

**Paper Birch** is the iconic New England tree long favored among Native Americans and early fur trappers for sleek, sturdy and lightweight watercraft and is the state tree of New Hampshire.

It is shallow rooted and grows at a medium to fast rate of 13-24" per year to a height of 50-70'.

It prefers four - six hours of direct unfiltered sunlight each day and grows well in large variety of soils: acidic, loamy, moist, sandy, well-drained and clay. It has some drought tolerance.

These trees prefer a location where the soil is cool and moist while exposing the canopy to ample sunlight.

The Paper Birch has a smooth white bark that curls and peels when it matures and its leaves turn bright yellow in the fall. Its seeds, buds, flowers and leaves provide food for a wide variety of animals.

This is a **Paper Birch** seedling for you in celebration of Earth Day 2020 to help replenish our natural world. It is a gift from the Millerton/North East Climate Smart Task Force.

Thank you for planting it.

Perhaps it can be planted as a tribute to those who have suffered this spring from the impact of COVID-19. Planting a seedling is a statement of hope and resilience for our community and belief in a healthy future.

Please plant it carefully and water it every day for the first week, every other day for the second week, and then every week for its first season. Protect it with a covering to keep animals from nibbling on it.



**Paper Birch**  
(Betula Papyrifera)

# Bare Root Planting Guide

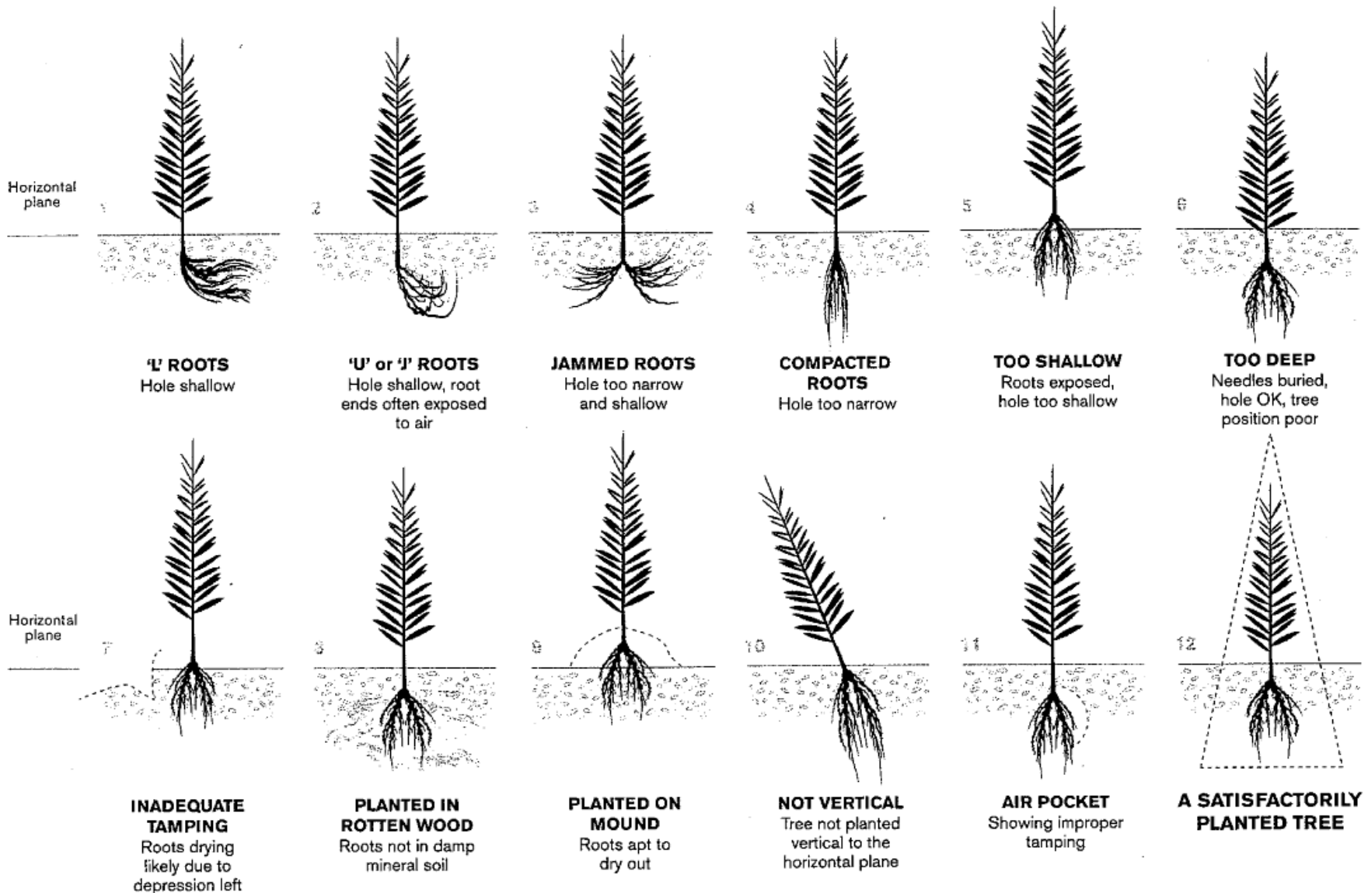


Fig. 40. Illustrates mistakes to be avoided when planting bare root seedlings. (Adapted from US Forest Service).