



The Green Legacy Seed Collecting Guidelines For Volunteers

We value the efforts of our volunteers!

In order to make the most of your contributions please read and follow the following guidelines.

What to Collect:

**indicates more challenging species to find a healthy or non-hybridized specimen in a natural environment.*

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| ✓ American Elm* | ✓ Birch – paper, yellow | ✓ Oaks – red, white, bur |
| ✓ Maple – sugar, silver*, red | ✓ Sumac – staghorn and fragrant | ✓ Black Walnut |
| ✓ Elderberry – common and red | ✓ Hoptree* | ✓ Butternut* |
| ✓ Serviceberry | ✓ Ohio Buckeye* | ✓ Kentucky Coffee tree* |
| ✓ Black Currant | ✓ Tulip-Tree* | ✓ Honey Locust* |
| ✓ Cherry – black and choke | ✓ Wild Plum | ✓ Black Locust |
| ✓ Dogwood – alternate, red osier, silky, grey | ✓ Hickory – bitternut and shagbark | ✓ Redbud |
| | ✓ Ninebark | ✓ Ironwood |
| | ✓ Nannyberry | ✓ Hackberry |

Other native species may also be acceptable. Please let us know if you have access to species not listed.

When to Collect:

The following table is a general guideline to know when to begin acquiring seeds from these species.

Month	Species
May	American Elm, Red Maple, Silver Maple
June	Red Elderberry
Early July	Serviceberry
Late July	Black Currant, Alternate Dogwood, Red Osier Dogwood, Fragrant Sumac
Early August	Wild Plum, Silky Dogwood, Choke Cherry
Mid August	Paper Birch, Grey Dogwood, Red Osier Dogwood,
Late August	Common Elderberry, Nannyberry, Black Cherry, Ninebark
Early September	Butternut, Tulip-Tree
Mid September	Yellow Birch, Black Walnut, Ironwood, Hoptree
Late September	Sugar Maple, Ohio Buckeye, Bitternut Hickory, Shagbark Hickory, White Oak, Bur Oak, Red Oak, Staghorn Sumac

Month	Species
Early October	Hackberry, Redbud, Honey Locust
Late October	Black Locust
November	Kentucky Coffeetree

General Collecting:

1. Attain permission from the property owner before you collect

NOTE: The collection of plant and animal material is generally NOT permitted on Conservation Authority land. The Green Legacy has existing relationships with local Conservation Authorities. Please contact The Green Legacy prior to seeking permission from Conservation Authorities.

2. Positively identify the tree before collecting

If you are uncertain:

- take a small seed sample to identify; **OR**
- collect a small amount and keep it separate from other known seeds; **OR**
- refrain from collecting it entirely

3. Check that your seeds are ripe and healthy
4. Only collect where you are comfortable working

Ethics:

1. Collect maximum 20% of the fruit and seeds from any one plant. This will ensure enough seed is left to allow for natural regeneration and to provide food for wildlife.
2. Collect from healthy specimens. If a tree/plant looks weak or diseased **do not** collect from it – the extra stress may be harmful.
3. Collect from a variety of trees/plants to maintain genetic diversity.
4. Respect the habitat you are collecting from. Avoid disturbing the collection site and take precautions to minimize the spread of weeds.

Helpful Tools:

To make collecting more enjoyable, it's best to go prepared. Consider bringing the following:

Containers

- Buckets – good for nuts or large quantities
- Plastic bags or containers – good for moist seeds
- Paper bags or envelopes – good for dry fruit and seeds

Reaching Device

- long pole with hook – to aid in lowering higher branches

Other

- Gloves – to protect your hands from prickles and stains
- Writing utensil – preferably pencil or permanent marker
- Pruners
- Berry picker

Storing and Transport:

Properly storing collected seed is very important. In order to maintain the maximum yield from collected seed, please submit your seeds as soon as possible.

****Please remember - Avoid letting seed over-heat or freeze. (this often occurs in vehicles)****

Seeds may be delivered to the following locations:

Updated July 2020 to reflect current Covid 19 Protocols

Green Legacy Tree Nursery

6714 Wellington Rd 34

Puslinch, ON

T 519.546.2228

Drop-off Hours:

Monday – Friday 9am – 3:30pm

(appointment required)

Elora & Fergus Tourism Office

10 E Mill St

Elora, ON

T 519.846.9691 ext. 382

Drop-off Hours:


Daily 11am – 4pm

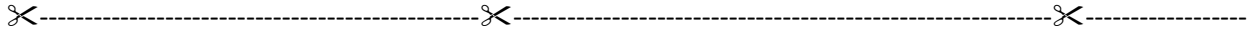
Record Keeping:


It's important to keep accurate records. When submitting seed to The Green Legacy Programme, please include the following information with each species:

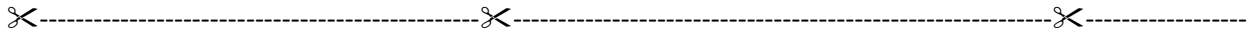
- Species Collected
- Name of Collector
- Collection Date
- Location – seed zone, town, or address (be as specific as you can)
- Number of Bags/Containers


Please use the slips on the following page to include your information.

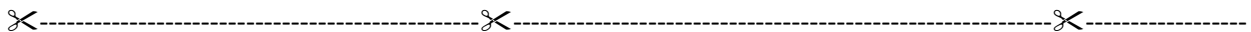
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