

Holiday Decorating with Native Plants

Bring small potted native evergreens into your home for holiday decorations. You can safely keep a live potted tree in the house, in a cool location, for up to 10 days. After that, it should be moved outside. Trees can be planted after the holidays up until the ground freezes solid, or else held over in pots in a sheltered area or heeled into the ground until spring planting.

Native plants to use for holiday decoration

Trees: eastern white pine, Canaan fir/balsam fir, eastern red cedar, American holly, Canadian hemlock, magnolia

Shrubs: red twig dogwood, winterberry holly, red and black chokeberry, northern bayberry, coral honeysuckle, rhododendron, inkberry, highbush cranberry, American beautyberry, staghorn sumac, swamp rose, American bittersweet, mountain laurel, Virginia rose

Other material: Christmas fern, partridgeberry, wintergreen, pine cones, acorns, hickory nuts, alder cones, osage orange, buckeyes, persimmon, milkweed pods, Indian grass, clematis

An article to read about keeping decorations safe for birds: <https://www.audubon.org/news/how-bird-friendly-are-your-holiday-decorations>

Here are some ideas:



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