Urban Foresters Identify Ohio's Tree Needs

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Abstract. In 1995 and again in 2000, Ohio's urban foresters (vegetation managers) were surveyed by mail. An article introducing them to thirty less commonly utilized trees was mailed along with each survey. The survey was designed to determine which of 120 trees Ohio's urban foresters might be requesting five years in the future (2000 and 2005). A total of 13 tree species increased in demand 100 or more while a total of 17 tree species experienced a decrease of 100 or more in demand between 1995 and 2000. In the later 2000 survey, vegetation managers were also asked to determine if they believed that demand was decreasing or increasing for each plant they requested. Demand was rather uniformly spread across genetic families as only *Aceraceae* (17.2%) was requested more than 9% of the time.

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The challenge for nursery producers is to predict market demand 5-10 years in advance. Nursery salespersons often say that they would carry additional material if they could be assured of a market. The costs of carrying additional inventory and the uncertainties of marketing a new plant are disincentives for nurseries to produce unproven taxa. Yet despite the potential risks, the potential benefits of having "new" taxa in inventory is great. Having a new plant in high demand that is not carried by many competitors is an ideal situation for a producer.

Many cities have experienced the problem of locating the appropriate species, proper forms, and appropriate seed sources. Our office receives numerous inquiries throughout the year regarding sources for less common trees. A case in point is the City of Columbus, Ohio. Columbus was forced to establish their own nursery to produce trees that they could not obtain from the nursery industry (Low, 2001). A number of Ohio nursery owners expressed concern over a municipality using tax dollars to produce nursery stock but most of the stock produced in the Columbus city nursery was not available from commercial growers. As part of a compromise, the City of Columbus agreed to formalize their earlier decision to destroy surplus plants.

It was hoped that the survey project would accomplish several things. First, by publishing the results in both forestry and nursery publications it was hoped that the dissemination of information would help coordinate market development with nursery supply. Results of the surveys were shared with the Ohio nursery industry (Sydnor, 1996; Sydnor, D'Amato, and Struve, 2000). Second, we hoped to disseminate information on some less

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commonly grown species that had been successfully produced by the Ohio Production System (OPS) (Struve and Rhodus, 1990). The OPS is a high-efficiency, containerized plant production system developed at The Ohio State University that is currently being used by the commercial growers and the City of Columbus and is known generically as pot-in-pot production. The City of Columbus is using this technique to grow 2-5000 trees per year for the next five years for city planting. The Ohio State University campus has been a testing ground for many tree species over the last 30 years, we hoped to disseminate information about trees that have done well in campus plantings, and which the authors felt would have the potential for urban plantings. Third, we wanted to see if by disseminating information about less commonly utilized species and including such species on the survey, that urban foresters would indicate a desire to try these species in future plantings. The urban forestry group at the Ohio State University has also been monitoring the stock surveys of the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association (Anonymous 2001) to see what changes if any are occurring in the number and types of new plants in production. Finally, it was hoped that the survey would give us a general impression of the level of diversity that is being planted on city streets. The survey will also serve as a methodology exercise to find ways to improve future surveys of this type.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

We mailed diversity paper that included short descriptions promoting thirty less commonly grown trees that had either been raised in containers via the Ohio Production System (OPS) (Struve and Rhodus, 1990) or which the authors felt had a strong potential for use in urban areas. This was followed with the survey form containing a list of trees commonly produced and

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planted in Ohio plus the trees discussed in the diversity paper. The trees are listed in Table 1. Trees described in the diversity paper have common names in bold type while those not described have common names in normal type. We asked the respondents to first read the information on the less commonly grown species that was provided and then to complete the survey. The survey itself asked for a 5 year projection of planting needs; thus the 1995 survey asked for planting needs in the year 2000, and the 2000 survey for planting needs in 2005.

The authors mailed or faxed 53 surveys to the vegetation managers of cities and municipalities of various sizes throughout Ohio who were active with the Urban Forestry Section, Division of Forestry, Ohio Division of Natural Resources and who were responsible for planting trees in their jurisdiction. The vegetation managers currently employed by or working for agencies ranging from public power organizations to parks and recreation departments to non-profit organizations responded to the requests when presented.

The survey requested the following information from participants: 1.) name and address; 2.) the size of plants that they would normally purchase; 3.) an estimate of the total number of trees that their organization expected to plant in 2000 or 2005; and 4.) an estimate of the number of trees of each species that their city expected to plant in the respective year.

The 2000 survey differed from the 1995 survey in that it also asked respondents to indicate whether they felt that their city's need for a particular tree species on the list was increasing, decreasing, or remaining the same as compared with their current and past use of the

plants. This was accomplished by placing an up and down arrow next to the species and asking respondents to circle one of the arrows.

The 2000 survey asked for trees only by species, while the 1995 survey distinguished between cultivars for some species. Cultivars were dropped in favor of adding additional species during the 2000 survey. The 1995 and 2000 surveys listed a total of 120 species and cultivars (1995 survey) or species (2000 survey) of trees. Forms were then returned to Dr. T. Davis Sydnor, and Nicholas E. D'Amato for tabulation.

