



CHESTNUT CHAT SERIES: Chat Room
CHAT # 34: Planting American Chestnuts
DATE : Friday, March 18, 2022

Attendee	Question / Comment
Rob Stormer	I have several hundred 6-10" seedlings in my garden that I would like to share with anyone that would like to plant some non-american trees. Not sure what they are but have been told by an expert state tree professional that he thinks they are European.
Keith Crownover	What is the best way to determine if a chestnut tree is wild American Chestnut vs another variety?
Meg Wittenmyer	Where can we find the recording of this meeting if we have to drop early?
Sara Fern Fitzsimmons	Hi Meg - We put all of our recordings up on our Chestnut Chat page: https://acf.org/resources/chestnut-chat-series/ , and those are linked to our YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-729PqjDaSWNOXY_Ylo7YA/videos
John Harrington, R.A.	Is there a minimum spacing for this species? Looking to put in a formal row. to replace a row of Chinese Chestnuts, planted a century ago. They are as close as 9 feet but many are dying back
JULES	Keith, your question should be answered during this presentation but answers can also be provided at this link on our website: https://acf.org/resources/identification/
M L Allen	Just checking - is it 5 at \$35/tree, or 5 for \$35?
JULES	Hi all, if you have questions, please add them in the Q&A option (bottom of screen, to the right of the chat icon).
Shana Zimnoch	It's 5 seedlings for \$35.00
Ken Law	Hello Rob Stormer, how would I get some of those seedlings that you have?
Ernest Harris	I joined in Sept 2021 at the lowest seed level, but have not received any seeds yet. How can I find out if I am going to get them?
Cherin Marmon-Saxe	Hi Ernest, We will contact you after the chat to have a further discussion. Thank you.
Shana Zimnoch	Hi Ernest, welcome and thank you for joining! I will share your comment with Membership Manager Judy Antaramian and she will be in touch.
Rob Stormer	Email me at rstormer@eadsgroup.com about seedlings.
John Leary (Trees for the Future)	your description was just fine!
Shannon Bone	Your description was perfect, Lily. Allowed us to absorb your passion.
Judy Antaramian	sent Ernest an email.
Lisa Thomson	Shannon, I agree! Lily's enthusiasm is infectious!
Dan Lefever	Lily, are you Barbara's daughter? May I visit at Meadowview today or Tues
Greg Beem	Just fine
becky carter (she/her)	Thank you for the great presentations! What size are the wild-type seedlings when they are shipped to people who ordered them during TACF's sale?
Sara Fern Fitzsimmons	hi Becky - they are about 2' - 3' tall.
becky carter (she/her)	Thanks, Sarah.
Leslie King	It's okay to be nervous. That just means you want to do well!
John Leary (Trees for the Future)	we can see
Emily Burrell Nietering	I have 3 large chestnut trees (about as tall as a two story bldg) in a yard in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Seeds came from Dr. Dennis Fulbright from MSU in 1996. No evidence of blight yet. I sent in leaves, burs and seeds on Sept. 13, 2021 to determine what they might be. I haven't heard anything since.
John Leary (Trees for the Future)	With climate change, do we expect the range to change?
Kendra Collins	Hi M L - assume you were asking about the cost for the wild-type seedlings? For the 2022 sale it was \$35 for 5 seedlings, which included shipping.
Andrew Smith	Use of herbicide should be avoided - use thick cardboard to surround the tree with wood chips on top



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Mike Mintz	I use pots from Stewe and Sons: 4 or 6" square: https://stuwe.com/
Steve Jeffers	Mike, that's where Tom's pots came from...
Mike Mintz	Cool ! I am just a crazy amatuer
Shana Zimnoch	Hi Emily, thank you for mailing in a leaf and twig sample. Do you recall where you mailed the sample? Our website mentions it can take up to 8 weeks but there has been delay in that estimate. Apologies and thank you for bringing this to our attention. We appreciate your patience and are grateful for your time with sending in a sample. These are very helpful to our organization.
Emily Burrell Nietering	I mailed it to whoever was listed for the states closest to Michigan. I think it was Sara Fitzsimmons.
Mike Aucott	Sometimes potted seedlings have a mass of curled roots at the bottom of the container. If these can't be well spread out as you plant, I've found it's best to just cut them off so that the roots that will subsequently develop will go out and down instead of around and around.
Sara Fern Fitzsimmons	Hey Emily - Sorry - I'm super behind in getting back responses on leaf samples. I'll work on getting you a response ASAP.
Cherin Marmon-Saxe	https://acf.org/resources/tacf-fact-sheets/
Emily Burrell Nietering	Thanks, Sara.
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Debra Daugherty	When do you install the tree tube for a bare root planting? I assume the seedling needs to be a foot tall before using the tree tube.
Brad Price	EXCELLENT TALK today! Thanks to all presenters
Lisa Thomson	Thanks, Brad! Our TACF staff team are Rock Stars!
David Snyder	Sometimes the tip rots & I've had them send up a second shoot
M L Allen	You guys are amazing! Thanks for the presentations and fielding the enormous quantities of questions!
Steve Jeffers	Good job, to all the TACF Team! I have another meeting so have to leave. Thanks for another good Chestnut Chat!
wokfpack1960	Many thanks!
Mary Thayer	Thank you, great presentation, very helpful.
Lisa Thomson	Thanks for joining us, everyone! As a self-declared Black Thumb, this information is just amazing! Madame Chestnut signing off...thank you TACF Team!
Cherin Marmon-Saxe	https://acf.org/resources/chestnut-chat-series/
Andrew Renfro	Thank you for the presentation and y'all's work! - Andrew Renfro, Highlands Cashiers Land Trust
becky carter (she/her)	Thanks SO much - GREAT presentations!!
John	Thank you all! This was very informative and friendly. I'll be back in April.
Mary Lynn Selzer	Thank you!
Luz Hermida	Thanks!!
Keith Bibbee	Sara and all, I've been an ACF member for many, many years. Newsletters and website are great but this webinar was FANTASTIC! Time well spent for all presenters as well as members. I greatly appreciate the efforts of all. THANK YOU SO MUCH!
Keith Bibbee	MUCH
Andrew Smith	Super thanks