

## Ontario's Natural Selections

### Certified Seed Collector **2012** Workshops

Presented by

**Trees Ontario, FGCA & The Ontario Tree Seed Plant**

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, this process 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 - 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 also makes collection of high quality, source-identified seed more important than ever to support long term seed banking and strategic assisted migration efforts.

By participating in this program, signing a Code of Ethics and passing an exam (>70%), participants can become **Certified Seed Collectors** (CSC), able to report source-identified seed lots with **Ontario's Natural Selections** seed source certification program.

Participants will learn about:

**Woody Plant Seed Biology** - forecasting, collection, handling, processing and storage

**Certification** - logistics of documenting, certifying and selling quality, source-identified seed

**Mandatory Day 1** Indoor Session, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm **Tuesday June 19 OR Tuesday August 21**

**Mandatory Day 2** Collection Field\* Day, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm **Wednesday August 22**

Optional Day Early Forecasting Field\* Day, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm **Wednesday June 20**

\* Indoor Session days bring jack knife or secateurs

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

**Minimum participants =15, Maximum = 30**

**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, and signed Code of Ethics

**To register, contact Trees Ontario** Toll Free: **1-877-646-1193** or via email at [info@treesontario.ca](mailto:info@treesontario.ca)

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

<b>Mandatory Day 1</b>	Indoor Study Session:	<b>Tuesday, June 19</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 21</b>
<b>Mandatory Day 2</b>	Collection Field Day:	<b>Wednesday, August 22</b>		
<b>Optional Day</b>	Forecasting Field Day:	<b>Wednesday, June 20</b>		

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