

The Red Shed

Incredible edibles

North Hardy Plant Nursery

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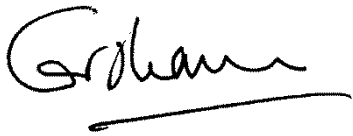
Welcome to **The Red Shed**.

Firstly let us introduce you to the experience The Red Shed offers. We are a specialist nursery based in an established forest garden in the Scottish Borders. Our site has been organic for over twenty years and was mostly fallow for many years before that. We live in an area of clean water and clean air and our nursery is a haven for wildlife. Indeed predator control is largely achieved through the balance of birds and invertebrates in the grounds.

We offer a range of stock from trees through shrubs to plants and some specialist equipment. The content of our catalogue is suited to forest gardening – the creation of abundant gardens designed in imitation of the structure of native woodland. We use the principles of Permaculture in our work. The choice of what plants and trees are used is skewed to the demands of the household for food, firewood and a pleasant place to work and relax. Plants grown here will suit any kind of garden, and are especially chosen and bred to be hardy in Northern conditions. We are the same latitude as Moscow and Alaska.

The actual Red Shed which sits at the centre of our nursery activity was designed by us and built for us in red cedar originally by experienced Lincolnshire greenhouse manufacturers Perity's at St Boswells, thirty miles away. After ten years in storage it has been rebuilt in Coldstream across the last winter and is now open for business as a propagation centre, teaching space and workshop. We use a range of suppliers to supplement what we produce ourselves, and these are all selected for the quality of their service and product as well as their business ethics.

We hope you enjoy this catalogue and more importantly, any plants or other goods or services you purchase from us. We welcome your feedback both in terms of what you have purchased and what you would like to see added to the catalogue in future. We are also pleased to receive enquiries for specialised services including practical course and specific equipment, plant and tree needs.



Graham Bell Managing Director April 2012

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Have a look at the various descriptions, and note what you want on the order form supplied. If you're not sure about the choices you're making e-mail us or telephone and we'll talk you through any questions you may have. Online order service coming soon!

Rootstocks

Guide to Rootstocks

All heights are approximate. We currently hold only medium sized trees in stock suitable for the average garden. Miniature and larger trees can also be supplied to order.

APPLES

M26 - Trees reach about 8-10ft high, crops in the second or third year depending on variety. Also unlike other dwarfing stocks, we consider M26 needs no staking unless in a very exposed situation. 99% of our cultivars are available on the M26.

MM106 (semi-dwarfing) - The most widely planted rootstock for bush apples in commercial orchards. Attains a height of 12-15 ft. Quite early fruiting. Also used for fan trees and is also suitable for cordons. Plant 12-15 ft apart. Bush, fans and cordons 3ft.

We also grow on M25 (strong) - will grow 15-18ft. Available in future years, so please ask if you wish to forward order.

PEAR

QA - Will grow to around 13-16ft depending on the strength of the variety.

PLUM/DAMSON/GAGE

PIXY - Will grow 8-10ft and gives some resistance to silverleaf.

