

## Wonderful, irreplaceable trees - a good strategy

Trees are great. There are 25 or more reasons why they're so good. Tree workshops, educators, and outside organizations have taught children, too, about the attributes of trees. Needless to say, you might need some, as well. But which ones? There are so many. First, you must consider your needs, then a good strategy for planting.

Here's an idea that was proposed to us, and experience says it makes sense: "Place largest trees in the back of your lot."

Large trees include native hardwoods. You might want to consult Douglas Tallamy's book, "Bringing nature Home," or see INSECTS on the Home page for this. It includes all the large, native trees in order. And then, edible trees including pecans, persimmons, mulberries and walnuts. To plan a homestead orchard, pear trees or standard fruit trees would be in this area, too.

A lower tree area would include dwarf fruit trees see which fruit trees do well in your area is to see crabapples, plums and figs. Why look and see? error -- a mistake you won't want to make. When visit and find out for yourself.

The next area would be shrubs, which make a berries and fruits (like blueberries, raspberries, birds, butterflies, native plants -- you name it. If on paper, you'll be ready, when you see exactly plant. It's what you'd like around your home.



and some nuts, like hazelnuts. The best way to what local farmers have. Our area supports Planting the wrong fruit tree can be a long term talking to stores or .orgs, ask for actual places to

great hedgerow, too. Think not only about paw paws,) but what your focus is: food, beauty, you put all your needs and wants roughly down the right tree, bush, or someone gives you a

Extra thoughts would be where to have the vegetable garden, or herbs and roots, etc. Keep water and sun in mind, as they develop.

Then be sure to tell us, if you have something to share -- we'd love to hear from you. Home to submit at <http://www.iredellwatch.org>.

