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SPRING AVAILABILITY

POPLAR OKANESE (*Populus x 'Okaneese'*) – Zone 2 Height 60 ft/18 m Spread 25 ft/8 m Gender Male (no fluff). Developed in 2007 & considered the hardiest hybrid with an expected long life. Branch angle of 45 degrees, large leaves. Named in honour of Saskatchewan First Nation Chief Okanis of the Okaneese band (1875-85) Plant at 15-18 ft spacing, zig-zag two or more rows. Take care of these cuttings and expect them to be 2 to 5 ft after year 1, and 8-12 ft/2.4-3.6 m after three years, with a future annual growth rate of 5 to 7 ft/year.

- **Price Each: \$100.00** Bundle of 100 cuttings Length 8-10 in/20-25 cm.
 - o Note: S&H mailed through Canada Post for about \$30.00

RED PINE (*Pinus Resinosa*) *also known as Norway Pine* – Zone 2 – Height 100 ft/30m Spread 23 ft/7m Needle length 4-6 inches/10-15 cm. Seedlings are 2 years old (grown 1 year as a container plug/1 year in transplant bed). These vary in height between 4-7 inches/10-17 cm. Take care of these and expect them to be 3 ft/90 cm in three years with a growth of 12 to 30 inches coming on fast.

- **Price Each: \$7.00 each** Minimum Order 10 (PICKUP ONLY BY SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT)

WHITE SPRUCE (*picea glauca*) – Zone 1b – Height 80 feet/25 m Spread 25 ft/7 m Needle Length 1 in/2.5 cm. Best frontline species tree exposed to the elements for the region, native species. Seedlings are 3 years old (grown 2 years as a container plug/1 year in transplant bed). These vary in height from 10-14 in/25-35 cm. Take care of these and within three years expect them to be 4 ft/1.2 m with an annual growth rate of 10-18 in/25-45 cm.

- **Price Each: 8.50 each** Minimum order 10 (PICKUP ONLY BY SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT)

NOTE: Within our online catalogue; read the “PLANT IT YOURSELF” for establishment instructions.

FALL AVAILABILITY

EVOLVING TIMES

TALL NURSERY WIRE BASKET TREES BECOME AVAILABLE EARLY SEPTEMBER TO EARLY OCTOBER (*read the following fine print*)

We have made a difficult decision to not undertake a spring dig of large trees for the first time in our several decades' long history. Due to our recent couple of year's inability to hire back former and new field labourers our workload has become significantly backed up and we must complete the tasks of shearing last year's growth of Christmas trees (*or lose the multi-year investment*) which are shipped from the Winnipeg area all the way up to Whitehorse. Producing this product requires all trees to be touched annually with pruners and a shearing knife. Currently Canada is approaching record lows in unemployment and impacting us just like the rest of the labour industry where people work outside with their hands. Be it in Christmas trees, nurseries, landscaping, roofing, beekeeping and many other occupations the challenges of gainfully hiring and retaining people for a full season is exceptionally difficult. This year will be a repeat as seen in the past where so many jump ship for fifty cents per hour.

The lockdowns of the Covid pandemic coupled with the federal government payouts to stay home with a guaranteed income stream along with the great resignation of boomers leaving the workforce in droves pretty much assures that many of us will have our backs up against the wall pondering how to carry things forward!

This past winter of 2021-2022 set a 30 year record for snow accumulation here. There are three separate creeks which flow through the plantation blocks which has an undulating land mass (up & down). The access roads within the plantation blocks will be significantly challenged for vehicles towing trailers in the next few weeks as the still two feet of snow continues to melt and flood road-ways.

Expect you will accept our explanations for not digging this spring. We do welcome an email from you expressing interest in our nursery dug trees which will become available after the Labour Day Weekend in early September until early October. Only stated products within our catalogue are available. Place your order early to ensure you are entered within our dig list before the end of August. This provides adequate time for you to plan this activity in conjunction with us and perhaps your own equipment needs to handle and plant our products or the services of a contractor at your end.

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