

Mini-Cassia Conservation Update



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East Cassia, Minidoka, & West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation Districts

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS ATTEND DIVISION IV MEETING

Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors received training and updates at their Division IV Spring Meeting hosted by Gooding SCD on March 3, 2026. Division IV is one of 6 designated areas within the state of Idaho tasked with working to promote non-regulatory conservation efforts.

The Division IV Meeting was hosted by the Gooding Soil Conservation District and they shared information about their Community Garden, the public events they sponsor at the garden, along with the many benefits the garden provides to their community.

Supervisors from each of the 11 conservation districts in Division IV shared information about some of the conservation projects they are running in their own communities.

Resources were presented to the Supervisors with helps in organizing and managing their districts. Information can be found in the Idaho State Code and in the Supervisor Handbook which gives guidance and laws pertaining to the governance of Soil Districts. Districts and their Supervisors hold rights and powers to manage conservation efforts in their own communities. Supervisors also received information from Cooperating agencies regarding programs that affect their districts.

The 11 Soil Conservation Districts in Division IV include Balanced Rock SCD, Blaine SCD, Camas SCD, East Cassia SWCD, Gooding SCD, Minidoka SWCD, North Side SWCD, Snake River SWCD, Twin Falls SWCD, West Cassia SWCD, and Wood River SWCD.



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2026 Tree and shrub varieties:

Deciduous trees: Lombardy Poplar (column type), Norway Poplar (similar to the Hybrid Poplar), and Quaking Aspen.

Evergreens: American Arborvitae, Colorado Blue Spruce, and Rocky Mountain Juniper.

Shrubs: Caragana (Siberian Pea Shrub), Elder Berry, Flame Willow, Purple Lilac, Redosier Dogwood, and Smooth Sumac.

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WEED WATCH - Scotch Thistle

You've seen them! You've sprayed them! But they keep coming back! This year will be more of a challenge than ever! Noxious weeds have a huge head start following our wet fall and our warm winter.



Scotch thistle is a branched, biennial or annual with a broadly winged stem that can grow up to 8 feet or more in height and 6 feet in width. Flowerheads contain many

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DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Supervisors for the Soil and Water Conservation Districts are landowners in Cassia and Minidoka Counties who volunteer their time. They are interested in farming issues and want to make a positive difference in their communities. Serving as a Supervisor is a great opportunity to learn how to improve your own operation as well as help to make a positive difference within your own community.

If you are interested in serving on the Soil & Water Conservation District Board in your county, contact a current board member or call one of the NRCS offices for information.

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Monthly Board Meetings

East Cassia SWCD - 1st Tuesday of each month
West Cassia SWCD - 2nd Tuesday of each month
Minidoka SWCD - 2nd Wednesday of each month

Any changes to meeting schedules will be posted in our offices and on our website at www.minicassiaswcd.com.

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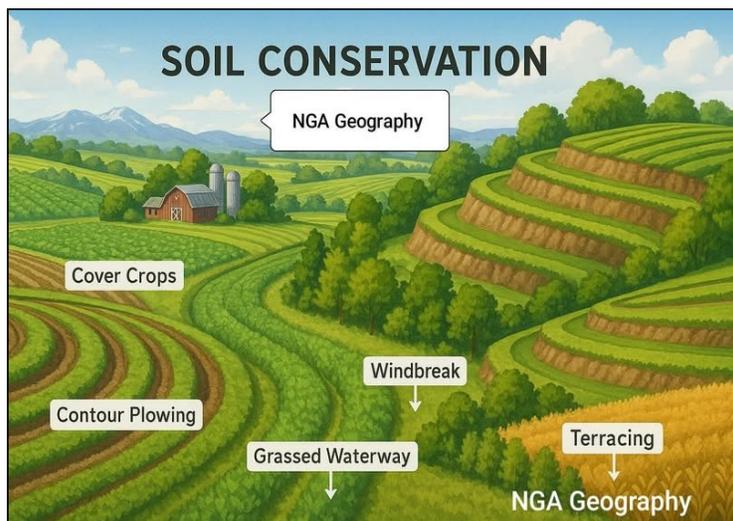
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For information on Scholarships, the Natural Resource Camp, and other activities that the districts provide for our youth, go to our website at minicassiaswcd.com And click on the "Education for Youth" tab.