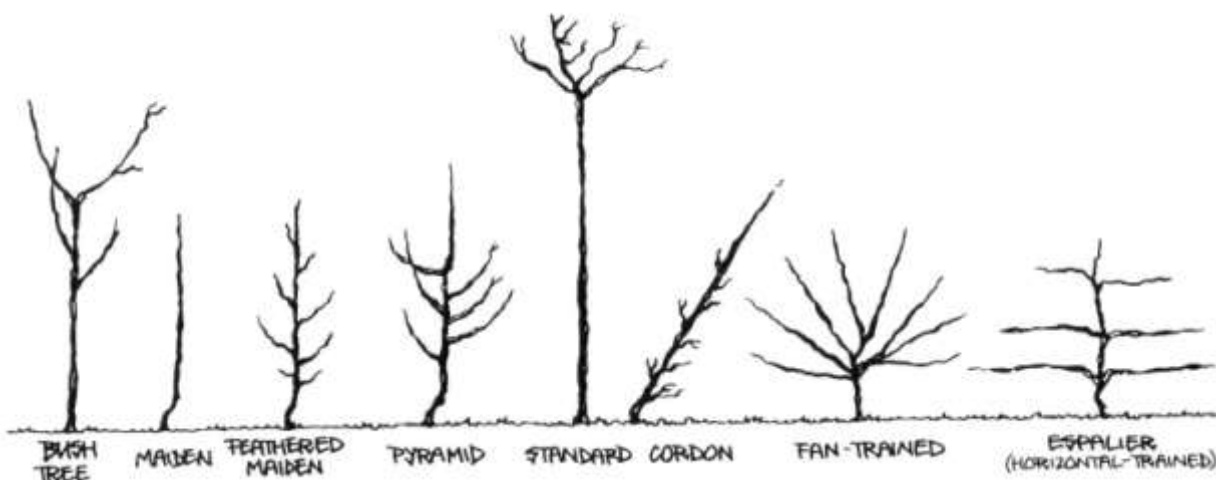
ST. JULIEN A - Will grow 12-15ft. Please note all 2 year + trees on St. Julien A will be young 1/2 standards.

CHERRY

GISELA 5 - Will grow to around 6-8ft.

COLT - Will grow 15-18ft

If you require trees to train for any particular purpose (e.g. cordons, fans, espaliers etc.) we are happy to advise on suitable purchases, or to train trees to order.





APPLES

Key: C= Culinary or for ordinary folks Cooking Apples. Many cooking apples are actually perfectly edible raw especially after you store them and their sugars change!

D= Dessert or as most of us would say, Eating Apples.

Ci= Cider Apples. And really that's what they're good for.

Product	Description	C/D etc	Origin	Form	Size	Rootstock	Price
Apple (Malus) Belle de Boskoop	Firm juicy sharp flesh lightly cooked keeps shape later makes golden puree. No need for sugar.	CD	Gonda Netherlands 1856 Sport of <i>Reinette de Montfort</i>	Maiden	1 year	MM106	£14.00
Apple (Malus) Blenheim Orange	Magnificent large apples. Beautiful baked and keep till January. Coxey taste.	CD	1740 Woodstock Oxfordshire	Maiden	1 year	M26	£14.00
Apple (Malus) Broadholme Beauty	Keeps shape well on cooking. Ideal for diabetics as needs no sugar.	C	James Grieve x Lanes Prince Albert Lincolnshire 2002	Maiden	1 year	M26	£14.00
Apple (Malus) Cox Self Fertile	The original Cox (perhaps Britain's best loved eating apple) needs two pollinating partners so this variant is very welcome.	D	Raised by Mr Richard Cox c. 1825 retired brewer near Slough Buckinghamshire from seed.	Maiden	1 year	M26	£14.00
Apple (Malus) Discovery	Commercially the first eating apple of the season. Great off the tree. Doesn't keep.	D	C 1949, Essex. Worcester Pearmain x Beauty of Bath	Maiden	1 year	MM106	£14.00
Apple (Malus) Egremont Russet	The Managers favourite. Beautiful autumn colours and flavours.	D	Probably 1872 Petworth Castle Sussex	Maiden & also pot grown	1 year	MM106	£14.00
Apple (Malus) (Laxton's) Fortune	Sweet rich light and aromatic eater. Pick late and eat soon.	D	1904 Laxton Brothers Bedford: Cox's Orange Pippin x Wealthy	Maiden	1 year	M26	£14.00
Apple (Malus) Greensleeves	A modern apple which doesn't pander to supermarket taste. Fine blend of sweet and sharp-as crisp eater.	D	1966 EMRS Kent James Grieve x Golden Delicious	Maiden	1 year	MM106	£14.00
Apple (Malus) James Grieve	Early, doesn't keep. Good eater which also cooks well and great universal pollinator.	D	1893 Edinburgh. Either from Potts Seedling or Cox's Orange Pippin	Maiden	1 year	MM106	£14.00

