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### The Sunday Short Read

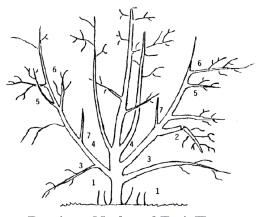
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#### A Good Time to Cut Out Unwanted Trees/Shrubs

You may notice leaves are still absent from our deciduous trees. It won't be long until you can't see what's what with the spring green up. Pictured to the left is a tree that you should prune out of your landscape now. It's the callery pear, better known by a named cultivar widely planted in the 1960's called the Bradford Pear. This now invasive tree was initially bred to be thornless, but cross-pollination has led to many having large thorns able to puncture tractor tires. To learn more about this tree and how to identify it, click link below from Penn State.

Callery or Bradford Pear: Accurate Identification



#### Pruning a Neglected Fruit Tree

If you have an old fruit tree in need of some TLC, consider the steps listed in the publication linked at the bottom. Now's a good time to inspect your tree for proper structure. Of note, sunlight penetration into the canopy is key to a healthy productive fruit tree.

https://tiny.utk.edu/PruningFruitTrees



#### Reserve Trees from the TEC!

Looking to start some bareroot native trees? Check out what the TN Environmental Council is offering at the link below.

https://www.tectn.org/tennesseetreeday.html

## FRANKLIN COUNTY ROW CROP MEETINGS

#### Weed Management & Soil Nutrients - 02/19/24

Row Crop meetings in Franklin County start Tuesday at the UT Extension Office. Our first two speakers will be Dr. Larry Steckel and Dr. Robert Florence presenting on Weed Management Challenges and Opportunities with Resistance and Regulations -and- Soil Nutrient Mobility & Impacts on Fertilizer Recommendations. Of note, producers now have the option to attend individual meetings for \$15 or \$50 for all four meetings. For more info and to RSVP, contact our office at 931-967-2741. Full flyer available at the link below.

https://tiny.utk.edu/FCRowCropMeetings



Extension Publications - Timely & Relevant -

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Wheat Production Guide (PB576)

Best Management Practices for Pruning Landscape Trees, Shrubs and Ground Covers PB 1619

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