Did you know??

Your local Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is a local unit of government. It, along with the other 49 conservation districts in Idaho, although not a taxing entity, they each receive money from the state of Idaho as well as their local county government.

The district supervisors, generally a board of five elected officials, receive no compensation.

Services provided by your local Soil & Water Conservation District centers around soil and water education and conservation improvements.

Seedlings Going Fast!

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variety is available from our supplier. Orders are being taken on a first-come, first-served basis so order early for best selection. The trees must be paid for at the time the order is placed. The cost is \$25 + tax for a bundle of 5 seedlings.

Seedling trees will arrive in late April. You will be notified when they are ready for pick-up.

The tree sale is a service for land owners provided by the Cassia & Minidoka Soil & Water Conservation Districts.



Seedling trees can be purchased at very economical prices and are great choices for wind-breaks, shelterbelts, habitat, and landscaping projects.

Proceeds from the tree sale support the educational activities for our youth such as the Know Your Government Conference, Natural Resource Camp, and educational scholarships. To receive an order form or for further assistance, send an email to ewcswcd@gmail.com, or call one of the soil district offices at 208-572-3375 or 208-436-4202, or visit our web page at www.minicassiaswcd.com.



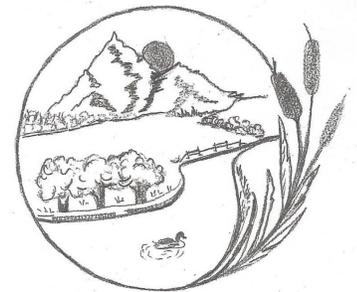
REBATES for COVER CROP Plantings in Minidoka County

Minidoka Soil & Water Conservation District is offering a rebate to farmers who are planting cover crops. Some of the requirements include:

- * Must be in Minidoka County,
- * Planting cover crops or planting ground cover,
- * Using best practices in the fall or early spring to assist in mitigating wind and water erosion on highly erodible fields,
- * Up to 120 acres can qualify at a possible rebate of \$6 per acre,
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Water-Wise, Fire-Wise, & Drought Resistant



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 Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM
 Location: CSI Burley Campus

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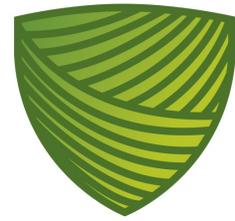
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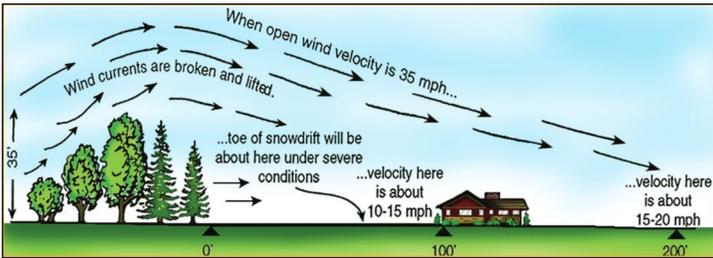
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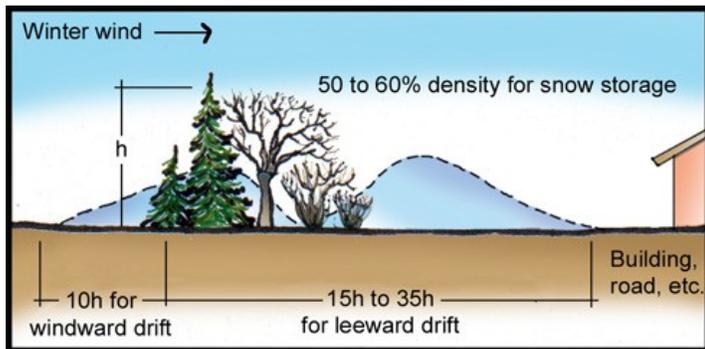
PLANT A WINDBREAK