Apple (Malus) Jumbo	Massive dual purpose apple. Particularly good for baking as it retains its colour well. The skin of the fruit is flushed and striped red on a pale green background.	DC	Charles Ross x Jonathon	Maiden	1 year	M26	£14.00
Apple (Malus) Lord Derby	Great for pies. Best eaten early (i.e. by December)	C	Stockport, Cheshire 1862 (maybe seedling from Catshead)	Maiden	1 year	M26	£14.00
Apple (Malus) Meridian	Sweet, balanced and aromatic like a mild Cox.	D	Cox x Falstaff 1972 EMRS Kent	Maiden	1 year	M26	£14.00
Apple (Malus) Norfolk Royal	Sweet crisp and juicy. Sharp and crisp eaten off the tree. Keeps till December.	D	1908 Norfolk	Potted	1 year	MM106	£14.00
Apple (Malus) Sops of Wine	Attractive striped fruit. Good for dessert or apple wine and cider making. Pink flesh.	C CI	1832 England	Maiden	1 year	MM106	£14.00
Apple (Malus) Sunset	Robust and good. Less intense than Cox. A bonny eater popular with kids.	D	1918 Kent. A Cox's Orange Pippin Seedling	Maiden & potted	1 year	M26 & MM106	£14.00
Apple (Malus) Worcester Pearmain	Universal pollinator. Early autumn commercial variety but best left on tree till red rather than green.	D	Devonshire Quarrenden Seedling. Worcester before 1873	Maiden	1 year	M26	£14.00

Many more apple cultivars are available. We will continue to build our North Hardy stock. Got a request? Ask us. Coming soon: Scotch Dumpling, White Melrose, Stobo Castle, Hood's Supreme and more.

CHERRIES

Product	Description	Form	Size	Rootstock	Price
Cherry (Prunus) Black Oliver	Juicy, roundish to heart shaped.	Maiden	1 year	Colt	£17.50
Cherry (Prunus) Early Rivers	Heart-shaped. Soft, melting, very juicy, sweet. Good flavour and quality when fully ripe. Stone small	Maiden	1 year	F.12.1	£17.50
Cherry (Prunus) Merton Glory	A mid-season English white cherry.	Maiden	1 year	F.12.1	£17.50
Cherry (Prunus) Summer Sun	One of the best cherry varieties for cool-temperate climates.	Maiden	1 year	Colt	£17.50

GAGES

Product	Description	Form	Size	Rootstock	Price
Gage (Prunus) Early Transparent	The skin is thin and if the fruit is held up to the light it is sometimes possible to see the flesh and stone inside. Not as fussy as the Old Green Gage. Heavy Cropping. It has the rich sweet gage-like flavour and aroma of a genuine gage, but it is also an excellent culinary variety producing a well-flavoured straw-coloured jam.	Maiden	1 year	St. Julian A	£17.00
Gage (Prunus) Old Green Gage	Old Green Gage is the definitive "gage", and often considered the best flavoured of any plum variety. . Common in France since the Middle Ages introduced to England in the 18th century by Sir William Gage, who lived at Bury St. Edmunds and obtained a tree from his brother who was a priest living in Paris.	Maiden	1 year	St. Julian A	£17.00



PEARS

Product	Description	C/D etc	Form	Size	Rootstock	Price
Pear (Pyrus) Beurre Hardy	Has a fragrant, faintly rosy scent and a world class taste. The soft flesh is delicate and melting, full of juice. The trees are upright, resistant to scab and have hardy flowers that cope with late spring frosts.	D	Maiden	1 year	Quince A	£16.00
Pear (Pyrus) Concorde ®	The sweet, soft fruit are good quality and store well. The crop size on a mature tree is excellent. Ideal for growing on wires as an espalier or cordon etc. They have very flexible side shoots.	D	Maiden	1 year	Quince A	£16.00
Pear (Pyrus) Conference	A delicious pear and one of the best choices for shadier and colder spots, Conference is the UK's most widely grown garden variety. Ideal for training on wires as a cordon or espalier and can be grown on North facing walls.	D	Maiden	1 year	Quince A	£16.00
Pear (Pyrus) Sensation	A red version of Williams Bon Chretien that crops a little earlier. Like its parent, it is a sublime eating pear, with almost more juice in it than flesh and a flavour to match any other pear. It also brightens up the garden in spring, when its young leaves have a reddish colour. The tree is naturally quite narrow and upright, so it's a good choice if you're worried about fitting a full sized tree into your garden.		Maiden	1 year	Quince A	£16.00

