

# Help Save America's Ash Trees for Future Generations

## National Ash Seed Collection Initiative

**America is losing its ash trees to the emerald ash borer at an alarming rate. Millions of ash trees have already been destroyed. You can help prevent the ash tree from being lost forever.**

The USDA/NRCS Rose Lake Plant Materials Center is requesting assistance in collecting ash seed in response to the devastation being caused by the emerald ash borer. Please call 517/641-6300 or go to [www.ashseed.org](http://www.ashseed.org) to learn how you can collect ash seed for genetic preservation.

### *Collection and Handling Tips*

- ID ash tree species early in season.
- Collect only mature, filled seed.
- Use a separate form for each sample.
- Discard seed with visible insect damage.
  - Store seed in paper or cloth bags.
- Keep seed cool and dry until shipped.



The form is titled "Ash Seed Collection Form" and is provided by the USDA/NRCS Rose Lake Plant Materials Center. It is divided into several sections: "PLANT IDENTIFICATION" (with checkboxes for Black ash, Green ash, White ash, and Blue ash), "COLLECTION INFORMATION" (with fields for Date collected, Collector's Name, Collector's Address, City, State, ZIP, and Phone), and "COLLECTION SITE INFORMATION" (with fields for Name, County, Township, Range, and NAD 83 UTM Zone Number). There are also checkboxes for "Single tree collection?" and "N/A". A "Notes" section at the bottom contains instructions for completing the form, such as "Please complete the entire form" and "Facilitate the collection of seed with the seed collector". The form is dated 10/12/2012 and includes the text "The NRCS is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer." and "Revised 10/12/2012".

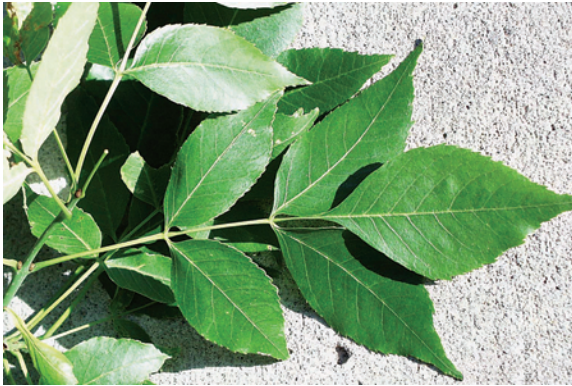
For an ash seed collection form and more details, visit:

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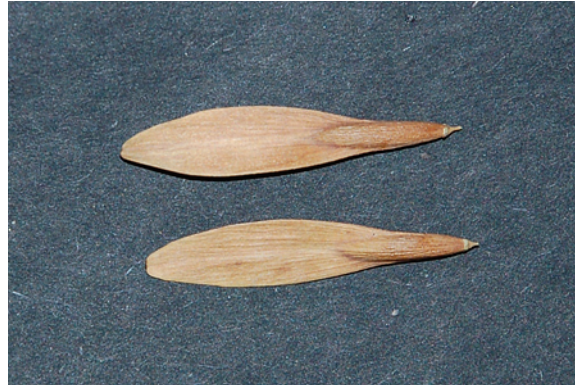
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## Examples of Ash Species

### Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*)



Paul Wray, Bugwood



### Black Ash (*Fraxinus nigra*)



Paul Wray, Bugwood



### White Ash (*Fraxinus americana*)



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