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SC Forestry Commission selling tree seedlings for winter planting

The first day of December is traditionally the start of planting season for tree seedlings, and the South Carolina Forestry Commission is encouraging landowners to place their orders while seedlings are still available.

Buyers have access to the full catalog of Forestry Commission seedlings grown and sold at its Taylor Nursery in Edgefield County. Offerings include more than 50 bare-root and containerized varieties of trees, shrubs and grasses. Bestsellers include baldcypress seedlings for wetland areas, crabapple and Chickasaw plum varieties for wildlife attraction, and many species of loblolly and longleaf pine for timber production.

In all, Taylor Nursery features 17 selections of pine, 14 oaks and additional popular native trees such as persimmon, red cedar, Atlantic white cedar, dogwood and numerous other hardwood species. “For those who haven’t already made their selections, now is the time to act,” said Tim Adams, SCFC Resource Development Director. “Planting conditions are good over much of the state; soil moisture is optimal because of all the recent rainfall.”

The purpose of the Forestry Commission’s seedling program is to provide a diverse selection of genetically improved seedlings to South Carolina landowners for timber and Christmas tree production as well as wildlife and wetland habitat improvements.

Seedling orders can be shipped via United Parcel Service (UPS) or picked up free of charge at the Commission’s Taylor Nursery in Edgefield County. More information about the South Carolina Forestry Commission’s seedling sales program, species availability and pricing, including the full catalog and order form, can be found on the web at <http://www.state.sc.us/forest/nur.htm>. Customers can also call Taylor Nursery at (803) 275-3578 to ask questions and place orders.

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The mission of the South Carolina Forestry Commission is to protect, promote, enhance and nurture the forest lands of South Carolina in a manner consistent with achieving the greatest good for its citizens.

