

NEW at Morrell Sanctuary

Create a growing memory - Plant a seedling tree!

Planting trees, to mark unique moments with an enduring reminder, has long been part of our culture. It's not surprising, since few other, rather small efforts, will have such a big long-term impact as a healthy tree seedling, with room to grow inside a forest. And at Morrell Sanctuary our forest is protected in perpetuity!

Why do we offer to plant a tree for you?

We offer to plant individual trees inside the Sanctuary now, because we are losing mature Cedars due to increasing heat and summer drought. We want to fill those openings - if there is no natural regeneration already - with more resilient native tree species over time again. Hopefully, only small patches throughout the Sanctuary will need our help!

Most suitable seedlings will be purchased from a reputable local nursery. Though whenever possible, we will take seedlings from thickets within the Sanctuary. This will give more space for the remaining youngsters but also supplies the best adapted and least stressed seedlings for replanting. We do have experienced volunteers for this work, including a retired professional forester, to help us to choose a tree species best suited for a certain location.

Will I know where my tree is located?

Yes, you can attend and help at planting, which will happen during the cool season; we also will install an untreated wooden name sign and will record the GPS coordinates on our map.

How much will it cost me to sponsor a "Growing Memory"?

We are thankful to you for considering helping us fill gaps in the Sanctuary's tree canopy, caused mainly by a warming climate. It will take considerable effort by our volunteers for planting, eventual watering, plus the location marking of each seedling. There are also substantial differences in the prices of native tree seedlings, depending on species and sizes and how they are rooted (pots, plugs or bare roots). Considering all the factors above, we are asking for \$100 for planting a common species, in a one-gallon pot size. For larger trees in larger pots we ask for triple the price of the seedling. We also have volunteers experienced in forestry tree plugs planting, please talk to us if you have sources and prices of such seedlings. This would be especially helpful, if we ever have to replant any larger patches.