Tree species data were grouped according to family and then genera for genera with more than a single species and where there were more than 100 trees requested for a single genus. Trees were grouped this way because insect and disease pests often attack along genus or family lines. Trends in these broader genetic areas should give additional insight and may possibly predict future trends.

Responses for change in need were weighted 1, -1, or 0, depending on whether the respondent felt that the need was increasing, decreasing or remained the same, respectively. If the forester did not indicate a need or change in need for that tree, then no value was recorded. Results were tabulated and a "need index" created from the average of the values that were submitted. A need index of 1 indicates that all respondents requesting a particular tree expected to use more of that tree type in 2005 than they were using in 2000. An index value of 0 would indicate that, on average, need for that tree would remain steady. Negative values indicate that urban foresters expected to use fewer trees of that species. Not all respondents recorded

changing needs for trees that they were using. A weighted need index was also computed using the formula: $(\text{Need Index}/2)*(\text{Total Respondents})^2$. The weighted index adjusted the need index to account for the number of respondents who identified an anticipated change in demand for a particular tree so that. For example, a response of 6:3 (increasing to decreasing) would carry a larger weight than a response of 2:1.

At the end of the 2000 survey, we asked urban foresters to estimate the total number of plants that they thought they would be planting in the year 2005. This number was used to determine any large discrepancies in the data. Discrepancies of 10% or more were resolved by contacting the respondents by telephone to resolve the excess or shortfall of plants. This information was used either to correct the results, or to determine whether it would be constructive to include a place on future surveys for cities to include an estimate on the numbers of trees they would be growing for their own use, or for trees that they expected to be donated or funded in some other way than a direct purchase by that city. At the end of the survey respondents were given an opportunity to suggest a plant not in the list. This information will be used to construct future surveys.

Participants in both surveys were told that the survey results would be shared with the nursery industry in an attempt to encourage production of the species that they had requested. A 5-year lead-time was chosen to allow nursery producers adequate production time to have the plant on hand. Respondents were also allowed to check a box to request that a copy of the survey results be sent to them after they were published.

Finally, an inventory estimate of trees in production by Ohio nurseries was conducted. The estimate was calculated by adding up the numbers of trees that the nursery industry reported as available inventory for the year 2000. We considered the "available trees" to be trees in the size range that cities indicated they were using for new plantings. Tallying the number of newly planted trees and saleable liners that were reported yielded estimates of the number of trees available in 2005 and beyond. The numbers used were those published in the annual stock survey of the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association (Anonymous, 2001).

RESULTS

Twenty-five respondents to the 53 surveys distributed in 1995 (a 47% response rate) projected planting 17,842 trees in the year 2000. In the 2000 survey, twenty-nine communities out of the 53 polled responded to the survey for planting in 2005 (a 54% return). In two communities, two separate urban foresters responded for different units of the same community in 2005 (e.g. street trees and parks). The total number of trees requested for planting declined to 15,842 for 2005. However, the year 2005 total does not include the approximately 5,000 trees being produced by The City of Columbus, OH for outplanting in 2005 that are not being purchased from the nursery industry.

There were 26 frequently requested species (95 or more trees requested) in 11 families and 17 genera. In genera with 200 or more requests, only the *Acer, Amelanchier*, *Fraxinus,* and *Tilia* included more than one species (Table 2.). Of the seven species of *Acer* that were heavily requested, four (x *freemanii, platanoides, rubrum,* and *saccharum*) are commonly grown in Ohio while three (*campestre, tartaricum,* and *truncatum*) are less commonly grown. Other heavily

requested genera with two species in the genus included *Amelanchier (*x *grandiflora* and *laevis), Fraxinus (pennsylvanica* and *americana) and Tilia (cordata* and *tomentosa).* The remainders of the heavily requested species were the only ones in their genus. They were *Carpinus betulus, Corylus colurna, Crataegus crus-galli* var. *inermis, Evodia daniellii, Ginkgo biloba, Gleditsia triacanthos, Malus* x cultivars*, Nyssa sylvatica, Phellodendron amurense, Platanus* x *acerifolia, Pyrus calleryana, Syringa reticulata,* and *Ulmus parvifolia*. Uncommonly grown (fewer than 20 Ohio growers in 2000) but heavily requested genera included *Corylus colurna, Evodia daniellii, Nyssa sylvatica,* and *Phellodendron amurense*.

Urban foresters did not request the following species: *Acer saccharinum, Populus spp., Magnolia* x *loebneri,* and *Pteroceltis tartarinowii*. Fewer than twenty requests were received for thirteen species including *Castanea mollissima, Celtis occidentalis*, *Pterocarya fraxinifolia, Acer palmatum, Viburnum lentago, Magnolia grandiflora, Betula papyrifera, Betula populifolia,* and *Ulmus davidiana*. The reasons for the lack of popularity for these plants could result from real or imagined concerns such as poor service life, over planting, lack of familiarity with the species, or to a plant's extreme site specificity.

