eastern redcedar
Juniperus virginiana

Eastern redcedar or Virginia juniper is a useful tree that is often overlooked in our landscapes. An evergreen tree with a mature height of 40 to 50 feet and 8 to 25 feet wide. Excellent for visual screens, wildlife habitat, and wind protection, this durable species will add year-round diversity to your landscape. Female trees of the species bear blue fruit adding color and wildlife food in the landscape. Multiple cultivars have been developed, but ‘Carnaertii’ is most common for its open appearance.

Native Range:

Plant Illustration by Dale Larison, Missouri Department of Conservation

Range map modified from USDA Forest Service Silvics of North America Web site

Tree City USA: A Great Base for Tree Care

Proper tree care is essential to the quality of life we all expect. Trees provide multiple benefits of shade, increased property values, aesthetics, storm water reduction, cleaner air, and others. Assets provide benefits like these and justify investments in maintenance, protection, and increases in number.

Tree City USA recognizes communities that make investments in their trees. This includes a tree ordinance, tree board or department, two dollar per resident investment, and an Arbor Day Proclamation and recognition. Annually, the tree board or department will create and fulfill an annual management plan.

Missouri Community Forestry Council Annual Conference

March 4 & 5, 2004
Holiday Inn Select Executive Center, Columbia, Missouri

The Central Region has assembled a great program for the conference. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to receive training and meet with others concerned about trees.

Don’t think you can go because you are not a member of MCFC. Nonsense! Anyone interested in participating in the organization is welcome. Membership is determined by your interest and activity in MCFC. If you can do is go to one regional meeting or the Annual Conference, that makes you a member. Thus you are wanted and welcome to come to Columbia.

Program

Kids and Trees: Green Spaces as Places to Grow - Dr. Andrea Faber Taylor, Human Environmental Research Lab, Univ. Of Illinois.

Dr. Taylor will present the latest research on the benefits of urban forests to children.

Technology for Community Forestry Managers - Jill Mahon, USDA Forest Service

Ms. Mahon will share tools to help communicate information and resources to community forestry practitioners. This will include computer tools and personal digital assistants (PDA) to collect and manipulate information. The session will end with a hands-on demonstration of PDA technology.

Awards Luncheon

Award winners of the Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence and the Missouri Forestkeepers Network will be formally recognized.

Community Forestry Bus Tour

Part I - See cable and bracing techniques on the MU campus and tour the Anheuser Busch Natural Resources Building. Part II - See what is really going on under our feet. Explore tree roots with an air spade provided by Country Club Tree Service.

Are We Planting Trees Correctly? - Mark Young, Country Club Tree Service

Mr. Young will add to the discussion started with the air spade demonstration. He will identify ways to avoid future problems and sample tree planting contract specifications.

How to Successfully Plant Bare Root Seedlings - Greg Hoss, Forest Nursery Supervisor, George O. White Nursery, MDC and Dr. Chris Starbuck, Professor, UM

Mr. Hoss and Dr. Starbuck will discuss planting methods for seedlings in urban settings.

International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist Exam

Individuals enrolled to take the exam will have the opportunity at the MDC Resource Science Center in Columbia.

The registration form is available from the MCFC web site (www.mocommunitytrees.com).

Registration is $75 when submitted by the postmark deadline of Feb. 2, 2004, $90 after Feb. 2, and $100 at the door. The Holiday Inn Select Executive Center can be reached by calling 1-573-445-8531. The group rate (code: MPRA) is $99 per night until Feb. 2.

If you have questions about the MCFC Annual Conference, contact Justine Gartner (Justine.Gartner@mdc.mo.gov) at 573-751-4115 Ext. 3116.
Book Review

_Landscape Tree Factsheets, 3rd Edition_ is full of color photos of various tree selections. Each tree highlighted has the cultivar and scientific name listed with a description of the mature size, plant parts and hardiness zone. Brief discussions of advantages and limitations of the selection, including whether appropriate for near utilities is included. The 'Index of Tree Names and Characteristics' allows quick lookup of trees that will fit a specific situation. The book is $30 from Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences and may be ordered by visiting [http://pubs.cas.psu.edu/Pubs/agrs56.html](http://pubs.cas.psu.edu/Pubs/agrs56.html).

Stopping by Woods On A Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

-- Robert Frost

January 21  
Soils, How it affects Trees Workshop, Southwest Research Center Mount Vernon, MO  
Contact: Jon Skinner, (Jon.Skinner@mcd.mo.gov) 417-629-3423, registration limited, ISA CEU's: 2.5 Hours

January 24  
TreeKeepers Class, Springfield Nature Center, Springfield, MO Contact: Ozark Greenways, 417-864-2015

February 4  
Missouri Landscape and Nursery Association’s 2004 Nuts & Bolts Short Course, Columbia, MO  
Contact: Tina Price, 573-882-4038, Municor1@missouri.edu, www.mna.org

February 11  

February 11-13  
MWISA Annual Conference, Tulsa, OK Contact: Joe Roberts (jroberts@cityoftulsa.org), 918-596-7871

February 20-22  
Springfield Lawn and Garden Show, Springfield, MO

February 25  
Branching Out - Part III, Joplin, MO Contact: Jon Skinner, (Jon.Skinner@mcd.mo.gov) 417-629-3423, registration limited, application deadline - February 11

March 2  
The ABC’s of Trees, Tree Selection & Planting workshop, Joplin, MO Contact: Jon Skinner, (Jon.Skinner@mcd.mo.gov) 417-629-3423, registration limited

March 2-5  
Missouri Park & Recreation Association Annual Conference, Columbia, MO Contact: MPRA (info@mopark.org), 573-636-3628, www.mopark.org, Registration deadline - February 2

March 4-5  
Missouri Community Forestry Conference Annual Conference, Columbia, MO Contact: Justine Gartner (Justine.Gartner@mcd.mo.gov), 573-751-4115 Ext. 3116, www.mocommunitytrees.com, Registration deadline - February 2

March 5  

March 9  
Tree Selection & Planting workshop, Stockton, MO Contact:, Jon Skinner, (Jon.Skinner@mcd.mo.gov) 417-629-3423

March 11  
Insect and Disease workshop, Joplin, MO Contact: Jon Skinner, 417-629-3423, Jon.Skinner@mcd.mo.gov, registration limited, anticipated ISA CEU’s: 4 Hours

March 25  
Insect and Disease workshop, Lamar, MO Contact: Jon Skinner, 417-629-3423, Jon.Skinner@mcd.mo.gov

March 31  
ISA Certification Exam, St. Charles, MO Contact: ISA, 217-355-9411, www.isa-arbor.org, application deadline - March 15