

## **Bird Hunters: Brush up on Your Native Shrubs for Better Habitat**

### **State Forest Nursery and Sportsman's Warehouse team up for the Upland Game Bird Specialty Packet**

October's Upland Game Bird Specialty packet will include 50 bonus seedlings, and the first 20 orders will receive a \$25 gift card from [Sportsman's Warehouse](#) to spruce up your outdoor gear. The Upland Game Bird Specialty packet creates winter cover and food source for pheasant, quail and wild turkey. It will only be offered through October 30, and includes a bonus 50 seedlings.

Each month, the State Forest Nursery will create a different specialty packet which will offer a unique mix of species available only that month.

Orders of the Upland Game Bird Specialty packet through the State Forest Nursery will receive a custom packet of 250 bare-root seedlings (for the price of 200 seedlings). The seedlings are between 8 and 24 inches, depending on the tree or shrub species. Cost of the Upland Game Bird Specialty Packet is \$110, plus tax, shipping and handling.

Packets include:

- 50 wild plum; important winter cover and food source for pheasant and quail
- 50 gray dogwood; winter cover and food source for wild turkey, pheasant and quail
- 50 white spruce; Winter cover for pheasant and quail
- 50 bur oak; a primary food source for wild turkey
- And a bonus 50 pin oak; preferred food source for both turkey and ducks

To take advantage of this offer, visit [www.iowadnr.com/nursery](http://www.iowadnr.com/nursery) . or call the State Forest Nursery at 1-800-865-2477 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Just mention the "Upland Game Bird packet." This specialty packet is only available until October 30, 2015. Look for a new specialty packet announcement on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Multi-row shelterbelts of conifers and shrubs are vitally important for pheasant survival during severe winters. Such cover can consist of eastern red cedars and spruces, nearly any kind of native, low-profile shrubs, and even willow thickets.

Order your winter cover at the state forest nursery at [www.iowadnr.com/nursery](http://www.iowadnr.com/nursery) , and check out Sportsman's Warehouse at [www.sportsmanswarehouse.com](http://www.sportsmanswarehouse.com)

Anyone can purchase seedlings from the Iowa State Forest Nursery for CRP projects, to increase wildlife habitat, pollinator potential, or diversify backyard woodlands. More than 40 species are offered. Seedling choices, including photos and descriptions, can be seen in the Seedling Catalog at [www.iowadnr.com/nursery](http://www.iowadnr.com/nursery)

For more information about any of the monthly specials, contact the Iowa DNR State Forest Nursery at 1-800-865-2477.