When comparing decreases in demand between the 1995 survey and the 2000 survey, 17 tree species declined by 100 requested trees or more. An additional 16 trees declined at least 50 requested trees. This is a reflection of the demand change from 1995 to 2000 although the substitution of a desired plant with another tree by a municipality can skew the demand as viewed by a nursery. Five of the trees that decreased in demand are heavily grown and promoted by nurseries and include *Acer rubrum, Tilia cordata, Syringa reticulata, Pyrus calleryana, and*

Gleditsia triacanthos. Trees available in abundance in nurseries are likely to be substituted for less commonly grown trees that might have been requested.

Increases in demand were also seen for plants included on both the 1995 and 2000 surveys. Eight plants increased demand by 100 trees or more and an additional seven plants increased demand by 50 plants or more. Three plants are being widely grown with more than 2000 plants estimated as available from the Ohio nursery stock survey (Anonymous, 2001). *Malus species, Acer platanoides,* and *Fraxinus americana* showed increases in demand and showed wide availability.

The survey showed notable popularity of a few genera (Table 2). There were 2719 requests for maples of various types as *Acer* was the most requested genus. This is consistent with maple's current popularity. *Fraxinus* was requested 1,325 times. *Malus* and *Tilia* were requested 792 and 777 times, respectively. *Amelanchier* and *Ulmus* were requested more than 500 times each. *Gleditsia* declined from 768 (145+623) requests for 2000 to 474 requests for 2005 while *Pyrus* decreased from 700 (80+620) to 464 during the same period. Requests for *Syringa* also declined from 587 requests for 2000 to 453 requests for 2005. Despite their decline in popularity, *Syringa*, *Pyrus* and *Gleditsia* were each requested more than 450 times.

The third most requested genus was *Quercus* with 1202 requests and 15 species listed. This is interesting since no oak species appeared in the most requested species list. This may be due in part to the fact that the genus *Quercus* contained the largest number of species within a genus. Ten oak species were requested with moderate frequency (50-189 requests Table1).

Elms are another surprisingly popular genus with 573 requests. The increased availability of Dutch elm disease resistant American elm cultivars (Valley Forge, New Harmony and Princeton) may partially explain these numbers. Another explanation is the present popularity of cold-hardy sources of *Ulmus parvifolia* in moderately cold areas such as Ohio.

Foresters have been trying to diversify for years and with some success as shown in Table 2. Only the rose, maple, and olive families contained 10% or more of total requests. Maple and rose each contained more than 17% of the requests. This could result in 30% of city's tree canopy from a single family if those plants died or were destroyed at a lower rate than another species that had been planted as frequently. Forty-five percent of the mature canopy in Akron, Ohio is already maple and is a current concern of Akron's city forester (Hahn, 2001).

Diversity among species is still good with only a single genus representing more than 9% of the requests. Acer represents 17.2% of all recorded requests both in the 1995 and 2000 surveys. Despite Akron's large maple population they still requested 785 maples or 30% of the 2605 trees they expected to be planting in 2005. Availability in nurseries was given as the reason for the concentration of maples requested by Bill Hahn (2001) despite his expressed interest in increasing diversity in Akron, OH. Hahn (2001) is working with individual nurseries to grow some unusual trees and then ordering them when they reach a plantable size in the nursery as Akron city code does not allow contract growing.

The response from Ohio urban foresters regarding, which trees they felt were increasing, decreasing or remaining stable in demand, proved interesting. While estimates of the change in demand is a qualitative measure of the frame of mind of the urban foresters who are purchasing trees, we felt that this information would be particularly useful to the nursery industry. It gives forward thinking advice and might encourage nursery production of some less commonly grown trees or give some cause for reflection where trees are being heavily planted.

Urban foresters shared their ideas as to changing needs for 103 of 120 species of trees listed in the survey for 2005 planting (Table 3). Some frequently requested plants (*Pyrus calleryana, Gleditsia triacanthos, Tilia cordata,* and *Acer rubrum*) had negative need indexes Table 3) and showed decreasing requests for 2005 planting (Table1). In contrast, *Acer platanoides, Malus spp.,* and *Acer saccharum* were said to be decreasing in demand by urban foresters (Table3) but were requested in larger numbers by them for 2005 planting (Table1). This situation may indicate a future change or result from the substitution of a plant available in nurseries for an unavailable plant that was originally requested.

Some of the plants showing the largest projected increase in demand were *Amelanchier laevis, Carpinus betulus, Corylus colurna, Eucommia ulmoides, Fraxinus americana, Phellodendron amurense, Quercus acutissima, Quercus imbricaria, Quercus robur, Syringa reticulata,* and *Ulmus americana.* They all had weighted need indexes in excess of 10 (Table 3). Interestingly only *Fraxinus americana, Phellodendron amurense*, and *Quercus acutissima* showed increases in requests between the two surveys.

Another expectation was that plants in which urban foresters indicated an increasing need would include unusual plants that were being requested on an experimental basis. Of those plants with a weighted need index greater than 10, *Amelanchier laevis, Corylus colurna, Eucommia ulmoides, Phellodendron amurense, Syringa reticulata,* and *Ulmus americana* are being introduced experimentally in some of Ohio's cities (Hahn, 2001; Low, 2001) results of the survey demonstrated a shift in the perceived demand for a number of tree species by Ohio's urban and community foresters. Among the trees showing the greatest increase in perceived demand were trees from the genera *Nyssa, Ulmus, Ostrya, Carpinus, Amelanchier, Syringa,* and *Quercus*. Some of the tree genera showing the greatest decline in demand were *Pyrus, Tilia, Acer, Gleditsia*, and *Crataegus*. Overall foresters indicated a decrease in need for 11 species of trees while they indicated an increase in need for 76 species.

