

**IOWA DNR STATE FOREST NURSERY ORDER FORM
 APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS PACKET
 APRIL 2016**

TO ORDER, complete this form and submit it electronically to Kandy.Weigel@dnr.iowa.gov.

The Iowa DNR State Forest Nursery's April seedling packet, aptly called April Showers Bring May Flowers, is a mix of three water-loving tree species and two flowering species. The three water loving trees are important species which grow along rivers and streams, and filter contaminants out of water and slow flooding.

New this month, the State Forest Nursery will select four of the species in the April Showers packet and allow the purchaser to choose the fifth species from three flowering species. Cost for the 250 bare-root seedlings is \$110 plus tax, shipping and handling, the same price as a regular 200-seedling packet. The April Showers packet includes 50 each of the following:

Sycamore- This tree grows incredibly fast, straight and tall, and has attractive white bark in upper branches. The sycamore is native to much of southern Iowa and extends into northern Iowa along some river valleys. One Sycamore tree will intercept 381,010 gallons of rainwater over the course of its life.

River birch- Although most common in eastern Iowa, river birch will grow almost anywhere soils are moist, and often grows in clumps. This tree grows fast and has interesting bark that peels as it ages, exposing reddish brown inner bark. One river birch tree can intercept 248,000 gallons of water over its lifetime.

Silver maple- One of Iowa's most widespread and abundant trees, it grows well on all floodplains and can produce valuable lumber. It is also one of the most underrated trees for wildlife, providing seeds for evening grosbeaks, finches, wild turkeys, wood ducks and other game birds along with small mammals such as squirrels and chipmunks. One Silver Maple tree will intercept 440,376 gallons of rainwater over the course of its life.

Arrowwood Viburnum- This shrub is sought after for its spring flowers, beautiful fall color, and berries which are valued by songbirds. It is also a nectar source and larval host for butterflies and other pollinators.

Purchasers should choose from one of the following for the fifth species in the packet, if no selection is made the nursery will make the selection:

- Redbud-** This small tree produces showy lavender-pink spring flowers
- Serviceberry-** White flowers in the early spring and edible red and purple June berries
- Common Lilac-** Known for its fragrant purple May flowers

The seedlings are between 8 and 24 inches, depending on the tree or shrub species. Sorry, **no substitution of species or quantities is allowed with Monthly Specialty packets**. If you prefer other species, you may order a create-a-packet where you can choose up to 4 of your own species for a total of 200 trees/shrubs for \$110.00, plus shipping, handling, and tax.

To take advantage of this offer, **complete this order form and submit it electronically to Kandy.Weigel@dnr.iowa.gov by 4/30/2016**. Landowners purchasing this packet will receive delivery in the week of their choice in April or May.

Each month, the State Forest Nursery creates a different specialty packet with a unique mix of tree and shrub species. This month's specialty packet is only available to order through April 30, 2016. Look for a new specialty packet on May 1, 2016.

For more information about this monthly special or other tree and shrub seedlings, contact the **Iowa DNR State Forest Nursery at 1-800-865-2477**.

Complete the application below and submit via email by 4/30/2016

Organization Name (if applicable)	Mailing Address	
Contact Name (please print)	Shipping Address	
City	State	Zip
Daytime Phone No.	County of planting	
Email Address	Delivery Week (choose one)	

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