

Early Delivery from Heronswood

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Like clockwork I received my shipment of hardy perennials, one deciduous tree and more than dozen conifers (dwarf and otherwise) from Heronswood Nursery on March 20th—exactly as promised. This, of course, is foolishly early, but it was not the first shipping date offered, so I went for it. I re-potted everything per directions on arrival.

This is the second time I've ordered from Heronswood with a March shipping date and all of those plants (mostly willows) managed fine, with time in the garage and front hall before I finally planted them.

This batch of perennials are well up, the tree is leafing out and all the conifers have soft new growth. This year I actually planted two conifers during that mid-April hot spell, as well as a shipment of "green" snowdrops from Hitch Lyman's Temple Nursery in the Finger Lakes area of NY state. They're doing fine, as is everything else, but I am exhausted—and so is my patience—from schlepping a dozen pots in and out of the front hall for more than a month.

Does that mean I won't accept a March shipping date again? Don't be silly.

—Linda Brazill