

Public Ash Seed Collection Training

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

September 1st, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Program Agenda

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

Location: University Forest, Old Town, Maine

Event Agenda

8:30 a.m.- Begin arriving at University Forest, coffee and light refreshments provided

9:00 a.m.- Welcome and introductions

9:15 – 11:00 a.m.- Talk & woods walk

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

11:15 – 12:00 p.m. Seed processing and sorting

12:00 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