



Collection Planning Considerations

To make your event as successful as possible, consider these questions:

- Where should I host the collection site? Choose a site that is accessible to volunteers and be aware of any safety hazards.
- What kinds of trees are at the site? Choose an area that has good stock of healthy looking trees of the [species needed for Growing Native](#).
- Will I need permission to collect seeds from the site? If so, from whom?
- When will the seeds fall? It is best to collect seeds as soon as they fall so that they are ripe, but before insects burrow into them.
- When is the best day for our collection, and what is the best time of day? Consider scheduling a back-up day in case it rains.
- Who will volunteer and how will I contact them? Consider recruiting neighbors, your local community association, co-workers, or others.
- How many volunteers can the collection site support? As a general guideline, a 20-person limit should protect the site and make your collection more enjoyable for all involved.
- Where is the closest drop-off location? Will I be able to transport the seeds to this location or recruit another volunteer to do so? May I have to arrange a pick-up by the *Growing Native* coordinator? If so, plan ahead by emailing coordinator@growingnative.org.
- Would I like to try to get local media to come to the event to raise awareness of my organization? If so, plan well in advance.
- Will I need to request additional materials or support from the *Growing Native* coordinator? See the "Site Organizer Checklist" for a list of those items that you will receive in your standard site leader kit.

Need help? Visit www.growingnative.org or contact the Growing Native coordinator at coordinator@growingnative.org.