By Doreen McMurray
Information & Education Specialist, East Cassia & West Cassia SWCD

Windbreaks provide protection from blowing wind and snow, habitat for wildlife, and add beauty for increased property value. Windbreaks around your home or livestock feeding areas can make a difference in reducing not only wind velocity, but reducing blowing snow and dirt. Windbreaks also gentle extreme temperatures by reducing wind chill during cold seasons, or by providing shade in the summer. A windbreak properly placed near a roadway reduces the need for plowing snow and increases visibility from blowing snow or dust. Trees also provide wildlife habitat. Planting trees increases property value and works well as a privacy hedge.

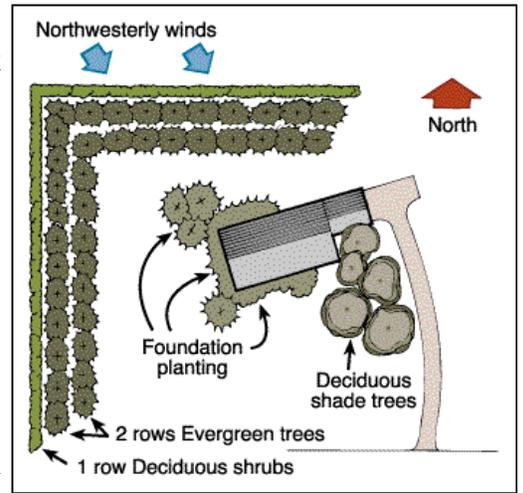


The first step in planning a windbreak is to consider where a windbreak is needed or where you would like the trees or shrubs to be planted. For a windbreak, it is recommended to have 3 to 5 rows for maximum benefit but even one row will provide some positive results. Measure the width of your area and determine how many rows you want or that you have room for. Decide which variety of tree would be best in each row. A windbreak needs to be dense near the ground. So, select a bushy, dense deciduous shrub for the windward or outside row. Shrubs make ideal single row or double row low windbreaks around yards and gardens. They are often used for living snow fences and provide excellent wildlife habitat. They also provide the needed protection for evergreens to get established in a windbreak. Many varieties also add beautification as they have blossoms.



Planting a different variety of tree or shrub in each row provides the greatest benefit. Deciduous trees are often used for a middle row in a windbreak. They are generally faster growing than evergreens and thus provide earlier protection. Evergreen trees are an

important part of a windbreak because they provide excellent protection year-round with coverage close to the ground. Evergreens should be included in a windbreak whenever possible. You can plant one or



two evergreen rows on the leeward side of the windbreak. The final row could be another shrub row. Remember that 3-5 rows are best, but you can plant more or less as room allows.

A few things to remember: Do some research. Plan your windbreak carefully taking into consideration the greatest benefits from wind and sun. Measure your area and plan appropriate room for trees to grow. Consider irrigation and protection from animals while trees are getting established. For survival of your trees during planting, take precautions to keep the roots damp.



The most economical way to start a windbreak is to plant seedlings. Their success rate is very good. Seedling Trees are available to order now from the Soil & Water Conservation Districts. The seedlings come in bundles of 5 trees per bundle for a cost of \$20 plus tax for each bundle. Pre-order your trees now as supplies are limited. The seedlings will arrive in late April.

You can request information and order forms by e-mail at minidokaswcd@gmail.com. Order forms, photos, planting instructions, and windbreak information is all available on our website at www.minicassiaswcd.com. For more information, call 208-572-3375 or 208-436-4202.