There were some interesting contradictions in the results. For example, of the 11 species that foresters indicated a decreasing need for in 2005, 4 were ordered in greater numbers for 2005 than in 2000. The reverse was also true in a number of cases. There are several explanations for why this might occur. Foresters who have stopped using a particular tree (i.e. reported a 0 or blank) were unlikely to indicate a changing need for the tree. Some cities may have stopped using the tree while others are now experimenting with it. Yet another possibility is that cities are planting based on availability, they may be using more or less of a plant currently, but foresee the opposite trend for future use.

The results of the nursery stock inventory are difficult to correlate with the urban foresters survey since urban foresters only make up a part of the total market for trees. Cities may also purchase trees from out of state. There were a few noticeable shortfalls, however. *Acer tataricum, Celtis reticulata, Maclura pomifera inermis, Quercus stellata, Phellodendron*

amurense and *Ulmus wilsoniana* were shade trees that may be in short supply in 2005. Flowering trees that are projected to be in short supply for 2005 include *Amelanchier laevis, Evodia daniellii,* and *Syringa pekinensis*.

DISCUSSION

Requests for planting stock in municipal plantings shows species diversity as only *Acer* is requested more than 10% of the time. The lack of availability of uncommonly grown plant material of interest to urban vegetation managers was shared with producers that could be used to increase biodiversity with time enough for a supplier to respond by planting the plants in the nursery for sale some five years later (Sydnor, 1996; Sydnor, D'Amato, and Struve 2000). Neither urban foresters nor nursery producers are fully aware of all of the less commonly grown species that could be planted along streets in the Midwest.

Ohio's urban vegetation managers feel that they must increase species diversity and are having some success (Hahn, 2000; and Low, 2001). Still, less commonly utilized species are difficult to find and purchase. Further complicating the situation is the need for trees that can be grown beneath power lines for thirty or more years without cyclical pruning. Results of the survey were shared with the urban foresters so that each might know which plants are likely to be requested and will be in a better position to know which plants cities might include on a bid list.

Many nurseries feel that they must reduce their production risks by growing trees for which an established demand exists thus limiting the diversity of their offerings. This increases competition among nurseries for sales of popular trees and depresses prices of those trees with established demands. In contrast, competition for uncommonly grown plants is less than for the commonly grown species and the reduced competition offers opportunities for nursery producers to sell uncommonly grown trees at a price that would allow the recovery of a reasonable return on investment. The results of this survey indicate that cities are willing to experiment with new plant materials. It is not clear whether they are willing to pay a premium price for them. This may be a topic for future surveys.

This project identifies those trees that are likely to be requested in fewer numbers in the future. It also identifies trees that are likely to be requested in greater numbers in the future. More important, it identifies some less common plants that have potential demand from urban foresters. This requires that the producers' risk growing the untested species since Ohio cities do not normally allow for contract growing. Some of the trees that have been requested in this survey are ones that nurseries might not be growing. Perhaps a potential demand will encourage producers to take a risk and grow some new plants for the urban forestry community.

The results of the survey demonstrated a shift in demand for a number of tree species by Ohio's urban and community foresters. Among the genera with species showing an increase in demand of 100 or more for 2005 and beyond were trees from the genera *Acer, Aesculus, Celtis, Cercis, Cladrastis, Evodia, Maclura, Malus, Nyssa,* and *Phellodendron.* Some of the genera

with species showing declines of 100 or more for 2005 were *Acer, Amelanchier, Ginkgo, Ostrya, Prunus, Pyrus, and Quercus, Syringa, Tilia, Ulmus, Viburnum,* and *Zelkova*.

This survey is part of an ongoing project. Results from this survey will help to improve future studies on this topic by providing a basis for future comparisons. A future expansion of this project might include a survey of Ohio nurseries to identify the types of trees producers are currently planting and what trees they predict may experience increasing or decreasing demand. Urban foresters, like Bill Hahn are concerned about increasing diversity in their cities and reducing the risk of a disease that would devastate a major species such as maple. The truth is that all of us, including vegetation managers, landscape architects, and nurserymen want reduced risks, reduced costs, and an improved quality of life for the 80% of U. S's population living and working in towns and cities of more than 30,000 people.

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Table 1. Tree species and cultivars requested by Ohio urban foresters and vegetation managers for planting in 2000 and 2005 with surveys in 1995 and 2000 respectively. Where data were not collected in one survey but were in another N/A is substituted for missing data.

