

Wildlife Habitat Improvement Packages

To help you start your own "island refuge" for wildlife, and increase the diversity of food and cover on your property, three seedling packages have been carefully designed to enhance natural habitat appropriate for the species of interest to you. Each wildlife package consists of 100 seedling trees and shrubs, with 25 of four different species. A package is well suited for planting on about a quarter or half acre so consider adding these trees to little-used corners of your property, or to expand existing areas of native trees, especially near water sources, provide connections between similar habitat types, or add cover along field borders.

Seedling packages are available **in March**. They will be delivered to your doorstep by FedEx or you can pick up your trees at the Forest Regeneration Center (FRC). The FRC is located four miles south of Norman on the east side of I-35 at the Goldsby-Washington exit. Take Exit 104 and follow the signs. The FRC is just south and east of the David Perry Airport. All trees should be planted by the end of March, or by mid-April if weather conditions are suitable. Please refer to the form included for package prices and to place an order.

Three types of packages are available:

Deer Habitat: This package consists of osage orange, persimmon, shumard oak and sand plum. These species primarily provide consistent supplies of food attractive to and desired by deer in the summer, fall and winter.

Songbird Habitat: This package consists of hackberry, red mulberry, chokecherry and fragrant sumac. These species offer a wide variety of birds the food, nesting and escape cover they need throughout the year.

Rural Wildlife Habitat: This package includes red mulberry, bur oak, fragrant sumac and roughleaf dogwood. These trees and shrubs provide consistent food sources, as well as cover for a range of wildlife species.

Questions? Call the FRC at 800-517-3673

Tree Species Descriptions

Shumard Oak: Large red oak to 80 feet; consistent acorn producer after age 15. Relatively fast growing; adapted to wide range of soils, except for Panhandle. Offers good winter food supply for deer, turkey and squirrel.

Bur Oak: Large white oak to 80 feet; very long-lived. Large acorns preferred by deer, turkey, squirrels and other species. May take 15 years for trees to start to bear. Adapted to wide variety of sites; drought tolerant.

Osage Orange: Medium tree to 60 feet; large "horseapple" fruit provides good summer & winter food source. Good nesting & escape cover. Drought tolerant; adapted statewide.

Persimmon: Small to medium tree to 60 feet; adapted to most soils but does best on low, moist areas; fleshy fruit provides excellent food source in fall and winter.

Hackberry: Medium to tall tree to 70 feet in height; berries offer good fall and winter food source for birds and mammals; grows best on bottomland soils but is very drought tolerant.

Red Mulberry: Medium to tall tree to 60 feet; sweet edible fruits in spring are favored by turkeys, songbirds and squirrels. Fruit pulp will stain so plant away from structures and roadways. Does best on moist, fertile sites; drought tolerant once established.

Shrub Species Descriptions

Sand Plum: Thicket-forming shrub to 10 feet. Offers escape cover for rabbits, birds and non-game species. Very drought tolerant, and does well in sandy soils. Excellent species for erosion control. Edible fruit is favored by variety of species; foliage browsed by deer.

Chokecherry: Multi-stemmed shrub 10-15 feet in height; root sprouts form thickets. Fruit matures in late summer and is excellent for birds and deer; leaves and seeds are poisonous to livestock and humans. Avoid poorly drained soils.

Fragrant Sumac: Dense shrub to 10 feet; tolerates droughty and alkaline soils, and is cold hardy. Fruits eaten by birds and foliage browsed by deer.

Roughleaf Dogwood: Thicket-forming shrub to 10 feet; provides excellent food and cover for birds and small mammals; also good for erosion control.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR TREES

The Forest Regeneration Center produces more than 35 varieties of trees and shrubs for forest conservation plantings throughout the state. Seedlings are bare-root, one or two years old and 10 to 16 inches in height. They are not suitable for ornamentals, so if you need individual landscape trees contact your local private nursery. To assure accurate delivery of your order, please read and observe all instructions. For more information or assistance, or to request a regular seedling order form, call the Forest Regeneration Center: from the OKC wide-area dialing network, call 288-2385; otherwise dial toll-free 800-517-3673. Information about the seedling program and tree planting, as well as many other forestry topics, is available on Oklahoma Forestry Services' website: www.forestry.ok.gov.

HOW TO ORDER. Please fill out the order form in this brochure completely and indicate the quantity of each wildlife package you wish to order. All order forms must be signed and sent with payment by credit card or check payable to the Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry. Telephone orders may be accepted when paying by credit card.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS. Payment for orders cancelled by February 1 will be refunded less a \$20 administration fee (allow 4 to 6 weeks for refund). No refunds will be made on orders cancelled after February 1, and the trees involved are the landowner's responsibility.