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WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

- On January 27th, we held our 10th Grower Workshop. Our workshops began in 2015 to fill the educational side of our Direct Seed & Cover Crop Project. This project included the purchase of 2 direct seed drills (which we still rent to landowners), along with seed rebates and educational activities. It was a joint effort between East Cassia, Minidoka, and West Cassia Soil & Water Conservation Districts.
- This year's WORKSHOP was called *Optimizing Ag Resources ~The Power of Precision~*
- Over 100 farmers & landowners attended.
- We had 8 speakers addressing the topics of:
 - Moisture Monitors and what they can do for farmers
 - The Water Settlement and how farmers are being affected
 - Seed Treatments with Live Biologicals
 - Biological fertilizers, Amendments, & Pesticides
(Providing protection for Plants)
 - What funding is available and How to qualify
 - Understanding Soil-Borne Diseases
 - Weeds & other grower issues, and
 - The Laws & Rules of Chemigation



2026 Grower Workshop
Sponsored by The Cassia & Minidoka Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Optimizing Ag Resources

The Power of Precision

January 27, 2026
8:00am Registration
8:30am Workshop Begins - Lunch Provided
Burley Best Western Inn & Convention Center

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Topics:

- ✓ The Water Settlement
- ✓ Seed Treatments w/ Live Biologicals
- ✓ Biological Fertilizers & Amendments - Protection for Plants
- ✓ Moisture Monitors - WHAT Can They Do For Me?
- ✓ Pesticide Management & our water systems
- ✓ OH NO!! Crickets, Grasshoppers, & Weeds!!!

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For information on upcoming classes, workshops, and other programs offered by the districts, go to our website at minicassiaswcd.com and click on the "Education for Adults" tab.

What Should I Plant in My Yard?

There are many good choices to beautify your yard, to provide protection for a roadway or lane, or to create a privacy screen.

COMMON PURPLE LILAC (right) is a beautiful addition to any property. The Lilac is an upright, suckering, medium to tall shrub which grows 8-12 feet in height. A suckering plant means that you plant a single seedling and after it is well established, 2-5 years, it not only starts producing flowers, but new shoots come up creating new plants. These can be left to make a tight - filled in area, or transplanted in a new location. Lilac bushes flower in May with blossoms that are VERY fragrant. The bush has attractive green foliage.

