



## News Release

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### **WET WEATHER EXTENDS TREE-PLANTING SEASON**

The Georgia Forestry Commission has extended its seedling delivery season through March 15, due to a wetter and cooler than normal winter.

According to the GFC, soil moisture and air temperature have a critical effect on seedling survival. In most years, Georgia starts getting warmer and drier days in late February and early March, which signals the end of the tree planting season. However, the current 'el nino' conditions should make the weather favorable for an additional few weeks. The GFC will continue to take orders and make deliveries to county offices through March 15, which will help landowners who have not been able to plant yet.

While many species are sold out, the Flint River Nursery still has ample supplies of loblolly, slash, virginia and longleaf pines. For landowners interested in mast-producing species, there are sawtooth and water oaks. Wax myrtle and hairy lespedeza are available to enhance quail and game bird habitat. In urban settings, baldcypress is an attractive alternative that is well adapted to the difficult air and soil conditions that may be present. Crepe myrtle and red cedar are also available to enhance a variety of landscapes.

For more information about GFC seedlings and planting trees, visit [GaTrees.org](http://GaTrees.org).

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