Scientific Name (a)	Common Name (b)	Expected Need 2000 (c)	Expected Need 2005 (d)
Acer buergeranum	**Trident Maple**	260	**194**
Acer campestre	Hedge Maple	603	**201**
Acer x *freemanii (seedlings)*	**Freeman Maple**	0	**222**
Acer x *freemanii* CULTIVARS	Freeman Maple selections	229	**N/A**
Acer ginnala	Amur Maple	268	**N/A**
Acer griseum	**Paperbark Maple**	218	**97**
Acer negundo	Boxelder	0	**N/A**
Acer palmatum	Japanese Maple	72	**6**
Acer platanoides	Norway Maple (seedling)	10	**584**
Acer platanoides CULTIVARS	Norway Maple selections	456	**N/A**
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	75	**344**
***Acer rubrum* CULTIVARS**	Red Maple selections	348	**N/A**
Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	0	**0**
Acer saccharinum CULTIVARS	Silver Maple selections	59	**N/A**
Acer saccharum	Sugar Maple	0	**310**
Acer saccharum CULTIVARS	Sugar Maple selections	262	**N/A**
Acer saccharum nigrum	Black Maple	125	**119**
Acer tataricum	**Tatarian Maple**	N/A	**366**
Acer truncatum	Purpleblow Maple	N/A	**276**
Aesculus x *carnea*	Ruby Red Horsechestnut	N/A	**118**
Aesculus glabra	Ohio Buckeye	38	**36**
Aesculus hippocastanum	Common Horsechestnut	N/A	**111**
Aesculus octandra	Yellow Buckeye	25	**31**
Alnus glutinosa	European Alder	120	**101**
Amelanchier laevis	**Allegheny Serviceberry**	1039	**307**
Amelanchier grandiflora	Bigleaf Serviceberry	N/A	**235**
Asimina triloba	**Pawpaw**	41	**119**
Betula alleghaniensis	Yellow Birch	N/A	**26**
Betula nigra	River Birch	70	**108**
Betula nigra CULTIVARS'	River Birch selections	94	**N/A**
Betula papyrifera	Paper Birch	N/A	**1**
Betula populifolia	Grey Birch	N/A	**1**
Carpinus betulus	European Hornbeam	210	**429**
Carpinus betulus CULTIVARS'	European Hornbeam selections	276	**N/A**
Carya cordiformis	**Bitternut Hickory**	62	**28**
Castanea mollissima	Chinese Chestnut	0	**4**
Celtis laevigata	Sugar Hackberry	30	**139**
Celtis occidentalis	American Hackberry	57	**12**
Celtis reticulata	**Netted Hackberry**	238	**143**
Cercidiphyllum japonicum	Japanese Katsura	180	**142**
Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	27	**158**
Chionanthus retusus	**Oriental Fringetree**	72	**69**
Cladrastis kentukea	American Yellowwood	N/A	**136**
Cornus controversa	Pagoda Dogwood	25	**N/A**
Cornus drummondi	**Drummond Grey Dogwood**	60	**29**
Cornus florida	Flowering Dogwood	9	**28**
Cornus kousa	Kousa Dogwood (Northern seed source)	105	**66**
Cornus mas	Corneliancherry Dogwood	132	**82**
Corylus colurna	Turkish Filbert	318	**296**
Cotinus obovatus	**American Smoketree**	N/A	**22**
Crataegus crus-galli var.*inermis*	Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	205	**265**
Crataegus phaenopyrum	Washington Hawthorn	10	**45**
Crataegus punctata 'Ohio Pioneer'	Ohio Pioneer Dotted Hawthorn	90	**90**
Crataegus viridis 'Winter King'	**Winter King Green Hawthorn**	112	**25**

