

FALL PROGRAM

We are now taking orders for bluebird nesting boxes, rain barrels, and wildflower seed mixes!

Bluebird Nesting Boxes



The future of eastern bluebirds has been a concern as populations have shrunk over the last few decades. Bluebird populations have declined due to habitat destruction and competition; however, populations have been growing recently.

The most effective measure that has been implemented to protect eastern bluebirds has been the introduction of nesting boxes in good nesting habitat. They have been quite successful in providing nesting places for eastern bluebirds.

You should put up your nesting box in the fall. Bluebirds start looking for breeding nesting boxes mid-February at the earliest and on into June at the latest. Nesting boxes should be located in an open space such as a large lawn or an orchard away from houses, barns, and thick clumps of trees. They can be placed on fence posts, garden U-posts and metal posts at least three feet above the ground. A box mounted 4-5 feet high is ideal.

Conservation Rain Barrels



A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from rooftops to use later for watering plants and gardens. Water collected in a rain barrel would normally pour directly off your roof or flow through roof gutter downspouts and become stormwater runoff. Depending on your yard, this runoff can travel onto paved surfaces and eventually into a storm drain.

Why Use Rain Barrels? Rain barrels conserve water and help lower costs (a rain barrel can save approximately 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months). Rain barrels also reduce water pollution by reducing stormwater runoff, which can contain pollutants like sediment, oil, grease, bacteria and nutrients.

Because residential irrigation can account for up to 40% of domestic water consumption, water conservation measures such as rain barrels can be used to reduce the demand on the municipal water system or your home's personal well. During a storm, even a light one, it doesn't take much time for a rain barrel to fill with enough water for your lawn and plants to thrive. We have blue and white 55 gallon barrels available for purchase.

Wildflower Seed Mixes

New to the fall program, we are offering wildflower seed mixes for a dormant late fall to early winter seeding (typically between Thanksgiving and Christmas). A planting guide will

be provided with all seed mixes and we are offering 2 different sizes; **1 ounce, and 1/4 pound envelopes**. Both the Hummingbird & Butterfly, and Quick Bloom mixes are filled primarily with faster blooming annuals. The All Perennial and Northeast Native wildflower mixes are more of an investment because both are filled with primarily perennials for you to keep enjoying year after year. Please note, perennials do not bloom the first year, so if you want blooms while the perennials mature, we suggest planting an annual mix as well. We are offering the following mixes this fall:

Hummingbird & Butterfly—This is a specifically designed mixture of 16 easy to grow wildflowers that butterflies and hummingbirds love. The mix is mostly wild annuals and a few perennials that hummingbirds and butterflies find attractive. Bloom will begin just 3-4 weeks after sprouting. This mix does well in sun to partial sun. Zones 2-10.



Quick Bloom—This mix has quick blooming colorful annuals a short time after planting and hardy perennials for the next season! Great for whole fields, cutting gardens, and areas you need to fill in or if you need some quick color in the garden. Full sun to partial shade, super easy to grow. Contains 22 annuals, and 13 perennials/biennials. This mix does well in sun to partial sun. Zones: 2-7.



All Perennial—This mix is a blend of 15 sturdy wild perennials from daisies, black-eyed susan's, and lupines to sunflower, mexican hat, and purple coneflower. This is the mix for the serious wildflower gardener who doesn't mind waiting a year for bloom but who really wants to invest in a permanent planting that should increase in color year after year. This mix does well in



Northeast Native—This mix contains 18 perennials that are native to the northeastern United States and southeastern Canada. lance-leaf coreopsis, butterfly weed, swamp milkweed, purple coneflower, blue false indigo, spotted joe pyeweed, golden alexanders, black-eyed susan, lupine, wild bergamot, blanket flower, partridge pea, hairy beardtongue, heath aster, smooth blue aster, new england aster, narrowleaf mountain mint, and brown-eyed susan. This mix does well in sun to partial sun. Zones 3-7.



Please see the attached order form to place an order or call us at 315-866-2520 ext. 5 for more information.



2022 FALL PROGRAM ORDER FORM

Herkimer County SWCD
5653 State Route 5
Herkimer, NY 13350

Item	Price (includes tax)	Quantity	Total
Conservation Rain Barrel	\$65		
Bluebird Nesting Box	\$17 each		
	2 for \$32		
Hummingbird & Butterfly Wildflower Mix	1 oz for \$12		
	1/4 lb for \$24		
Quick Bloom Wildflower Mix	1 oz for \$12		
	1/4 lb for \$24		
All Perennial Wildflower Mix	1 oz for \$20		
	1/4 lb for \$40		
Northeast Native Wildflower Mix	1 oz for \$38		
	1/4 lb for \$76		
TOTAL			

NOTE: Orders accompanied by payment must be in the SWCD office no later than Friday, October 7th. Make checks or money order payable to “Herkimer County SWCD”. Pick up will be on Thursday, November 3rd between 8am and 12 noon at the SWCD parking lot on Route 5. We are located 2 miles east of the Route 28 North junction.



Name:
Mailing Address:
Email:
Phone: ()

Order with payment due: **Friday, October 7th**

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8am—12 noon

Pickup location: **Herkimer County SWCD**
Office

PLEASE NOTE: TAX IS INCLUDED!

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