



Seed Collector Volunteer: Job Description

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Reports to: Tree Nursery Assistant

The Green Legacy Tree Nursery's primary function is to grow and distribute 160,000+ seedlings and potted stock annually. We could not do this without the assistance of our many volunteers. Seed Collector Volunteers support our organizational goals by doing the following:

1. Sourcing and collecting seeds to grow into nursery tree stock.
2. Supporting the propagation and maintenance of the Green Legacy Nursery trees.

Tasks may include:

- Seed Sourcing – *letting us know where native trees are located*
- Seed Forecasting – *checking seed quality, quantity, and maturity*
- Seed Collecting – *collecting seeds from trees/shrubs*
- Seed Cleaning – *separating seeds from debris and/or preparing seeds for stratification*

Please note that the tasks listed above may vary depending on the season and the needs of the nursery.

Volunteers will be asked to track and provide their number of volunteer hours to the Green Legacy Community Outreach Coordinator.

Some Benefits of Volunteering with Us

- ✓ interpersonal growth by communicating and working with other volunteers and staff
- ✓ develop experience and skills involved in tree propagation processes
- ✓ gain knowledge of how to identify, propagate, and care for a variety of tree species

Minimum Qualifications

- Passion for the natural environment
- Interest in learning about trees and seeds, their propagation, and specific care needs.
- Able to complete moderate physical activity
- Willingness to work independently

Hours, Wheelchair Accessibility, Transportation

- Volunteer hours for Seed Collectors are extremely flexible because collecting takes place offsite and is not confined to the operating hours of the nurseries. The demand for collecting will vary by species and change throughout the season. Day, Evening, Weekday, and Weekend opportunities are possible.
- Accessibility is collection site specific.
- Although possible to collect seeds while walking, access to personal transportation is highly recommended, as some seeds must be delivered to the nursery in a timely manor.

Volunteers may request for transportation to and from organized seed collection outings, however this provision is entirely dependent on scheduling and availability of staff and vehicles.