PLUMS

Product	Description	Form	Size	Rootstock	Price
Plum (Prunus) Giant Prune	Also known as Burbank; a reliable, prolific cropper. The fruits are large, oval in shape with dark red skin. This tough tree is ideal for exposed areas due to its good frost and disease resistance. Self fertile and will help pollinate others in its flowering group.	Maiden	1 year	St. Julian A	£17.00
Plum (Prunus) Opal	One of the most reliable of all the garden plums. This tree will produce a medium sized, reddish-purple fruit with superb flavour. Also self fertile.	Maiden	1 year	St. Julian A	£17.00
Plum (Prunus) Sanctus Hubertus	Large bluish-purple fruit. Has a good enough flavour to make it a dual purpose plum and the tree is very easy to manage.	Maiden	1 year	St. Julian A	£17.00





SOFT FRUITS

Product	Form	Size	Price
Gooseberry (Ribes) Captivator	Bush	2 Year	£5.00
Gooseberry (Ribes) Invicta ®	Bush	2 Year	£5.00
Jostaberry (Ribes)	Bush	2 Year	£6.00
Raspberry (Rubus) Autumn Bliss ®	Root Wrapped	Pack of 10	£15.00
Raspberry (Rubus) Glen Ample ®	Root Wrapped	Pack of 10	£16.00
Raspberry (Rubus) Glen Clova	Root Wrapped	Pack of 10	£15.00
Raspberry (Rubus) Glen Prosen ®	Root Wrapped	Pack of 10	£15.00
Blackberry (Rubus) Oregon Thornless	Bush	3L container	£10.00
Blackberry (Rubus) Thornfree	Bush	3L container	£10.00
Blackcurrant (Ribes) Baldwin	Bush	3L container	£9.00
Blackcurrant (Ribes) Ben Sarek ®	Bush	3L container	£9.00
Loganberry (Rubus) Thornfree	Bush	3L container	£9.00
Redcurrant (Ribes) Laxton No.1	Bush	3L container	£9.00
Alpine Strawberry		9cm pots	£2.00
Red Currant- Laxton's No1	Young Bush	2L container	£2.50
White Currant - White Versailles	Young Bush	2L container	£2.50
Blackberry - Coldstream Colossal		2L container	£2.50
Wild Raspberry		2L container	£2.50

OTHER TREES & SHRUBS

We keep a small but growing range of other trees. The fruiting trees are non-specific cultivars grown from seed. We are able to source a wide range of native trees locally and are happy to supply to order.

Product	Description	Price
Ash	Easily splits along the grain. A great wood for roundwood turnery. Pickled ash keys are edible.	
Bay Tree	One of the great culinary gifts.	
Cherry	We only grow from cherry stones from the most prolific trees. So these might do as well as top end cultivars (but cheaper!)	
Hazel	Native- plenty of nuts in the autumn.	
Horse Chestnut	A tree that all children love.	
Juniperus x media 'Pfizeriana'	Berries and an attractive shrubby tree.	
Lonicera nitida 'Baggesens Gold'	Great habitat for nesting birds, windbreak and boundary species.	
Peach	Grown from stones. Outdoor hardy but will only fruit under glass or in a sheltered sunny position.	
Plum	Grown from choice stones so fruiting qualities unpredictable but likely to be better than wild plums.	
Willow	For windbreak basketry and great bird habitat. Also plentiful supply of green manure.	

VEGETABLE SEEDS

We can supply a very wide range of seeds. The selection below covers some trusty favourites. Ask for full list if needed.

