

Tribal Nations Ash Seed Collection Training

Hosted by: Sustaining Ash Partners Network (SAP-Ne) & Ash Protection Collaboration Across Waponahkik (APCAW)

August 31st, 2026, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

Program Agenda

This session will train participants to identify and collect ash seeds according to the Ash Seed Collection Manual developed by the APCA W lab. This session is specifically for Tribal members or Tribal employees. We will take a trip into the field to demonstrate the seed collection process and introduce participants to necessary gear and techniques. Session leaders will also show how to prepare and clean ash seeds for shipment or storage.

Join us at 12:00 PM for an optional catered lunch. The event officially begins at 1:00 PM.

Location: Wabanaki Way, Indian Island, Maine (exact location will be emailed to registrants)

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12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Optional catered lunch for speakers and attendees

1:00 p.m.- Welcome and introductions

1:15 – 3:00 p.m.- Talk & woods walk

- *Techniques and tools for seed collection*
- *Ash tree identification*
- *Seed collection demonstration and participatory practice*

3:15 – 4:00 p.m. Seed processing and sorting

4:00 p.m.- Closing reflections

Presenters:

University of Maine, Ash Protection Collaboration Across Waponahkik (APCAW) Seed Collection Researchers:

Ella McDonald, Ph.D. Student

Tyler Everett, Ph.D. Candidate

Lauren Gonzalez, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Research Associate

Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment: Les Benedict, Black Ash Project Coordinator, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

Wild Seed Project: Emily Baisden, Seed Stewardship Director