

GEORGIA FORESTRY  
COMMISSION



# GFC Seedling Brochure 2025 - 2026



## GFC VISION:

Healthy, sustainable forests providing clean air, clean water, and abundant products for future generations.

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## SOUTHERN YELLOW PINES

The term “southern yellow pines” principally refers to Longleaf, Shortleaf, Slash, and Loblolly pine trees. The Georgia Forestry Commission’s Flint River Nursery offers improved selections of Loblolly, Slash, and Shortleaf pines. These improved selections offer larger yields in volume, disease resistance, and other gains in physical properties such as straightness. For detailed information on the performance ratings of our improved Loblolly, please visit our webpage at [www.gatrees.org/Reforestation/](http://www.gatrees.org/Reforestation/).

All GFC tree seedlings are adapted to Georgia’s unique climate and soils. They have been cultured to provide fibrous root systems, large stem diameter, and abundant energy reserves to ensure the best possible growth and survival.



# SEEDLINGS - PINE

## ELITE GENETICS

Name	Description	per 1000	per 500	per 50
<b>GEORGIA GIANTS LOBLOLLY</b>	This mix of three of the fastest-growing, open-pollinated loblolly pine families in the Southeast are expected to produce 53.5% more volume age age six; excellent rust resistance; good straightness. Recommended for Coastal Plain only.	\$78	\$49	\$30
<b>ELITE STRAIGHT LOBLOLLY</b>	This is a mix of three of the straightest, most fusiform rust resistant seedlings from our 3rd cycle selections. These seedlings, through field progeny testing have proved to grow extremely straight, with very low incidence of rust. They also produce 36% more volume per acre at age six.	\$78	\$49	\$30
<b>SUPER SELECT SLASH</b>	From our genetically superior Slash Pine seed orchards we now offer this super volume producing Slash Pine. It produces an astounding 58% more volume per acre at 15 years old. It also has superb resistance to fusiform rust.	\$78	\$49	\$30
<b>SELECT P3 LOBLOLLY</b>	Selected families from a third cycle piedmont orchard expected to produce more than twice as much volume at age six than unimproved loblolly with superb rust resistance. Recommended for north of the Fall Line.	\$78	\$49	\$30
<b>PCR SLASH</b>	This variety of genetically improved Slash Pine is a small seed orchard mix of some of our best selections for growth, straightness, and rust resistance. These selections also scored very high for Pitch Canker Resistance during testing at the USDA Forest Service Resistance Screening Center. Pitch Canker is a serious disease that can affect Slash Pine in some areas. Some symptoms include Resinosis, shoot dieback and cankers.	\$78	\$49	\$30

## ADVANCED GENETICS

<b>SELECT PREMIUM SLASH</b>	These trees represent the best families "selected" from the Premium Slash population. They will produce 36% more volume on high rust hazard sites.	\$75	\$48	\$29
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## HARDWOODS

The Georgia Forestry Commission offers a generous variety of hardwood species. Included among these are several native oak species such as Northern Red Oak and White Oak. Oak varieties provide food for wildlife, abundant shade, and beautiful seasonal colors. Other fruit-bearing trees, such as Persimmon or Crabapple, are also favored by growers seeking to establish food plots for wildlife.

Additionally, the nursery's catalog includes many other ornamental and flowering trees that are popular in Georgia landscapes. Flint River Nursery's inventory is well-suited to meet the needs of customers engaged in large reforestation efforts or small projects.



# SEEDLINGS - HARDWOODS

OAKS	Name	Description
	LIVE OAK	<i>Quercus Virginiana</i> , also known as the Southern Live Oak is an evergreen oak tree native to the Southeastern United States. This is an iconic figure in the South, and is our state tree in Georgia. Typical open grown trees can reach 65.5 feet, with a limb spread of nearly 88.5 feet.
	NORTHERN RED	<i>Quercus rubra</i> . Moderate to fast growing oak found in the mountains and piedmont; 80-100 ft. in height. Best on deep well-drained loams.
	SAWTOOTH	<i>Quercus acutissima</i> . 50-60 ft. in height. Though non-native, grows well in eastern states producing large acorn crops as early as age 6.
	SWAMP CHESTNUT	<i>Quercus michauxii</i> . Medium oak in the white oak family; 60-80 ft. in height. Produces quality wood and sweet acorns for wildlife.
	WHITE	<i>Quercus alba</i> . Large, long-lived oak reaching 80-100 ft in height. Valued for high quality wood and food source for wildlife.
	WILLOW	<i>Quercus phellos</i> . This deciduous tree, in the Red Oak family is moderately fast growing, and grows to be between 65 and 98 ft. tall. It is important for both shade, ornamental, and wildlife. It prolifically produces acorns that are important to a wide variety of animals. Acorn production, on average, usually starts earlier than most native Oak species. Willow oaks are becoming widely popular in urban plantings in large cities such as Atlanta and Washington D.C.