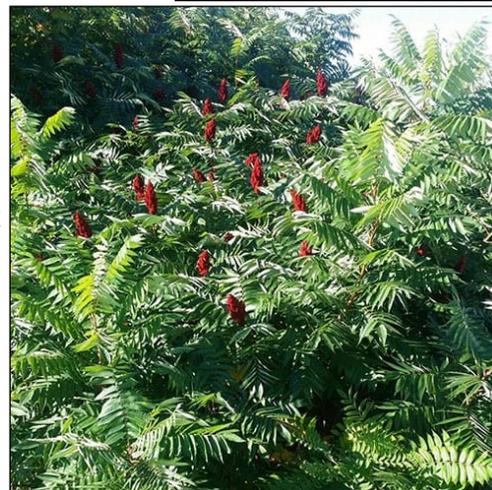


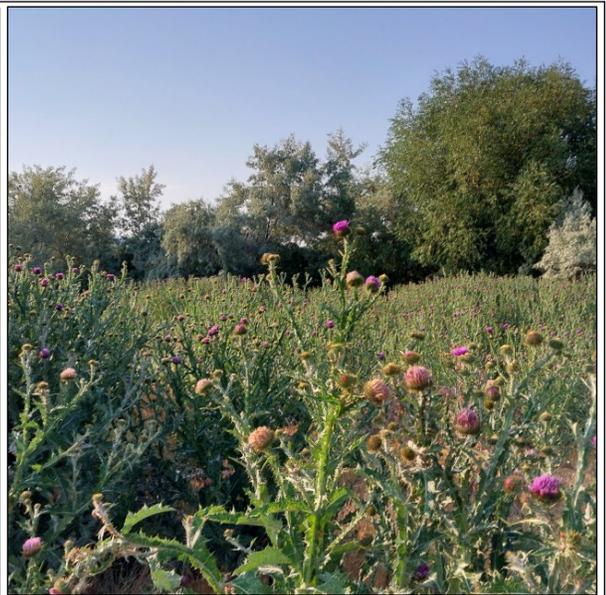
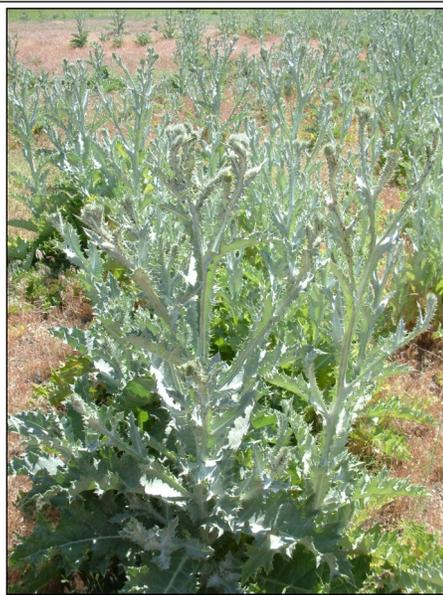
REDOSIER DOGWOOD (Left) is a good choice for a hedge or along a driveway or property line. It also works well as a complement shrub in a landscaped yard. The Dogwood grows 6'-8' tall and grows well in either full sun or part shade. The Dogwood is known for its beautiful red colored twigs which provide color all year round. It has tiny white flowers in late spring and produces fruit for birds. Dark green leaves turn an attractive reddish purple in autumn.

FLAME WILLOW (below) is a beautiful shrub which grows to 13'. The Flame willow is grown for its ornamental qualities, retaining bright orangey-red branches year-round, creating a striking show during winter months. The numerous branches of this willow are especially beautiful against dark evergreens. The Flame Willow is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed.



SMOOTH SUMAC (below) is a beautiful, free-flowing Oriental-looking tall shrub. It grows between 8-15' tall. It is a North America native thicket-forming shrub with a spreading crown. Dark green foliage turns bright shades of red and orange in the fall. The bark is grayish-brown. The Smooth Sumac flowers late May-July, with dense, cone shaped clusters that are 5-9 inches long. It fruits in August-September. The fruit is seeded and round, about 1/8 inch in diameter and is dark red with red velvety hairs. Birds eat the fruit. Rabbits and deer eat the leaves and twigs. It works well for property beautification, wildlife habitat, or for a wispy privacy wall.





WEED WATCH - Scotch Thistle

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sharp yellow spines and have a gray-green appearance from being covered with a thick mat of cotton-like or woolly hairs. Stems have vertical rows of prominent, spiny, ribbon-like leaf material or wings that extend to the base of the flower heads. Seeds are smooth, slender, and plumed. **Each plant can produce 8,400 to 40,000 seeds.** Seeds are viable for up to 60 years and can ride on the wind for miles.

Infestations of Scotch Thistle reduce forage production and virtually prohibit land utilization for livestock, excluding animals from grazing and water access. Scotch Thistle is also a headache for production ag fields.

We are going to have a big weed season 2026. **Be on the look-out for thistle early this year and take your noxious weed efforts seriously.** If you need help identifying weeds or to report an issue, please call Cassia County Noxious weed control at 208-878-4043. Be part of the solution not the problem.

TREES for WINDBREAKS - WHAT should I PLANT?

A windbreak can be a single row of trees or shrubs. But, for best protection, consider planting multiple rows. Windbreaks usually have a row of evergreens because of their dense coverage year round. Poplar trees are often used because of their height and their fast growth, and shrubs that spread can help lift the wind up and over the taller trees. Here are a few good seedling varieties for windbreaks:



LOMBARDY POPLAR (left) 40 to 50' A perfect choice for a fast-growing privacy screen or wind break. Wonderful columnar habit with grayish-green foliage that provides a gorgeous backdrop for smaller trees and shrubs. Branches start close to the ground and grow upward, parallel to the trunk. Plant in rows about 6-8 ft. apart for screening. Hardy to -40°F.