Diospyros virginiana	**Common Persimmon**	30	**96**
Elaeagnus angustifolia	Russian-olive	0	**70**
Eucommia ulmoides	**Hardy Rubbertree**	194	**149**
Evodia daniellii	**Korean Evodia**	80	**217**
Fagus grandifolia	American Beech	N/A	**22**
Fagus sylvatica	European Beech	80	**83**
Fraxinus americana	White Ash	30	**547**
Fraxinus americana CULTIVARS	White Ash selections	442	**N/A**
Fraxinus excelsior	European Ash	80	**70**
Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Green Ash	25	**577**
***F. pennsylvanica** CULTIVARS'*	Green Ash selections	529	**N/A**
Fraxinus quadrangulata	**Blue Ash**	167	**131**
Ginkgo biloba	**Ginkgo**	344	**220**
Gleditsia triacanthos	Honeylocust	145	**474**
Gleditsia triacanthos CULTIVARS'	Thornless Honeylocust selections	623	**N/A**
Gymnocladus dioicus	Kentucky Coffeetree	140	**102**
Halesia carolina	Carolina Silverbell	145	**51**
Halesia monticola	Mountain Silverbell	N/A	**25**
Koelreuteria paniculata	**Golden Raintree** (Cold hardy source)	263	**185**
Liquidambar styraciflua	Sweetgum (Cold hardy source)	156	**135**
Liquidambar styraciflua. CULTIVARS	Sweetgum (Hardy selections)	26	**N/A**
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip Poplar	40	**44**
Maclura pomifera	**Osage-orange** (thornless males)	30	**154**
Magnolia grandiflora	Southern Magnolia	N/A	**2**
Magnolia acuminata	**Cucumbertree Magnolia**	92	**137**
Magnolia x *loebneri*	Loebner Magnolia	47	**0**
Magnolia x *soulangiana*	Saucer Magnolia	40	**25**
Magnolia stellata	Star Magnolia	5	**N/A**
Malus species	**Crabapples**	70	**792**
Malus x CULTIVARS	Disease resistant crabapples	594	**N/A**
Metasequoia glyptostroboides	Dawnredwood	88	**55**
Morus alba	White Mulberry	5	**21**
Nyssa sylvatica	Blackgum	199	**302**
Ostrya virginiana	American Hophornbeam	278	**149**
Parrotia persica	Persian Perrotia	N/A	**40**
Phellodendron amurense	Amur Corktree	120	**242**
Platanus x *acerifolia*	London Planetree	241	**268**
Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore	50	**42**
Populus x CULTIVARS	Poplar Selections and Cultivars	N/A	**0**
Prunus padus	European Bird Cherry	0	**N/A**
Prunus sargentii	Sargent Cherry	210	**64**
Prunus serotina	Wild Black Cherry	15	**62**
Prunus serrulata	Oriental Cherry	150	**31**
Ptelea trifoliata	**Waferash**	59	**20**
Pterocarya fraxinifolia	**Caucasian Wingnut**	35	**5**
Pteroceltis tartarinowii	**Tartar Wingedceltis**	30	**0**
Pterostyrax hispida	**Fragrant Epaulette tree**	N/A	**20**
Pyrus calleryana	Callery Pear	80	**464**
Pyrus calleryana CULTIVARS	**Callery Pear** selections	620	**N/A**
Quercus acutissima	**Sawtooth Oak** (Cold hardy seed source)	155	**189**
Quercus alba	White Oak	151	**36**
Quercus bicolor	**Swamp White Oak**	163	**59**
Quercus coccinea	Scarlet Oak	108	**20**
Quercus imbricaria	Shingle Oak	156	**169**
Quercus lyrata	Overcup Oak	N/A	**20**
Quercus macrocarpa	**Burr Oak**	86	**67**
Quercus marilandica	**Blackjack Oak**	N/A	**20**
Quercus muehlenbergii	**Chinquapin Oak**	150	**132**
Quercus palustris	Pin Oak (Local seed source)	64	**78**
Quercus prinus	Chestnut Oak	N/A	**25**
Quercus robur	English Oak	160	**92**
Quercus robur 'Fastigiata'	Upright English Oak	55	**N/A**
Quercus rubra	Red Oak (Cold hardy seed source)	96	**130**
Quercus shumardii	Shumard Oak (Cold hardy seed source)	150	**75**

Quercus stellata	**Post Oak**	N/A	**90**
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust	10	**80**
Salix babylonica	Weeping Willow	N/A	**20**
Sassafrass albidum	**Sassafrass**	115	**129**
Sophora japonica	**Japanese Pagodatree** (Cold hardy source)	98	**51**
Sorbus aucuparia	European Mountainash	5	**20**
Stewartia pseudocamellia	Japanese Stewartia	N/A	**25**
Syringa pekinensis	Pekin Lilac	N/A	**75**
Syringa reticulata	Japanese Tree Lilac	587	**377**
Taxodium distichum	Baldcypress	143	**169**
Tilia americana	Basswood	80	**145**
Tilia americana CULTIVARS	American Linden selections	115	**N/A**
Tilia cordata	Little-leaf Linden	378	**310**
Tilia cordata CULTIVARS	Little-leaf Linden selections	140	**N/A**
Tilia mongolica	**Mongolian Linden**	30	**30**
Tilia tomentosa	**Silver Linden**	75	**292**
Tilia tomentosa CULTIVARS	Silver Linden selections	161	**N/A**
Ulmus americana CULTIVARS	**DED tolerant American Elm**	159	**150**
Ulmus davidiana	**David Elm**	15	**5**
Ulmus parvifolia	Lacebark Elm	443	**253**
Ulmus wilsoniana	**Wilson Elm**	20	**50**
Ulmus x CULTIVARS	Hybrid Elm selections	120	**115**
Viburnum lentago	**Nannyberry**	142	**5**
Zelkova serrata	Japanese Zelkova	65	**125**
Zelkova serrata CULTIVARS	Japanese Zelkova selections	220	**N/A**
	TOTAL REQUESTS FROM SURVEYS	**17842**	**15842**

(a) Species in **bold face** have been grown successfully under the Ohio Production System (Struve et al, 1990)

(b) Species whose common names appear in bold face were described in information packages provided to urban foresters prior to responding to the survey

(c) Values are the sum of the 25 urban foresters responding to the survey in 1995

(d) Values are the sum of the 29 urban foresters responding to the survey in 2000

Table 2. Trees are listed alphabetically by family and then alphabetically by genera, where more than one species was requested in the genus or where the genus comprised 100 or more of the total requests for the 2005 planting survey. Requests for 2000 are in regular text and the 2005 requests are bolded. Families are subtotaled in italics where there were two or more genera in it. Where data were not collected in one survey but were in another N/A is substituted for missing data.