## ALL HARDWOOD SPECIES\*\*

PRICE	per 10	per 50	per 250	per 500
	\$35	\$55	\$160	\$210

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ONE SPECIES IS ALLOWED PER PACKAGE.**

# HARDWOODS (Continued)

<b>FLOWERING, FRUITING &amp; ORNAMENTAL</b>	Name	Description
	PERSIMMON	Small to medium sized tree found on a variety of sites. Produces sweet, edible fruit. Popular wildlife food source.
	REDBUD	Small ornamental tree or shrub prized for its purplish pink blooms in early spring. Grows well in wide range of sites.
	BALD CYPRESS	Deciduous tree reaching 100-150 ft. in height. It is often found in areas characterized by frequent and prolonged flooding.
	CREPE MYRTLE	Small tree or shrub that produces flowers ranging from white to pinkish-red. Blooms last 60-120 days.
	CATALPA	Small ornamental tree bearing white or purple-tinted flowers. It is frequently host to caterpillars that are used as fishing bait.

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# SEEDLING CARE

*Although the quality of trees has been greatly improved through research in recent years, survivability of seedlings depends largely on care taken in storing, transporting, and planting.*

## STORING

1. At delivery, inspect the packages of seedlings before accepting and make sure your order is correct. Check for damages. Then unload immediately.
2. Minimize storage time, especially early in the season.
3. Do not wash or shake gel from seedling roots. Gel applied to roots at the nursery prevents drying out during transport and decreases transplanting shock.
4. Do not prune the roots of packed seedlings. Seedlings need every single tiny root to absorb moisture and nutrients from the ground, so the more root surface the better the growth. If some seedlings have roots that are excessively long, remove them individually, and trim slightly.
5. Do not allow seedlings to dry out from wind or sun. Ample moisture is a key factor.
6. Allow air to circulate to prevent heating when in packages. Bags/bales should not be stacked over two deep per layer unless spacers providing 2-4" of air space are used.
7. Avoid temperature extremes. Fluctuations in temperature, especially excessive heat, during storage and transportation can result in seedling trauma.
8. Do not attempt to plant seedlings that have been *thoroughly* frozen in the pack. Slightly frozen seedlings, however are acceptable and should be thawed naturally. Do not handle seedlings before they are completely thawed.

## TRANSPORTING

1. Do not transport seedlings in truck beds containing fertilizer, chemical, or fuel residues.
2. Protect seedlings from weather extremes with a light colored tarp to shade. At least 12" of air space should be left between tarp and the top of bags/bales.
3. Handle with care to avoid damaging root systems and predisposing seedlings to stress.
4. Avoid extended transport time.

## PLANTING

1. Plant seedlings within a two week period after acceptance.
2. Plant when soil is moist.
3. Plant seedlings during cooler temperatures as they are more conducive to seedling survival and healthy growth. (Suggested planting season: December 1 to March 1)
4. When hand planting, carry plants to site in container with sufficient mud, sawdust, or wet moss to cover and keep seedling roots moist.
5. Remove only a single seedling at a time when hand planting or enough seedlings from planter tray for immediate use.
6. Plant seedlings deeply. The correct planting depth should be at least as deep as the plant grew in the nursery. Greater exposure to the soil and its water content - even one-half inch of added depth of planting - significantly improves the survival rates of the seedlings.
7. Use mechanical planting if possible. Although slightly more expensive, planting mechanically yields better results and is an investment that pays off. Make sure the machine is properly adjusted to get the proper planting depth and to avoid J-rooting.



