



## GENERAL COLLECTION GUIDE FOR SEEDS

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**IMPORTANT!** Sample collectors are required to make contact with NFGEL staff **BEFORE** collections begin. Call (530) 622-1609 or 622-1225 for orientation to collection procedures, Quality Assurance (QA) sampling, and equipment. Questions will gladly be answered. We want to help you make your project a success, and that means collections must be optimal!

### ***COLLECTION AND PACKING OF ALL SEED:***

Only viable cleaned seed is acceptable for testing. Please let us know if it is not possible for your seed to be cleaned before arriving at NFGEL, we will be glad to discuss your options. Pay attention to collection dates and storage conditions to ensure seed is still viable.

If there is any question about the sampling strategy for your project, call or e-mail the lab staff. Include QA samples if required for your project, as determined by NFGEL staff.

Label seed packets with the identification information (such as ramet, clone, or individual ID). Send seed in well labeled manila envelopes or plastic ziplock bags. Amounts of seed required, number of individuals and populations needed for your project will be determined when your project is developed with NFGEL staff. Let us know if you need remaining seed returned upon completion of your project.

Cardboard boxes are fine for shipping seed. Do not use damp towels or blue ice. Include an accurate packing list using seed identifications.

### ***SHIPPING:***

1. **SEND** via traceable delivery service to:

USDA Forest Service  
NFGEL  
2480 Carson Road  
Placerville, CA 95667

2. **MARK** the contents on the outside of the package, "PACKAGE CONTAINS SEED".
3. **ENCLOSE** the packing list and e-mail a copy to NFGEL at [vhpkins@fs.fed.us](mailto:vhpkins@fs.fed.us), or fax to 530-622-2633. We will reply when your seed is received.
4. **CALL** NFGEL at (530) 622-1609 or (530) 622-1225 when material is shipped.

