

Priority List for Seed Collection

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Agarita	<i>Mahonia trifoliolata</i>	May-June	Ripe fruits are filled out and red. Okay to dry with pulp on seed.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=MATR3
Anacua	<i>Ehretia anacua</i>	June - July	Seeds are enclosed in orange or reddish filled out fruit. OK to dry with pulp on seed.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=EHAN
Bald Cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	September - October	Seeds are enclosed in cones. Separate seed from cones.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=TADI2
Box Elder	<i>Acer negundo</i>	September - October	Samaras turn yellow or reddish brown and seeds inside are firm, filled out, and dark brown. Remove samaras.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ACNE2
Brasilwood	<i>Condalia hookeri</i>	Spring to fall	Ok to dry with pulp on seed.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=coho
Carolina Buckthorn	<i>Frangula caroliniana</i>	September - October	Fruit turns dark purple. Remove pulp	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=FRCA13
Cottonwood	<i>Populus deltoides</i>	May-June	Seeds are enclosed in capsules and fluff. Remove capsules and fluff.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=PODE3
Creek Plum	<i>Prunus rivularis</i>	August-September	Remove pulp.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=PRR1
Elbowbush	<i>Forestiera pubescens</i>	August - October	Remove pulp.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=FOPU2
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus nigra var. canadensis</i>	August - October	Remove pulp.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=SANI4
Elm, American	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	March - June	Collect samaras and place them in a breathable bag	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ULAM
Gum Bumelia	<i>Sideroxylon lanuginosum</i>	September - October	Collect fruits when they are full, soft, and blue-black in color. Remove pulp	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=SILA20

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Indigo Bush	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	July - August	Pods turn yellowish brown and begin to dry. Collect seeds when pods turn yellowish brown and begin to dry. Seeds can be left in pods.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=AMFR
Lindheimer's Senna	<i>Senna lindheimeriana</i>	September-November	Remove from pods.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=SELI4
Mexican Buckeye	<i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>	August - October	Seeds are enclosed in capsules. Shell/remove from husks.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=UNSP
Mexican Plum	<i>Prunus mexicana</i>	July - September	Dark red, filled out, and firm fruits. Remove pulp.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=PRME
Mimosa, Fragrant	<i>Mimosa borealis</i>	September-October	Collect dry, brown seed pods	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=MIBO2
Oak, Buckley's /Texas Red Oak	<i>Quercus buckleyi</i>	September - November	Mature acorns pop out easily, brown, not green. Float test for viability.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=QUBU2
Oak, Durand /Bastard Oak	<i>Quercus sinuata</i>	September - November	Mature acorns pop out easily, brown, not green. Float test for viability.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=QUSI
Oak, Post	<i>Quercus stellata</i>	September - November	Mature acorns pop out easily, brown, not green. Float test for viability.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=QUST
Osage Orange	<i>Maclura pomifera</i>	August-October	Collect fruit as they fall from the tree. Discard any seeds that are less heavy than the others, lacking a husk, or for which the husk is fully dry.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=MAPO
Palmetto, Dwarf	<i>Sabal minor</i>	September-October	Remove pulp.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=SAMI8
Pecan	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	September - November	Collect nuts from the ground with dry and split open husks, remove persistent husks as needed.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=CAIL2

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Persimmon, Texas	<i>Diospyros texana</i>	July - September	Ready when fruits are completely purple-black and soft. Remove seed from fruit.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=DITE3
Possumhaw Holly	<i>Ilex decidua</i>	September - persist until Spring	Ripe fruits are filled out and yellow, red, or reddish orange. OK to dry with pulp on seed.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ILDE
Rusty Blackhaw Viburnum	<i>Viburnum rufidulum</i>	August - October	Remove pulp.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=VIRU
Silktassel, Lindheimer's	<i>Garrya ovata</i> ssp <i>lindheimeri</i>	Late September-November	Remove pulp.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=GAOVL
Soapberry	<i>Sapindus saponaria</i> var. <i>drummondii</i>	October - December	Remove pulp.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=SASAD
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	August-October	Collect when red, and remove pulp.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=LIBE3
Sumac, Evergreen	<i>Rhus virens</i>	September - December	OK to dry with pulp on seed.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=RHVI3
Sumac, Flameleaf	<i>Rhus lanceolata</i>	September - December	OK to dry with pulp on seed.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=RHLA3
Sumac, Fragrant	<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	September - December	OK to dry with pulp on seed.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=RHAR4
Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	October - November	Seeds are enclosed in seed ball. Break down seed ball.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=PLOC

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Texas Ash	<i>Fraxinus albicans</i>	September - October	Collect samaras and place them in a breathable bag	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=FRAL3
Texas Kidneywood	<i>Eysenhardtia texana</i>	August - November	Pods turn brown and are somewhat dry. Seeds can be left in pods.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=EYTE
Texas Mountain Laurel	<i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	August-October	Remove pods	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=SOSE3
Toothache Tree	<i>Zanthoxylum hirsutum</i>	July - September	OK to dry with pulp on seed.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ZAH12
Wafer Ash	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	August - October	Papery seed pods dry and turn light yellow-brown. Not necessary to remove samaras.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=PTTR
Willow, Black	<i>Salix nigra</i>	April-June	Enclosed in capsules. Separate from capsule. Plant soon after collection.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=SAN1
Yaupon Holly	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	September - October	Ripe fruits are filled out and yellow, red, or reddish orange. OK to dry with pulp on seed.	https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ILVO