

Ontario's Natural Selections

Certified Seed Collector **2011** Workshops

Presented by



The Ontario Tree Seed Plant
OMNR



Participants will learn about:

Woody Plant Seed Biology - forecasting, collection, handling, processing and storage
Marketing - logistics of documenting, certifying and selling quality, source-identified seed

This program is dedicated to increasing the supply of locally adapted seed of native woody species for planting in Ontario. Seed collectors are the crucial first link in the chain of people who provide customers with planting material. In southern Ontario it is complicated by many variables - over 100 native trees and shrubs, infrequent seed years, uncertain markets and small operators in a private sector. Growers are not consistently able to get the native species seed they need. And some have commented that seed can be of poor quality, mis-identified by species and of unidentified source. In some cases collectors can get good seed but need help finding a market. **Climate change is another factor that makes collection of high quality, source-identified seed more important than ever to support long term seed banking and strategic assisted migration efforts.** Along with the seed biology information, participants will be trained in the science and logistics of collecting and marketing seed.

Signing a Code of Ethics and passing an exam (>70%) makes participants **Certified Seed Collectors** (CSC), able to report source-identified seedlots with **Ontario's Natural Selections** seed source certification program.

2011 Workshops @ the OMNR Ontario Tree Seed Plant, Angus (20 minutes west of Barrie)

Mandatory Day 1 Indoor Session, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm **Tues, June 21st OR Monday, August 15th**
Mandatory Day 2 Collection Field* Day, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm **Tuesday, August 16th**
Optional Day Early Forecasting Field* Day, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm **Wednesday, June 22nd**

* - On Field Days bring note pad, camera, binoculars, jack knife or secateurs & field clothes (incl. gloves)

Minimum participants =15, Maximum = 30, Confirmation will be sent out by May 20 and July 15.

Cost: \$100/day - Workshop fees will cover
Seed Manual of Ontario (\$25), Insect Manual (\$20), handouts, daily lunch & refreshments
CSC Registration after mandatory days attendance, >70% on exam, & signed Code of Ethics

To register for 2011 CSC workshop, contact Trees Ontario

Toll Free: 1-877-646-1193 or via email at info@treesontario.on.ca
by May 6 for the June/Aug workshop and by July 8 for the August workshop.

Full payment required in advance by Cheque (payable to Trees Ontario) or by credit card (Mastercard, VISA)

Please indicate which day you wish to attend

Mandatory Day 1	Indoor Study Session:	Tuesday, June 21	OR	Monday, August 15
Mandatory Day 2	Collection Field Day:	Tuesday, August 16		
Optional Day	Forecasting Field Day:	Wednesday, June 22		

Name _____
Address _____
Postal Code _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____