# ORDERING INFORMATION

- The Georgia Forestry Commission begins taking seedling orders on July 7, 2025 for the following planting season (December through February).
- To order:
  - Visit our online store at [www.gaseedlings.org](http://www.gaseedlings.org);
  - Visit your local GFC office. (See our public website, [www.gatrees.org](http://www.gatrees.org) for listings);
  - For questions about what species to plant, or any other technical inquiry, please call the Flint River Nursery at 478-508-0056, or contact your local GFC management Forester.
- Payments must accompany each order.
- A 10% down payment will secure orders totaling 100,000 seedlings or more. For orders over 100,000 call 478-751-3520.
- All orders totaling less than 100,000 seedlings must be paid in full at the time of order placement.
- Sales tax must be assessed to each order unless you provide proof of sales tax exemption. The sales tax is determined by **county of delivery**. See page 10 for a map of current tax rates by county.
- Discounts are available for large quantity seedling orders: Pine seedling discounts - 5% for 100,000, 10% for 500,000, 20% for over 1,000,000 and 25% for over 5,000,000. Hardwood seedling discount - 5% for 10,000 and up. Contact the nursery for additional information.
- No refunds for cancellations after January 15.
- All seedling orders must be picked up by March 15th or you will forfeit your seedling order.
- Weekly deliveries to GFC offices begin the first week of December and continue through February for PINE species. Deliveries begin the first week of January and continue through February for HARDWOOD species. (See map on page 11 for route schedule.)
- Report problems with seedling quality or quantity to your local Georgia Forestry Commission office immediately.

# SEEDLING DELIVERY SCHEDULE



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1-800-GATREES

[www.GaTrees.org](http://www.GaTrees.org)

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# GEORGIA SALES AND USE TAX RATE CHART

## Effective July 1, 2024

Code 000 - The state sales and use tax rate is 4%. Other than 803 Fulton (Cent. Yards), state tax is included in the jurisdiction rates below.