NORWAY POPLAR (right) (Cottonwood Siouxland) 40 to 60' This hybrid poplar is a fast-growing tree used for windbreaks and riparian plantings. Can be used down a property line or roadway. It grows up to 6 feet per year with regular irrigation and protection from wildlife and animals. 20-35'

spread. Plant seedlings 8-12 feet apart for single row, 10-12 feet apart for multiple row windbreak.



COLORADO SPRUCE 30 to 50' Gorgeous, brilliant, stately. The Colorado Blue Spruce is a slow growing pyramidal shaped evergreen with steel blue foliage. It prefers heavier soils, full sun, and clean cultivation. Will reach a height of six feet in eight years on a good site. Probably the most drought tolerant of all spruce. It is widely used in windbreaks or as an ornamental yard tree or Christmas Tree.

Why Should I Plant a Living Windbreak?

By Doreen McMurray, Soil & Water Conservation District I & E Specialist

“Will the wind ever stop blowing?” That’s a question you hear all the time when you live in Southern Idaho. On any windy day, you can look across the valley and the sky looks brown! It’s full of blowing dirt! Sometimes it feels like the wind will never stop blowing!

Windbreaks around your home or livestock feeding areas can really make a difference in reducing wind velocity as well as reducing blowing snow and dirt. Windbreaks also improve the temperature by reducing wind chill in the winter or providing shade in the summer. A windbreak properly placed near a roadway reduces the need for plowing snow and increases visibility. Planting trees increases property value, works well as a sound barrier, and can provide wildlife habitat. So, I ask again, **“Why should I plant a windbreak?”**

Here are a few statistics:

- **Home Energy Conservation** Windbreaks can decrease winter heating costs 10% to 40% and reduce cold air infiltration into your home by 75%.
- **Improved Crop Yields** Yields are higher on the lee side of a windbreak - anywhere from 5% to 44% because lower wind speeds evaporate less moisture from the soil and plants. True, the first few rows next to the windbreak will not grow as well, but the area of best soil and crop protection extends to 10 times the height of the windbreak.
- **Reduced Soil Erosion** A windbreak will decrease wind speed close to the ground up to 50%, lessening the wind’s ability to blow away your topsoil and productivity.
- **Better Livestock Performance** The energy requirements for beef cows increases 13% for each 10° F drop in wind-chill temperature below 30° F. That means when it’s 10° F and the wind is blowing 25 miles per hour (-29° F wind-chill), cows use 77% more energy, standing outside, just to stay warm. A windbreak would reduce that consumption by more than half.
- **Snow Drift Control** A properly placed windbreak will keep snow from drifting across your driveway, farm lane, or access roads.
- **Wildlife Habitat** Wildlife will use windbreaks for cover, food and reproduction. Studies have shown 50 to 80 bird nests per mile of windbreak! Don’t forget, birds are important predators of insects and rodents.
- **Increased Home Value** Healthy trees around your home add value to your property.

How Long Until I Get Results? An irrigated, weed-free **windbreak** will provide noticeable protection within 3 to 4 years and will give effective protection within 7 to 8 years. Dryland windbreaks will give effective protection within about 7 to 12 years, depending on soil and precipitation.

How Do I Get Started? The first thing you need to do is to evaluate where a windbreak is needed. For a windbreak, it is recommended to have 3 to 5 rows for maximum benefit but even one row will provide some positive results. Measure the width of your area and determine how many rows you have room for. Decide which variety of tree you want in each row. A windbreak needs to be dense near the ground, so select a bushy, dense deciduous shrub for the windward or outside row. Shrubs make ideal single row or double row low windbreaks around yards and gardens. They are often used for living snow fences and provide excellent wildlife habitat. They also provide the needed protection for evergreens in a windbreak. Many varieties also add beautification as they have blossoms.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN JUNIPER (left) 30 to 40’ Rugged, tear-drop shaped tree with silvery-blue green foliage. It is slow growing with foliage is dense and pleasantly aromatic. The fruits are fleshy berrylike spherical cones – they are bright blue with a whitish bloom and sweet tasting, with thin skins (good source of food for wildlife). Survives well in hot dry summers of the western U.S.



