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I'm Marcia Lee of the Central Platte Natural Resources District in Grand Island Nebraska, and this is.. the Natural Resources Report.

With the holidays among us, spring planting is probably the last thing on your mind. One way to get started is to take advantage of all of the discounts being offered. For instance, the Central Platte NRD, is offering ten percent off of your entire order as long as it's placed before December 31st. That ten percent discount includes orders for seedlings, weed barrier and district planting.

The NRD is selling 36 species this year, including four new ones. The first new species is the Pecan Tree. Yes, it produces the same pecans that you use for pecan pie. This tree reaches a maximum height of 130 feet.

The second new tree is the Peking Lilac. Although native to China, we're having success with it here in Nebraska. It has a glossy cherry-like bark and fragrant flowers in June.

Another new species is the Black Chokeberry. This shrub reaches only 5-8 feet. Its foliage is shiny green that turns red in fall and has dark purple fruit which is used for wine making.

Last, but not least, is the Serviceberry shrub. It reaches a height of 25 feet and has edible sweet, dark purple fruits in late June.

At Central Platte, you can purchase 25 seedlings for \$16 or 100 seedlings for \$64. And don't forget that ten percent discount for ordering before December 31st. Visit our website at www.cpnrd.org. For more information, contact your local NRD.

Thank you for listening. This is Marcia Lee, keeping you informed about your natural resources and the way NRDs protect lives, protect property and protect the future.