Code	Jurisdiction	Rate	Type	Code	Jurisdiction	Rate	Type	Code	Jurisdiction	Rate	Type
001	Appling	8	LE S T	055	Fannin	7	LE S	106	Muscogee	9	LE SOT
002	Atkinson	8	LE S T	056	Fayette	7	LE S	107	Newton	7	LE S
003	Bacon	8	LE S T	057	Floyd	7	LE S	108	Oconee	8	LE S T2
004	Baker	8	LE S T2	058	Forsyth	7	LE S	109	Oglethorpe	8	LE S T2
005	Baldwin	8	LE S T2	059	Franklin	7	LE S	110	Paulding	7	LE S
006	Banks	8	LE S T2	060A	Fulton (Atlanta)	8.9	M L E O mTa	111	Peach	8	LE S T2
007	Barrow	8	LE S T2	803	Fulton (Cent. Yards)	3.9	M E O mTa	112	Pickens	7	LE S
008	Bartow	7	LE S	801	Fulton (College Prk)	8.75	M L E O Tf	113	Pierce	8	LE S T
009	Ben Hill	8	LE S T	802	Fulton (East Point)	8.75	M L E O Tf	114	Pike	7	LE S
010	Berrien	8	LE S T	800	Fulton (Hapeville)	8.75	M L E O Tf	115	Polk	7	LE S
011	Bibb	8	LE SO	060	Fulton*	7.75	M L E Tf	116	Pulaski	7	LE S
012	Bleckley	8	LE S T	061	Gilmer	7	LE S	117	Putnam	8	LE S T2
013	Brantley	8	LE S T	062	Glascock	8	LE S T	118	Quitman	8	LE S T
014	Brooks	8	LE S T	063	Glynn	7	LE S	119	Rabun	8	LE S T2
015	Bryan	8	LE S T2	064	Gordon	7	LE S	120	Randolph	8	LE S T
016	Bulloch	8	LE S T2	065	Grady	8	LE S T2	121	Richmond	8.5	LE SOT
017	Burke	7	L S T	066	Greene	8	LE S T2	122	Rockdale	7	EHS
018	Butts	7	LE S	067	Gwinnett	6	E S	123	Schley	8	LE S T
019	Calhoun	8	LE S T2	068	Habersham	7	LE S	124	Screven	8	LE S T2
020	Camden	7	LE S	069	Hall	7	LE S	125	Seminole	8	LE S T2
021	Candler	8	LE S T	070	Hancock	8	LE S T	126	Spalding	7	LE T2
022	Carroll	7	LE S	071	Haralson	8	LE S T2	127	Stephens	7	LE S
023	Catoosa	7	LE S	072	Harris	8	LE S T	128	Stewart	8	LE S T
024	Charlton	8	LE S T	073	Hart	7	LE S	129	Sumter	8	LE S T
025	Chatham	7	LE S	074	Heard	7	LE S	130	Talbot	8	LE S T
026	Chattahoochee	8	LE S T	075	Henry	8	LE S T2	131	Taliaferro	8	LE S T
027	Chattooga	7	LE S	076	Houston	7	LE S	132	Tattnall	8	LE S T
028	Cherokee	6	E S	077	Irwin	7	LE T	133	Taylor	8	LE S T
029	Clarke	8	LE S T2	078	Jackson	7	LE S	134	Telfair	8	LE S T
030	Clay	7	LE T	079	Jasper	7	LE S	135	Terrell	8	LE S T2
804	Clayton (College Prk)	9	M L E SO	080	Jeff Davis	8	LE S T	136	Thomas	7	LE S
031	Clayton (Not Clg Prk)	8	M L E S	081	Jefferson	8	LE S T	137	Tift	8	LE S T
032	Clinch	8	LE S T	082	Jenkins	8	LE S T	138	Toombs	8	LE S T
033	Cobb	6	E S	083	Johnson	8	LE S T	139	Towns	8	LE SO
034	Coffee	8	LE S T	084	Jones	7	LE S	140	Treutlen	8	LE S T
035	Colquitt	8	LE S T2	085	Lamar	8	LE S T2	141	Troup	7	LE S
036	Columbia	8	LE S T	086	Lanier	8	LE S T	142	Turner	8	LE S T
037	Cook	8	LE S T	087	Laurens	8	LE S T	143	Twiggs	7	LE T2
038	Coweta	7	LE S	088	Lee	8	LE S T2	144	Union	7	LE S
039	Crawford	8	LE S T2	089	Liberty	8	LE S T2	145	Upson	8	LE S T2
040	Crisp	8	LE S T	090	Lincoln	8	LE S T	146	Walker	8	LE S T2
041	Dade	7	LE S	091	Long	8	LE S T2	147	Walton	7	LE S
042	Dawson	7	LE S	092	Lowndes	8	LE S T	148	Ware	8	LE S T
043	Decatur	8	LE S T2	093	Lumpkin	8	LE S T2	149	Warren	8	LE S T
044A	DeKalb (Atlanta)	8.9	M E H O mTa	094	Macon	8	LE S T	150	Washington	8	LE S T
044	DeKalb (Not Atlanta)	8	M EHS	095	Madison	8	LE S T2	151	Wayne	8	LE S T
045	Dodge	8	LE S T	096	Marion	8	LE S T	152	Webster	8	LE S T
046	Dooly	8	LE S T	097	McDuffie	8	LE S T	153	Wheeler	7	LE T
047	Dougherty	8	LE S T2	098	McIntosh	8	LE S T2	154	White	7	LE S
048	Douglas	7	LE S	099	Meriwether	8	LE S T2	155	Whitfield	7	LE S
049	Early	8	LE S T2	100	Miller	8	LE S T2	156	Wilcox	8	LE S T
050	Echols	8	LE S T	101	Mitchell	8	LE S T2	157	Wilkes	8	LE S T
051	Effingham	8	LE S T2	102	Monroe	8	LE S T2	158	Wilkinson	7	LE S
052	Elbert	8	LE S T2	103	Montgomery	8	LE S T	159	Worth	8	LE S T2
053	Emanuel	8	LE S T	104	Morgan	8	LE S T2				
054	Evans	8	LE S T	105	Murray	7	LE S				

\*Fulton County outside of Atlanta, Hapeville, College Park, and East Point

M = MARTA  
L = LOST  
E = Educational  
H = HOST or EHOST

S = SPLOST  
O = Other (MOST, 2nd LOST, constitutional, Coliseum SPLOST)  
T = TSPLOST 1  
m = Local MARTA (Atlanta MARTA)

T2 = TSPLOST 2  
Tf = Fulton TSPLOST  
Ta = Atlanta TSPLOST

Additional rate charts and up-to-date changes are available at [dor.georgia.gov/sales-tax-rates-current-historical-and-upcoming](http://dor.georgia.gov/sales-tax-rates-current-historical-and-upcoming).