CARAGANA (right) (Siberian Pea Shrub) 12’-14’ A very hardy, medium to tall, upright shrub. Caragana has a moderate growth rate. It can withstand extreme cold and dryness. Adaptive to wide range of soils types and high pH. Yellow flowers bloom in May or June followed by seed bearing pods that ripen in July. Excellent for windbreaks and wildlife habitat.



ELDERBERRY (left) 5’-15’ This thicket forming shrub with bright green leaves has large, flat showy clusters of white, fragrant flowers in spring. The flowers are followed by clusters of dark purple to black, berrylike fruits in late summer and fall. The fruit is attractive to wildlife and may be used to make jelly, pie and wine. It is high in antioxidants. Elderberries prefer well-drained soil. The shrub reaches full berry production in the third or fourth year. Canes lose vigor after 3 years and should be removed at ground level during dormancy. They prefer sun but will adapt to part shade. To harvest, cut berry clusters from the plant, then strip berries. Use quickly or freeze to preserve.

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LOMBARDY POPLAR (*Populus nigra* 'Thevestina') 40 to 50', Zone 2. A perfect choice for a fast-growing privacy screen or wind break. Wonderful columnar habit with grayish-green foliage that provides a gorgeous backdrop for smaller trees and shrubs. Branches start close to the ground and grow upward, parallel to the trunk. Plant in rows about 6-8 ft. apart for screening. Hardy to -40°F.

NORWAY POPLAR (Cottonwood Siouland) (*Populus deltoides*) 40 to 60', Zone 3-9. This hybrid poplar is a fast-growing tree used for windbreaks and riparian plantings. Can be used down a property line or roadway. (Up to 6 feet per year with regular irrigation and protection from wildlife and animals.) Requires moist soil but can tolerate dry soil. 20-35' spread. Plant seedlings 8-12 feet apart for single row, 10-12 feet apart for multiple row windbreak.

QUAKING ASPEN (*Populus tremuloides*) 20-50', Zones 1-7. Fast growing deciduous tree provides stunning gold-en-yellow fall color, movement, and sound when the breeze rustles the leaves. Features striking white bark. Roots spread, often planted in groves. Prefers full sun.

AMERICAN ARBORVITAE (*Thuja Occidentalis*) 20'to 40' Zones 3-8. American arborvitae is a low-maintenance plant that tolerates clay soil, wet sites, and air pollution. It grows best in moist, neutral to alkaline, well-drained loam. It does not tolerate dry or exposed, windy sites. It grows well in full sun or partial shade. It is globular, pyramidal, or columnar to conical in growth form. Its density crown provides nesting sites for songbirds. A distinctive feature of this tree is its dominant trunk. The bark is grayish-brown to reddish-brown with shallow furrows. Small ob-long cones appear in the spring, mature to a brown color in the summer, and may persist. Planted in groups or rows, it performs well as a hedge, privacy screen, or windbreak.

COLORADO SPRUCE (*Picea Pungens*) 30 to 50', Zones 3-8. Gorgeous, brilliant, stately. The Colorado Blue Spruce is a slow growing pyramidal shaped evergreen with steel blue foliage. It prefers heavier soils, full sun, and clean cultivation. Will reach a height of six feet in eight years on a good site. Probably the most drought tolerant of all spruce. It is widely used in windbreaks or as an ornamental yard tree or Christmas Tree.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN JUNIPER (*Juniperus scopulorum*) 30 to 40', Zones 3-8. Rugged, pyramidal tree with silvery-blue green foliage. It is slow growing with foliage is dense and pleasantly aromatic. The fruits are fleshy berry-like spherical cones – they are bright blue with a whitish bloom and sweet tasting, with thin skins (good source of food for wildlife). Survives well in hot dry summers of the western U.S.

