

# 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 image shows a sample of the 'Ash Seed Collection Form' provided by the Rose Lake Plant Materials Center. The form is divided into several sections: 'PLANT INFORMATION' (with checkboxes for Black ash, Green ash, White ash, and Other ash), 'COLLECTION INFORMATION' (with fields for Date collected, Collector's Name, Collector's Address, City, State, ZIP, Phone, and Email), and 'COLLECTION SITE INFORMATION' (with fields for Name, County, Township, Range, and NAD 83 UTM Zone). It also includes instructions for collectors, such as 'Please complete the entire form' and 'Facilitate the recipient's work with the seed shipment'. The form is titled 'Ash Seed Collection Form' and includes the USDA/NRCS logo and contact information for the Rose Lake Plant Materials Center.

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

[www.ashseed.org](http://www.ashseed.org)

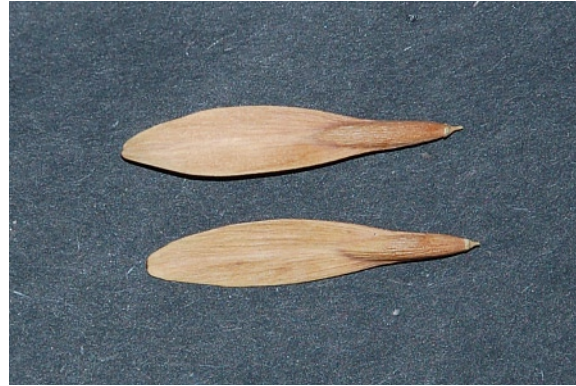
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## Examples of Ash Species

### Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*)



Paul Wray, Bugwood



### Black Ash (*Fraxinus nigra*)



Paul Wray, Bugwood



### White Ash (*Fraxinus americana*)



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