**SEED COLLECTION FORM**

**Texas A&M Forest Service - Lost Pines Master Naturalist**

Complete this form and follow the instructions on the back for collecting and transferring seeds to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

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| Common Name: |  |
| Scientific Name: |  |
| Date Collected: |  |
| Collector: |  |
| Location: |  |

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| *\*\*\*TFS WTN Use Only\*\*\** | |
| Date Received: |  |
| Quantity/Weight: |  |
| Storage Location: |  |
| Date Cleaned: |  |
| Date Treated: |  |
| Treatment Type: |  |
| Amount Sown: |  |
| Container Type: |  |
| Date Sown: |  |
| Placement Location: |  |
| Project: |  |

The Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) grows native seeds into tree and shrub seedlings suited for use in wildlife plantings or natural resource conservation projects like windbreaks and large-scale landscaping projects.

If you’re interested in TFS forester Daniel Lewis meeting with you on your property or hosting a collection event, contact any one of the Seed Collection Project Coordinators listed below.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Use **Master Seed Collection List** to determine:
   * WHEN each species’ seeds, berries, nuts, fruits, cones, pods, acorns, catkins, husks, seed heads, or samaras may be ready for collecting
   * WHAT to look for
   * HOW to collect them
2. Follow these collection guidelines:
   * Check for maturity of seeds compared to the description in the Master Seed Collection List.
   * Collect seeds from mature, healthy, thriving trees or shrubs.
   * Gather from multiple trees or shrubs.
   * Leave some seeds for natural propagation and the wildlife.
   * Examine for insect damage.
3. Follow these storage guidelines:
   * Place **DRY** seeds, pods, and the like in a paper bag.
   * Place **FLESHY FRUITS** in a tightly sealed plastic bag. Coordinate transferring the seeds promptly.
   * Store bagged seeds somewhere with low temperature, humidity, and light, such as a refrigerator but not a freezer.
4. Place a completed copy of this **Seed Collection Form** with the bagged seeds. If uncertain of the species, take photos of as many identifying tree parts as possible (leaves, bark, twigs, buds, whole tree) to help identify the species and email to Coordinators.
5. To transport seeds to the TFS, contact one of these LPMN Seed Collection Project Coordinators:

* Travis County or Elgin: Carolyn Turman, cturman123@gmail.com
* Bastrop or Caldwell Counties: Woody Raine, [wwraine@gmail.com](mailto:wwraine@gmail.com)
* Backup: Anna Marie Blair, [gamrich@gmail.com](mailto:gamrich@gmail.com)

**SEED COLLECTION CHECKLIST**

* Gloves
* Pruning shears
* Cardboard boxes, buckets, paper bags, or cloth bags
* Ladder
* Drop-cloth
* Seed Collection Forms