FAMILY	GENUS	COMMON	DEMAND for 2000 (a)	% DEMAND for 2000	DEMAND for 2005 (b)	% DEMAND for 2005
Aceraceae	*Acer*	Maple	3083	17.2%	**2719**	**17.2%**
Annonaceae	*Asimina*	Pawpaw	N/A	N/A	**119**	**0.8%**
Betulaceae	*Betula*	Birch	164	0.9%	**136**	**0.9%**
	Carpinus	Hornbeam	486	2.7%	**429**	**2.7%**
	Corylus	Filbert	N/A	N/A	**296**	**1.9%**
	Ostrya	Hophornbeam	278	1.5%	**149**	**0.9%**
Family Subtotal:			***928***	***5.2%***	***1010***	***6.4%***
Caprifoliacea	*Viburnum*	Viburnum	142	0.8%	**N/A**	**N/A**
Cercidiphyllaceae	*Cercidiphyllum*	Katsura	180	1.0%	**142**	**0.9%**
Cornaceae	*Cornus*	Dogwood	331	1.8%	**205**	**1.3%**
Eucommiaceae	*Eucommia*	Hardy Rubbertree	194	1.1%	**149**	**0.9%**
Fabaceae	*Cercis*	Redbud	N/A	N/A	**158**	**1.0%**
	Cladrastis	Yellowwood	N/A	N/A	**136**	**0.9%**
	Gleditsia	Honeylocust	768	4.3%	**474**	**3.0%**
	Gymnocladus	Kentucky Coffeetree	140	0.8%	**102**	**0.6%**
	Sophora	Scholartree	98	0.5%	**N/A**	**N/A**
Family Subtotal:			***1006***	***5.6%***	***870***	***5.5%***
Fagaceae	*Fagus*	Beech	N/A	N/A	**105**	**0.7%**
	Quercus	Oak	1499	8.3%	**1202**	**7.6%**
Family Subtotal*:*			***1499***	***8.3%***	***1307***	***8.3%***
Ginkgoacea	*Ginkgo*	Ginkgo	334	1.9%	**220**	**1.4%**
Hamamelidaceae	*Liquidambar*	Sweetgum	182	1.0%	**135**	**0.9%**
Hippocastanaceae	*Aesculus*	Buckeye	63	0.4%	**296**	**1.9%**
Lauraceae	*Sassafras*	Sassafras	115	0.6%	**129**	**0.8%**
Magnoliaceae	*Magnolia*	Magnolia	87	0.5%	**164**	**1.0%**
Moraceae	*Maclura*	Osage-orange	N/A	N/A	**154**	**1.0%**
Nyssaceae	*Nyssa*	Blackgum	199	1.1%	**302**	**1.9%**
Oleaceae	*Fraxinus*	Ash	1273	7.1%	**1325**	**8.4%**
	Syringa	Lilac	587	3.3%	**452**	**2.9%**
Family Subtotal*:*			***1860***	***10.4***	***1777***	***11.2%***
Platanaceae	*Platanus*	Planetree	291	1.6%	**310**	**2.0%**
Rosaceae	*Amelanchier*	Serviceberry	1039	5.8%	**542**	**3.4%**
	Crataegus	Hawthorn	417	2.3%	**425**	**2.7%**
	Malus	Crabapple	664	3.7%	**792**	**5.0%**
	Prunus	Cherry	375	2.9%	**157**	**1.0%**
	Pyrus	Pear	700	3.9%	**464**	**2.9%**
	Evodia	Evodia	N/A	N/A	**217**	**1.4%**
	Phellodendron	Corktree	120	0.7%	**242**	**1.5%**
Family Subtotal*:*			***3315***	***18.5%***	***2839***	***17.9%***
Salicaceae	*Alnus*	Alder	120	0.7%	**101**	**0.6%**
Sapindaceae	*Koelreuteria*	Golden Raintree	283	1.6%	**185**	**1.2%**
Styraceae	*Halesia*	Silverbell	145	0.8%	**N/A**	**N/A**
Taxodiaceae	*Taxodium*	Baldcypress	143	0.8%	**169**	**1.1%**
Tiliaceae	*Tilia*	Linden	979	5.4%	**777**	**4.9%**
Ulmaceae	*Celtis*	Hackberry	325	1.8%	**294**	**1.9%**
	Ulmus	Elm	757	4.2%	**573**	**3.6%**
	Zelkova	Zelkova	285	1.6%	**125**	**0.8%**

Family Subtotal:	***1377***	***7.6%***	***995***	***6.3%***
TOTALS	**17,965**		**15,842 [c]**	

(a) 25 urban foresters from 25 communities responding to the 1995 survey
(b) 29 urban foresters from 27 communities responding to the 2000 survey
(c) Does not include 5,000 trees being grown by the City of Columbus that will not be purchased from the nursery industry

Table 3. Plants for which urban vegetation managers indicated an increasing or decreasing demand by their unit for 2005 planting are listed alphabetically by scientific name.

