

# Mountain Ash

*Sorbus americana*

-The Mountain Ash very well may be one of the most beautiful native trees in North Central Wisconsin. It only gets to heights of 30 feet in full sun.

-It is a proven winner at our restoration sites.

-The Mountain Ash is a very versatile tree. It can grow in the rich soil of woodlands, or in low-nutrient sphagnum bog margins along with Black Spruce and Tag Alder.

-For best results, do not plant Mountain Ash in a wide-open lawn, since this is just an invitation to Sawflies. Instead plant it along with Paper Birch, Staghorn Sumac, and Black Cherry.

-If you are a bird enthusiast, I highly recommend the Mountain Ash. I will never forget the spring day when I was attending college at UW- Stevens Point, and I watched Cedar Waxwings sitting in the Mountain Ash tree outside my dorm window, while they were doing their courting behavior, (which is called tidbitting). I literally watched them for hours, and I was supposed to be studying for my final exams. The courtship behavior was fantastic. The male Cedar Waxwing would take a berry from the Mountain Ash and hop towards the female, give the berry to her, and then hop back. She would not eat the berry. She would then hop toward the male and give him the same berry back. Then she would hop back. Then the male would start the cycle over again. Those two birds did that with the same berry for hours. It very well could have been one of the coolest things that I have ever seen in my entire life, but then again, I don't get out much.



**It isn't pollution that is hurting the environment,  
it's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it.**

**-Dan Quayle**