PICK-UP ORDERS. Orders may be picked up at the FRC on Fridays ONLY. You will be notified of the date by post card about a week in advance. A wildlife package fits easily in the trunk of a small car. If the seedlings are not picked up as scheduled, they will be shipped the following Monday with a C.O.D. charge for shipping.

SHIPPED ORDERS. Orders are shipped via FedEx. Please fill in the shipping address and directions on the order form so the trees reach you timely. A post card is mailed to you when your trees are shipped. If you do not receive your order within 3 days, call the FRC.

Oklahoma Forestry Services - Department of Agriculture, Food, & Forestry - 2800 North Lincoln Boulevard - Oklahoma City 73105

405-522-6158 - www.forestry.ok.gov

Wildlife Habitat Improvement Seedling Package Order Form

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Daytime Telephone: (____) _____

Home Telephone, if different: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Preferred Month of Delivery - Check ONLY ONE

Early March Whenever trees are available

Delivery Method - Check ONLY ONE

Ship To Me Will Pick Up at Forest Regeneration Center

Shipping Address or Directions IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS (Use a PHYSICAL ADDRESS for Delivery - No PO BOXES!)

Type of Ownership - Check ONLY ONE

1 Individual or Family owner 2 Industry/Corporate 4 State Govt.

3 City Govt. 5 Federal Govt.

County where trees will be planted: _____

Forester/Other Agency Assisting You: _____

Primary Planting Purpose: Wildlife Habitat

- Your order implies agreement with these CONDITIONS OF SALE:**
1. Seedlings are to be used for natural resource conservation, wildlife habitat and forest management related projects.
 2. Seedlings must **NOT** be used for ornamental/landscape plants.
 3. Seedlings may **NOT** be resold as living plants.
 4. Violation of these conditions of sale may result in a **\$50/tree** penalty and/or loss of opportunity to purchase seedlings for up to 5 years, depending upon the nature of the violation.
 5. Forestry Services reserves the right to substitute a species of similar wildlife value if a listed species is no longer available.

| ORDER HERE | Item | Type of Seedling Package | No. of Pkgs. | Total Pkgs. | |
|-------------------|------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | # 86 | Deer Habitat Package | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | @ \$90 or \$100 = \$ _____ |
| | # 87 | Songbird Habitat Package | _____ | | if picked up if shipped |
| | # 88 | Rural Wildlife Habitat Package | _____ | | |

BOOKS: Forest Trees of Oklahoma by Dr. Elbert L. Little is a 200-page tree ID book that describes Oklahoma's native trees, and includes leaf drawings and range maps.

@ \$4/book = \$ _____
Quantity

Office Use: _____

GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD: MASTERCARD VISA DISCOVER PERSONAL CHECK

Credit Card Number (Include all digits, expiration date and signature) _____

Expiration Date _____
Month / Year

Receipt #: _____

Customer Signature: _____

Accepted Delivery _____

Return With Payment To: Oklahoma Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Forestry - Attn. Receipts Desk
 PO Box 528804 - Oklahoma City, OK 73152-9913

Seedling Packages for Wildlife Habitat Improvement

Order Form

When it comes to attracting wildlife, most people are familiar with man-made attractors, such as nestboxes, feeders and water features. However, property owners can attract greater numbers and more diversified species of wildlife by improving habitat. Combinations of trees, shrubs, vines, flowers and grassy areas provide essential food, cover and nesting or breeding sites that native wildlife species must have to thrive. The information included in this publication offers property owners the opportunity to purchase special seedling packages to improve the habitat on their lands.

With one of the most diverse landscapes of any state, Oklahomans also enjoy a large diversity of wildlife. Unfortunately, loss or disruption of native habitats can have a direct impact on many species. Because more than 90% of Oklahoma's lands are privately owned, one of the best ways to sustain or increase local wildlife populations is to help private landowners. The Department of Wildlife Conservation and Oklahoma Forestry Services have teamed up to offer these seedling packages to help you increase the diversity of wildlife food and cover on your property.

Properties do not have to be large to attract wildlife. Although rural acreages offer more opportunities to diversify habitat, a small piece of property, when properly planned, can support a variety of species. For suggestions on making your property more appealing to wildlife, consult the Department of Wildlife Conservation at 1801 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City 73105 - 405-521-3851.



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