Product	Price
Beetroot Boltardy	£1.55
Cabbage F1 Kilaxy	£2.99
Carrot Rondo	£1.75
Lettuce Lobjoits Green (Cos)	£1.55
Marrow Long Green Bush	£1.75
Pea Early Onward	£2.65
Pea Kelvedon Wonder	£2.65
Broad Bean Aquadulce Claudia	£2.65
Broad Bean Giant Exhibition Longpod	£2.65
Runner Bean Enorma	£2.75
Runner Bean Armstrong	£3.65

HERBS

Most of our herbs and other plants come in 9cm pots at £2.00 each. Larger plants (in larger containers) will cost more but be more hardy and travel friendly.

Product	Description	Price
Chicory	Chicory is a hardy perennial salad green. Like lettuce it is the basis of a salad, high in vitamins and slightly bitter. Enjoy mixing it with other healthy greens.	£2.00
Chives	The miniature prince of the onion family. A perennial you can cut back with scissors and enjoy as a sprinkled relish or a staple input to salads.	£2.00
Echinacia	Traditionally a medicinal plant, thought to boost the immune system. 1m+ tall flowering head resembling pink daisies. Enjoys a sunny spot.	£2.00
Garlic Chives	Well just yummy really. Like chives but garlicky	£2.00
Horse radish	Very deep rooting. Dig up the roots and grate them for mouth-wateringly real Horse radish. Tangy and perfect with all sorts of main dishes	£2.00
Hyssop	Herbaceous companion to your cabbage patch, deterring the Cabbage White butterfly while producing tall elegant blue flower-heads which attract other pollinating insects. Can also be useful companion to grapevines, and is an ingredient in Chartreuse.	£2.00
Lavendula x intermedia 'Grappenhall'	Lavender is always a great insect plant- and dried is perfect for slipping in a clothes drawer...	£2.00
Lavendula Princess Blue		£2.00
Pot Marjoram	One of the herbs we use most often in cooking. Warm flavours of the Mediterranean – which grow fine in Scotland	£2.00
Rosemary Blue Lagoon	Another staple herb. Tastes even better coming from your own back doorstep!	£2.00
Sage	A specially flavoursome herb. Essential with pork and has lots of other applications.	£2.00
Solidago	Also known as goldenrod. A pretty yellow flower with multiple uses including making goldenrod honey, in cooking, and as a friend or foe to some insects.	£2.00
Tarragon French	Marvellous in salad and French Dressing. Great with Chicken and fish.	£2.00
Thyme Creeping Red	Excellent hardy groundcover, useful in cooking and produces pretty purple flowers.	£2.00



SALADS

Product	Description	Price
Bloody Dock	Also known as Wood dock or Bloody Sorrel. Enjoys damp or wet soils. Edible salad leaf with an attractive red vein.	£2.00
French Sorrel	Traditional in French cookery also good in mixed salads	£2.00
Garlic Mustard	Hedgerow plant of the brassica family. Flavourful leaves are good in salad or to make sauces such as pesto.	£2.00
Land Cress	Landcress is similar to watercress but requiring less water can be easier to grow. A good hot salad leaf.	£2.00
Leaf Celery	AKA Chinese or cutting celery, easier to grow than the stalk variety with a similar flavour. Great in salads and soups.	£2.00
Lemon Balm	Aromatic herb good in salads, as tea or as a cooking herb. Has a light lemony scent, attractive to bees. A relative of mint.	£2.00
Salad Burnet	Native to chalk uplands actually does well on most garden soils. Edible in salads and has delightful dark carmine flowers.	£2.00



OTHER PLANTS

Our understanding of an abundant healthy garden means a mix of food plants, flowers and herbs creating a healthy habitat for birds and insects. You can't eat all of these plants (but other creatures can!) and they will give you a beautiful garden and a healthy environment. Again depending on pot size some may cost more than stated.

