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I can't find some of the trees I need!

As the season comes to an end, some of the normal supplies of trees are coming up short at the nursery, and then comes the Big Question... "What do I do?" Well, that is where asking questions of the sales staff comes in handy. First, the tree might be in low supply and fall digging has yet to start. One example is with pear right now. Pear can be dug both spring and fall, but at this point they haven't completely set bud and cannot be dug. So, you need to have an ace up your sleeve and use a substitute, such as Cornus mas 'Golden Glory'.



In some ways 'Golden Glory' is similar to the pear: in size it will become 20' to 25' tall and about 15' wide when mature. But look at what else it can do for you: instead of the small white flower, you get a bright yellow flower, at about the same time. Also it bears a red colored fruit that is a bright cherry color and is edible. Another part to add with this is that it is considered a 4-season type of plant. That is because of the bark, it is not a smooth bark like a pear but it has an exfoliating bark that gives you something to look at during those dreaded winter months.

Another option for you if you cannot find the sub that could help you out is to see if you can get a potted tree. Now remember this only holds true normally for a smaller caliper, around 2" or 2 1/2", or for up to about a 10' or maybe even 12' clump tree. But as some of you have seen, we do get those in during the summer. Pot-grown trees are becoming more available, extending the season for growers during that window when trees cannot be dug.



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