Species	Need Index [1]	Weighted Index [2]
Acer buergeranum	1.000	8.00
Acer campestre	0.000	0.00
Acer griseum	0.000	0.00
Acer palmatum & Cultivars	-1.000	(-1.00)
Acer platanoides & Cultivars	-0.333	(-13.50)
Acer rubrum & Cultivars	-0.111	(-4.50)
Acer saccharinum & Cultivars	-1.000	-0.50
Acer saccharum & Cultivars	-0.111	(-4.50)
Acer saccharum nigrum	1.000	4.50
Acer tartaricum	1.000	4.50
Acer truncatum	1.000	8.00
Acer x *freemanii*	0.500	4.00
Aesculus hippocastanum	1.000	2.00
Aesculus octandra (flava)	1.000	0.50
Aesculus x carnea	1.000	4.50
Alnus glutinosa	1.000	4.50
Amelanchier laevis	0.750	24.00
Amelanchier x *grandiflora*	1.000	8.00
Asimina triloba	1.000	4.50
Betula nigra & Cultivars	1.000	2.00
Carpinus betulus & Cultivars	0.750	24.00
Carya cordiformis	1.000	0.50
Celtis laevigata	1.000	2.00
Celtis reticulata (douglasii)	1.000	4.50
Cercidiphyllum japonicum	0.500	4.00
Cercis canadensis	1.000	4.50
Chionanthus retusus	1.000	2.00
Cladrastis kentukea	1.000	4.50
Cornus drummondi	1.000	0.50
Cornus florida	1.000	0.50
Cornus kousa	1.000	2.00
Corylus colurna	1.000	12.50
Crataegus crus-galli var.inermis' '	0.429	10.50
Crataegus phaenopyrum	-0.333	(-1.50)
Crataegus punctata & Cultivars	1.000	0.50
Diospyros virginiana	1.000	4.50
Elaeagnus angustifolia	1.000	0.50
Eucommia ulmoides	1.000	18.00
Evodia daniellii	1.000	2.00
Fagus grandifolia	1.000	0.50
Fagus sylvatica & Cultivars	1.000	4.50
Fraxinus americana & Cultivars	0.333	13.50
Fraxinus excelsior	-1.000	(-2.00)
Fraxinus quadrangulata	1.000	8.00
Fraxinus pennsylvanica & Cultivars	0.600	7.50
Ginkgo biloba	1.000	4.50
Gleditsia triacanthos & Cultivars	-0.333	(-13.50)
Gymnocladus dioicus	0.500	4.00
Halesia carolina	1.000	2.00
Koelreuteria paniculata	1.000	8.00
Liquidambar styraciflua & Cultivars	0.000	0.00
Liriodendron tulipifera	1.000	2.00
Maclura pomifera inermis	1.000	8.00
Magnolia acuminata & Cultivars	1.000	12.50
Malus spp. & Cultivars	-0.111	(-4.50)
Metasequoia glyptostroboides	1.000	4.50
Morus alba & Cultivars	1.000	0.50
Nyssa sylvatica	1.000	40.50
Ostrya virginiana	1.000	18.00
Parrotia persica	1.000	0.50
Phellodendron amurense	1.000	12.50
Platanus occidentalis	0.500	4.00
Platanus x Xacerifolia	0.600	7.50
Prunus sargentii	1.000	8.00
Prunus serrulata	1.000	4.50
Prunus virginiana	1.000	0.50
Ptelea trifoliata	1.000	0.50
Pterocarya fraxinifolia	1.000	0.50
Pterostyrax hispida	1.000	0.50
Pyrus calleryana & Cultivars	-0.333	(-24.00)
Quercus acutissima	1.000	12.50
Quercus alba	1.000	8.00
Quercus bicolor	1.000	4.50
Quercus coccinea	1.000	2.00
Quercus imbricaria	1.000	12.50
Quercus lyrata	1.000	0.50
Quercus macrocarpa	1.000	2.00
Quercus muehlenbergii	1.000	8.00
Quercus palustris	0.000	0.00
Quercus prinus	1.000	0.50
Quercus robur & Cultivars	1.000	12.50
Quercus rubra	0.200	4.50
Quercus shumardii	1.000	4.50
Quercus stellata	1.000	4.50

Robinia pseudoacacia	1.000	0.50
Salix babylonica	1.000	0.50
Sassafrass albidum	1.000	8.00
Sophora japonica	0.333	1.50
Sorbus aucuparia	1.000	2.00
Stewartia pseudocamellia	1.000	0.50
Syringa pekinensis	1.000	4.50
Syringa reticulata	1.000	18.00
Taxodium distichum	0.667	12.00
Tilia americana & Cultivars	0.333	1.50

Tilia cordata & Cultivars	-0.500	(-16.00)
Tilia mongolica & Hybrids	1.000	4.50
Tilia tomentosa & Cultivars	1.000	8.00
Ulmus americana & Cultivars	1.000	18.00
Ulmus parvifolia	1.000	3.50
Ulmus wilsoniana	1.000	0.50
Ulmus x & Cultivars	1.000	8.00
Viburnum lentago	1.000	0.50
Zelkova serrata	1.000	4.50

1. Need index: average of responses where 1= increasing need, 0=no change and -1=decreasing need over the next 5 years.
2. Weighted Index (Need Index/2)*(Total Respondents)^2 Used to order the results. The weighted index gives greater weight to those trees where more respondents answered.
3. Number of Respondents who indicated an increasing need for the tree.
4. Number of Respondents who indicated a decreasing need for the tree.
5. Total number of plants requested for planting in 2005 by all of the 27 communities who responded, regardless of whether they indicated an increasing or decreasing need.