Product	Description	Price
Aquilegia	Popular garden flower with spurred petals. Attractive to butterflies and other insects.	£2.00
Artemisia	Aromatic. Also known as Wormwood (Traditionally used to make absinthe). A vermifuge – helps keep poultry healthy.	£2.00
Comfrey; Chinese	A larger leaved variety.	£2.00
Comfrey; Russian	Useful as fertilizer and had purported medicinal benefits owing to high mineral content. Edible. Fast growing, can be cut several times in a growing season as green manure.	£2.00
Feverfew	Useful ground-covering plant with pretty daisy-like flowers. Another traditional healing plant for reducing fever and headaches, even migraine, hence its name.	£2.00
Common Foxglove	Attractive to bees & insects. Multiple purple/pink flowers grow on a spike which can reach 1m in height. Has medicinal derivatives, but is poisonous eaten.	£2.00

London Pride	Named because of its rapid colonisation of bombsites in WWII London. Ground-covering plant. Pretty pink flowers grow on long stems. Attractive to birds and insects.	£2.00
Mullein	Low leaf coverage accompanied by tall flowering stems. Purported to have medicinal benefits for asthma or respiratory afflictions. Traditionally used to make tallow candles.	£2.00
Teazel	Often accused of being a weed, teasels are very useful in a forest garden. Leave the heads on in Winter to feed birds. Can grow to 2m+. Very spiky! Still used in fulling cloth.	£2.00
Toadflax, Creeping	Hedgerow plant with straight, slender stems and blue-violet flowers. Root-creeping rather than stem. Very prolific. Good for bees.	£2.00
Wood Sedge	Enjoys bright shade, great for forest floor. Grows well in most soils to a height of around 25cm. Traditionally used to insulate footwear!	£2.00
Wild Rose	Also known as Dog Rose, Scotch Briar. Has a pretty open flower and scent. A favourite British meadow or cottage garden plant. Bush or Climber.	£2.00
Achillea filipenduline 'Cloth of Gold'	Aromatic, full-flowering with golden umbels. Can spread vigorously.	£2.00
Bergenia cordifolia	Sometimes called 'pigsqueak', has large waxy leaves which can turn bronze or red in autumn. Attractive pink flowers grow on short cymes.	£2.00
Delphinium Blue Bird	Large showy stem flowers, a popular garden plant. Attracts bees and insects.	£2.00
Digitalis purpurea 'Apricot'	A less off-seen variety of foxglove with beautiful creamy flowers, dotted with deep red flecks.	£2.00
Lupinus 'Dwarf Lulu mixed'	Herbaceous flowering plant with mixed colour flowers, similar in size to delphiniums. Delightful in any garden. Also a useful nitrogen fixer aiding soil fertility.	£2.00
Papaver 'Allegro'	Oriental Poppy. Large red flowers with ruffled edge, attractive & prolific.	£2.00
Penstemon 'digitalis 'Husker Red'	Makes two-three feet tall and flowers attractively early summer. Deer and drought resistant- attracts birds and butterflies	£2.00
Potentilla nepalensis 'Miss Wilmott'	Originally from Nepal a hardy perennial with attractive Magenta flowers. Makes eighteen inches tall.	£2.00
Primula chungensis	Yellow to orange Spring flowers on tall spikes. Hardy.	£2.00
Linum Blue Sapphire	Blue flax- short-lived perennial, but self seeds. Deer drought and rabbit resistant. Seeds are a sought-after dietary supplement.	£2.00
Primula veris (cowslip)	This delightful welcomer of Spring has edible flowers to brighten early salads. Native as far North as Orkney.	£2.00



FOREST GARDEN PACKS

Our highly successful mixture of trees, shrubs, climbers and herbaceous plants come in small (£50), medium (£75) or large (£125). You can have a surprise selection (we choose for you) on one of our themes, or made-to-order.

Small would be one tree, two bushes and two plants with a packet of seeds, A medium pack may contain for instance, 1 apple tree, a plum or cherry, 2 soft fruit bushes and a selection of 3 easy-to-grow herbs and flowers, with two packets of seeds. Large would add another apple, a hazel and another two herbs.

We recommend these selections:

Granny's Kitchen – tasty fruits for the traditional kitchen.

Young People's Favourite's – easy to grow easy to eat, and popular with youngsters.

Heritage Varieties – a range of old varieties with fuller flavour.

Raw Energy – just fruits salads and vegetables to eat raw - a very healthy addition to your garden.

Please ask for more information. We are happy to give free advice on all serious enquiries so that you get the garden you really want, and the knowledge to maintain it.



An afternoon's harvest in our Forest Garden.