

**November Specials**

New Horizon 9' Whip

Was: \$16.50

**Now: \$10.00**

Tilia amer. 'Sentry' 1" UC

Was \$23.40

**Now \$14.00**

Acer sacc.

'Commemoration' 1" UC

Was \$28.10

**Now \$17.00**

Salix Hakuro Nishiki 4' #1

Was \$14.20

**Now \$8.50**

Good through the  
month of November

We had to include a photo of the unusual fall color of our Betula 'Royal Frost' grown in root pruning containers. Purple and red, and eventually, white bark. Wow!



**The Elm Question**

We've all been wondering for a long time which of the 'new' elms would shake out as the industry favorites. There is a national elm trial in progress coordinated by the Colorado State University, but it began only in 2005, so it's too early to tell yet.

All the elms are excellent candidates for the tough conditions in urban areas. They seem to thrive on construction soils, varying soil pH, drought and smog. These factors alone should make them the most used class of trees in the industry.

Of the American elms, 'Princeton', 'Valley Forge' and 'New Harmony' are the names most mentioned. Of course, all three are disease resistant. They all display the classic upright arching shape of their forebearers. The main thing about our natives is their extreme vigor. You really have to be on top of pruning and staking or you'll lose control and end up with a cull. They are extremely hardy and will do fine in the coldest parts of the country. Yellow, or gold yellow is the fall color. The leaves must be tasty because there is usually some evidence of chewing, but it's not enough to be a problem.

The mixed bag of 'hybrid' elms is their strong point. They vary in size from the 25' x 15' wide 'Frontier', to the 70' x 40' wide 'Allee'. Shapes are upright oval to nearly round. Most will have yellow fall color except for 'Frontier', which is red. 'Allee' and 'Bosc' have the colorful exfoliating bark of it's U. parvifolia parent. 'Allee', 'Bosc' and 'Everclear' were developed in Georgia, and should be utilized in zone 5 or warmer areas. They will do fine in the hot, humid conditions of the Southeast. "Discovery" is zone 2b, so it will grow in the North. So no matter what conditions the job site requires, one of these hybrids should fit in nicely.

Many of you have had problems transplanting bare root Ulmus. For this reason we have developed our air root pruning container program. With this system, our customers have a nearly 100% transplanting success.

Here we have a line up of most of the elms we grow in root pruning containers. Left to right: 'Bosc', 'Princeton', 'Valley Forge', Accolade', New Horizon', 'Triumph', 'New Harmony', 'Allee' with old Isidro to show the scale.

