.

Tree seedlings will be available in our office, 8033 Ashton Ave. Suite 105, Manassas, for pick-up during the week of April 15th (exact date TBD) for planting before Earth Day 2024 which is Monday, April 22 and Arbor Day 2024 which is Friday, April 26.

Quantities may be limited due to demand.

Reserve your trees now by completing the attached forms:

4-H Tree Seedling Reservation, Project Description and 4-H Enrollment Form

Here are links describing the varieties offered for Spring 2023:

Buttonbush (Quantity may be limited): Upright, multiple branching shrub, may reach 25 feet in height. Description [Virginia Tech Dendrology Fact Sheet \(vt.edu\)](https://www.vt.edu/extension/forestry/factsheets/buttonbush/)

Crab Apple (Quantity may be limited): A short shrubby tree that reaches heights of 15 to 25 feet. It is valued for its fruit and flowers. It flowers in the early spring with beautiful white blooms. Description [Apple, Crab 1-0 \(Malus sylvestris\) – Virginia Department of Forestry \(buyvatrees.com\)](https://www.buyvatrees.com/Apple-Crab-1-0-Malus-sylvestris-Virginia-Department-of-Forestry/)

Northern Red Oak (Quantity may be limited): A medium sized to large tree that reaches up to 90 feet tall. Description <https://dendro.cnre.vt.edu/dendrology/syllabus/factsheet.cfm?ID=38>

Go to this website for more planting information: **4-H Forestry Project – Leader's Guide to Tree Planting** <https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/54968/420-026.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

For further information, contact Pam Hardin, 4-H Youth Educator, Prince William County, at 703-792-4780, or email phardin@pwcgov.org.



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Prince William 4-H Tree Seedling Reservation Form

Deadline: January 31, 2024

**If you have any questions about this program, please contact:
Pam Hardin, Youth Educator, 4-H phardin@pwcgov.org 703-792-4761**

Name of Teacher/Group Leader: _____

Name of School/Group: _____ Grade: _____

Address of School/Group:

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

E-mail: _____

This order form and enrollment information must be emailed or postmarked no later than January 31.

Mail: Pam Hardin, Prince William 4-H/VCE, 8033 Ashton Ave., Suite 105, Manassas, VA 20109. **Email:** phardin@pwcgov.org

Seedlings will arrive the week of April 17, 2023, for your pick-up. As soon as exact date is known, you will be contacted. **If it is necessary to limit quantity or to make a substitution, you will receive a notice to that effect, so please include a phone number and e-mail address on this order form.**

Please choose the species you would prefer from the following list. Include the quantity of seedlings for each species.

Species Available (Select link for species details)	Quantity
Buttonbush (Quantity may be limited) Virginia Tech Dendrology Fact Sheet (vt.edu)	
Crab Apple (Quantity may be limited) Apple, Crab 1-0 (Malus sylvestris) – Virginia Department of Forestry (buyvatrees.com)	
Northern Red Oak (Quantity may be limited) Virginia Tech Dendrology Fact Sheet (vt.edu)	