CARAGANA (Siberian Pea Shrub) 12—14 feet tall, Zones 2-8. A very hardy, medium to tall, upright shrub native to Siberia. Caragana has a moderate growth rate. It can withstand extreme cold and dryness. Adaptive to wide range of soils types and high pH. Yellow flowers bloom in May or June followed by seed bearing pods that ripen in July. Excellent for windbreaks and wildlife habitat.

ELDERBERRY (*Sambucus canadensis*) grows 5'-15', Zones 3-10. This thicket forming shrub with bright green leaves has large, flat showy clusters of white, fragrant flowers in spring. The flowers are followed by clusters of dark purple to black, berrylike fruits in late summer and fall. The fruit is attractive to birds and mammals and may be used to make jelly, pie and wine. It is high in antioxidants. Elderberries prefer well-drained soil. The shrub reaches full berry production in the third or fourth year. Canes lose vigor after 3 years and should be removed at ground level during dormancy. They prefer sun but will adapt to part shade. To harvest, cut berry clusters from the plant, then strip berries. Use quickly or freeze to preserve.

FLAME WILLOW (*Salix Flame*) grows to 13', Zones 4-9. Flame willow is grown for its ornamental qualities, retaining bright orange-red branches in summer and winter both. The numerous branches of this willow are especially striking against dark evergreens. best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed

PURPLE LILAC (common) - (*Syringa Vulgaris*) Height 12-15', Zones 2-8. Lovely clusters of lavender flowers grow from the branch tips in mid-spring. They make a wonderful contrast to the dark green leaves. Abundant clusters of sweetly fragrant, purple flowers in mid-spring on a vigorous, upright, multi-stemmed shrub with heart-shaped, green foliage. Ideal as a flowering hedge or screen. Plant near a window or pathway where the fragrant blooms can be enjoyed. Deciduous. Prune in summer after blossoms are gone.

REDOSIER DOGWOOD (*Cornus sericea*) 6'-8', Zones 3-8. Full sun to part shade. This red twig dogwood is a rapid-growing, multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub with a rounded spread. The bright red stems are showy as they stand out in winter. Tiny white flowers appear in late spring and produce fruit for birds. Dark green leaves turn an attractive reddish purple in autumn.

SMOOTH SUMAC (*Rhus glabra*) 8-15', Zones 3-8. A North America native thicket-forming shrub or small tree with a spreading crown. Dark green foliage turns bright shades of red and orange in fall. Bark is grayish-brown. Flowers late May–July, with dense clusters 5–9 inches long. Fruits August–September, compact clusters, fruit seeded and round, about 1/8 inch in diameter, dark red with red velvety hairs. Birds eat the fruit. Rabbits and deer eat the leaves and twigs.

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(All trees sold in bundles of 5)

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	AMERICAN ARBORVITAE	12"- 18"	\$25.00 <i>(per bundle)</i>		
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	ROCKY MOUNTAIN JUNIPER	8"- 15"	\$25.00 <i>(per bundle)</i>		
	<u>Shrubs</u>				
	CARAGANA (Siberian Pea Shrub)	2' - 3'	\$25.00 <i>(per bundle)</i>		
	ELDER BERRY	12"- 24"	\$25.00 <i>(per bundle)</i>		
	FLAME WILLOW	2'-3'	\$25.00 <i>(per bundle)</i>		
	PURPLE LILAC	18"- 24"	\$25.00 <i>(per bundle)</i>		
	REDOSIER DOGWOOD	2' - 3'	\$25.00 <i>(per bundle)</i>		
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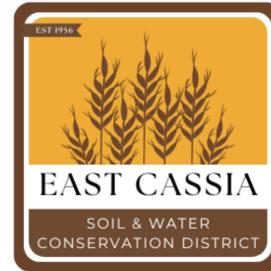


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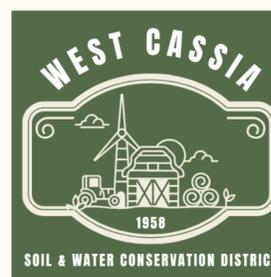
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