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Monthly Newsletter

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### CITRUS & FRUIT TREES

Each year we try to offer something a little bit different than the year before. We still have our always-in-demand trees, such as Owan & Brown's Select Satsumas, Washington Navels, Sweet & Sour Kumquats, Meyer's Lemons, and Persian Limes. This year we've added Kieffir Limes & Key Limes, Calamondins, LA Sweets, and Moro Blood Oranges. We now have Black Mission Figs and we have some surprises left from previous years, also.



### NATIVE TREES & SHRUBS

This year we've added Burr Oak and Swamp Chestnut Oak to our Native trees. We also have Nuttall, Shumard, Overcup & Willow Oaks. We have Acer Rubrum & Acer barbatum, Sassafras, American Hornbeam, true Witch Hazel, Parsley Hawthorn (great for birders), Upright & Weeping Yaupons, including some yellow-berried yaupons, Wax Myrtles & Dwarf Wax Myrtles. For fall fun, try the 'Hearts-Are-Bursting' Strawberry Bush and for fall color, I love the 'Little Henry' Sweetspire. Natives are really fun!

**ORGANIC ALTERNATIVES:** We understand that not all gardeners have the same needs. Some may know just what they need and others may want to 'try it out' before committing. We are happy to sell smaller or larger amounts of many of our organic alternatives.

**PINE STRAW BALES ARE AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND**

### PLUMS

This year, in addition to the Methley Plum, we're also carrying the Santa Rosa Plum.

#### COMPARISON:

**Methley:** Vigorous tree with upright shape. Heavy bearer. Medium to large, reddish-purple fruit with red flesh. Excellent quality. Distinctive sweet mild flavor. Popular home garden variety. Excellent for fresh eating or processing. 'Good pollinating variety for Bruce and Morris. Ripens early June.

**Santa Rosa:** One of the most popular commercial and home-garden varieties. Large, pretty, freestone plum. Skin is purplish to crimson with yellow flesh. Fruit is juicy and tart; excellent flavor keeps well. Prolific bearer. Self fertile, but better production with cross-pollination. Ripens mid to late June.

### UNUSUAL FRUITS & EDIBLES

Mexican Plum, Loquat, Pakistani Mulberry, Fuyu Persimmons, Wonderful Pomegranates and Pineapple Guava. (We hope to get more Strawberry Guava and Huckleberry soon).



No, not that Huckleberry.

**ORGANIC ALTERNATIVES:** Expanded Shale, Blood Meal, Bone Meal, Food Grade DE, Mushroom Compost, Composted Cottonburr, Bat Guano, Rock Phosphate, Greensand, Dolomite, Potash, Perlite, Vermiculite, and of course, Laughing Crow Worm Farms Worm Castings.

**Master Gardeners, bring your current card for your 15% discount & discount price on Pine Straw.**