

Natives vs. Immigrants

We get the feeling that the proponents of native trees are getting more pull with city arborists and landscape architects. We agree with nativists that native trees are superbly adapted to their specific climate, and that it is a bad idea to plant a tree that will become invasive. We disagree that native trees should be the only trees allowed to be planted.

'Native Only' tree planters deprive themselves of the wide variety of features developed by our industry. And in some areas of the country, there are so few natives, that landscapes would be downright boring if only natives were used.

Planners are also looking for 'Bullet Proof' trees. The fact is that there are very few of these Rambo trees. If you limit yourself to natives and Rambos, you risk monoculture. Remember the American Elm and American Chestnut? They were native trees. A pox on tree elitists everywhere!



Cornus mas 'Golden Glory'

In March, the last of the snow has finally melted, but there are still some frosts. The landscapes are still bare except for the welcome yellow flowers of one of the first trees to bloom in the spring: Cornus mas 'Golden Glory'.

'Golden Glory' is a selection of the European Cornel, or Cornelian Cherry. It is an upright tree in it's youth, and spreads with age, eventually reaching 25' tall and 18' wide. It will fit under those power lines and in small landscapes.



It is Zone 4-7, so it will do well in most areas of the U.S. It is grown in a variety of soils, including some alkaline, so it may do well in the Mountain States.

The 'Cherry' of Cornelian Cherry appears in late spring, and as summer continues, becomes a lustrous bright shiny red, darkening until fall. The fruit appears in quantity

and does not become ripe until it becomes ready to fall from the tree. It is edible and can be used as a sauce, cooked with sugar and orange, or dried. Did we mention the attractive bark and the red fall color?

The only downside we know of is that it is a slow grower. Best sell by height rather than caliper.

We offer 'Golden Glory' in tree form and also in multi-stem shrubs.



We have had the opportunity to grow some grafted-on-standard items for an extra year, and for the first time are offering an **Extra Heavy** grade on the following trees:

Prunus 'Pendula Plena Rosea', and 'Snow Fountains'

Malus 'Cinderella', 'Coralburst', 'Firebird', 'Lollipop', and 'Tina'

We will also have 4 year Sugar Maples in 1 1/2" and 1 3/4" sizes.