



## STOCK GUARANTEE & WARRANTY

### GUARANTEE

We take pride in our seedling stock and our growing experience of over 70 years. Our trees undergo a strict grading process, and we are confident in the quality of our seedling stock. To ensure the best survival of your seedlings, please refer to our **Preplant Seedling Care**.

### WARRANTY

- We guarantee trees to be in vigorous and healthy condition when departing our nursery. It is **not** our policy to credit any seedling stock once it leaves the nursery.
- We warrant to deliver species true to name, and will replace, upon proof, anything that is otherwise, or refund the original purchase price. **Any claims must be reported within five days** of receiving your order and are subject acceptable standards of proof and examination at the total discretion of *Somerville Nurseries Inc.*
- Total liability is limited to the purchase price of the seedlings, but not more than that amount.
- A limited amount of seedling mortality is normal due to unavoidable stresses and factors beyond our control.

### WHAT WE WARRANT

- ✓ Shortages, incorrect or damaged seedlings noted within the 5 days reporting period.
- ✓ Seedlings that do not break dormancy by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the planting season.

### WHAT WE DO NOT WARRANT

- ✗ Seedlings not planted within a suitable period, improper storage & handling, and improper planting techniques. Failure of seedling tending and maintenance post planting.
- ✗ Planting outside the recommendations of our **Preplant Seedling Care**.
- ✗ Incorrect site or species selection. Poor site preparation.
- ✗ Damage or loss from severe weather, animal/insect damage or improper tending and care.
- ✗ Any damage incurred in subsequent years following planting.

### PREPLANT SEEDLING CARE

- Seedlings are perishable and must be handled carefully. Do not drop, handle roughly or otherwise stress seedlings prior to planting. Stress, including the lifting, storage, and planting of seedlings is cumulative and will negatively affect out-planting success.
- Plant your seedlings as soon as possible. For short term storage (1-2 days), seedlings should be in a cool, dry space away from heat and sunlight, such as in a basement or root cellar.
- Storing seedlings for 2 days or more is not recommended unless stored in a temperature-controlled environment (1-3 degrees C). Long-term storage is not recommended.
- Do not further root prune the seedlings.
- Use a proper planting technique that will offer the best chance of survival.
- Watering of newly planted seedlings is recommended. No other amendments, including fertilizer, are required