

Tree of the Month

Prunus virginiana
"Canada Red Select"



Common Chokecherry is native to the U.S. and Canada. It has several medical uses including bark tea as a cold remedy and root tea for upset stomachs. The fruit can be used to make good wine and syrups, jams and jellies. "Canada Red Select" is a purple leaf cultivar. It grows up to 25' tall and 20' wide. Flowers are white in May and 1/3" fruit ripens in late summer. Fall color is coppery-red and quite attractive.

Chokecherry is hardy in Zone 2 - 6, useful in the northern tier of the U.S. and well into Canada. Although it is listed up to Zone 6, it does very well in Zone 8a, in the Willamette Valley of Oregon.

Tree form plants may sucker, but this will not be a problem with the multi-stem trees pictured above. Also, it has resistance to Japanese Beetle and Black Knot.

Nursery Notes



Cercis canadensis

Allocation

Allocation is a process that most bare root tree growers use to decide which customer will receive which trees. It would be nice if we were able to grow enough trees of each variety and size to fill all the orders each year. It would be nice, but it's never happened and it probably never will. We try to increase production of those varieties for which there is excess demand, but this is a moving target and difficult to hit.

We take our first inventory in late June. Twenty percent of these numbers are held out for shrinkage. Cynda will then decide

where the trees are going. Old customers have preference, but we want to fill as much of new customer's orders as possible.

You will receive an order confirmation in early July. These numbers should approximate fairly accurately the final numbers you receive the following spring.

We do another inventory and an updated allocation in early fall. If there are any changes in confirmed orders, we will notify you by mid-October.

Final grade out is usually finished by February 1. The numbers you are given at this time are solid. No

changes will be made after this final confirmation.

The process is not perfect, but hopefully everyone can live with the results. Cynda says that placing your order by mid-June will put you in a better position. She says also that chocolate might make her look a little more favorably on you order. (We think she was just kidding.)



Malus sargentii 'Tina'

Staff Introductions

Diana Ceja - Purchasing, Safety, Human Resources



Diana Ceja came to this country from the State of Guanajuato, Mexico when she was 10 years old. She graduated high school locally and went to work for Monrovia Nursery, Oregon in the purchasing department.

Two years ago she joined the Robinson Nursery staff as purchasing manager. She is also very active on our Safety

Committee and spends a lot of time working in Human Resources.

Diana's husband is also a Robinson Nursery employee. They have two daughters, Nena, 8 and Lupe, 4. In her off hours, Diana enjoys spending time with her daughters, especially shopping with them. She also likes fishing with her husband.