

2015 SEED COLLECTOR'S NEWSLETTER

The Wisconsin DNR Reforestation Program continues to purchase seed on the open market from private collectors.

2015 STATEWIDE GOALS & PURCHASING DATES



Jack pine: Ripe jack pine cones are generally brown or gray in color. Collect only closed cones by cutting or pulling them from branches. Collecting them from red squirrel caches is also an option. Store cones in a cool, shady location to avoid having them open before delivery to the nursery. Remember, **cones must be closed** as shown in the photo.

Black cherry: When collecting black cherry, make sure that you are picking from black cherry trees, and *not* choke cherry. You are required to bring in a sample twig, with the leaves attached. Bring black cherry seed to the nursery as soon as possible, or keep them chilled, so fermentation does not begin.

Black cherry



Choke cherry



Shagbark Hickory: Shagbark hickory nuts are covered by a thick husk. It usually splits and separates from the nut during seed drop, but some continue to cling to the nut and must be removed prior to delivery to the nursery. There are a few different hickory species found in Wisconsin, especially in the southwest. The most common among these is bitternut. It can be identified by its green-yellow, tight fitting husk that splits partially and clings to the nut. The bark of the bitternut is light gray, tight to the trunk and only starts to form low, interlacing ridges as it matures. Shagbark hickory bark is also gray, but Hickory nuts must be stored in a cool, dry place.

Bitternut hickory nut



Shagbark hickory nut



SPECIES	HAYWARD	GRIFFITH	WILSON	Purchasing Goal	Units	2014 Purchase Prices	Approximate date to begin purchasing
Pine, Jack	X	X		500	bu	\$30.00	9/1
Butternut			X	28	bu	\$15.00	9/17
Cherry, Black		X	X	300	lbs.	\$5.00	8/13
Hazelnut, American		X	X	50	Bu	\$20.00	8/17
Hickory, Shagbark			X	35	bu	\$40.00	9/17
Oak, Swamp White		X	X	57	bu	\$70.00	9/6
Oak, Red		X	X	30	bu	\$30.00	9/17
Oak, White		X	X	95	bu	\$30.00	9/6
Walnut, Black			X	600	bu	\$3.00	9/21

CALL THE NURSERY FIRST:

Before collecting any seed, please contact the nursery first to ensure purchasing is still open for species you intend to collect. Nursery staff can assist with species identification.

Griffith Nursery (Wisconsin Rapids) (715) 459-1999
 Wilson Nursery (Boscobel) (608) 485-1425
 Hayward Nursery (Hayward) (715) 492-1204

Check our web page for additional information
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TreePlanting/sellSeed.html>

ASK BEFORE PICKING:

Checking regulations and following requirements is for your safety and may enable you to harvest seed on these properties for years to come.

- State parks - It is *illegal* to pick at these locations.
- State forests/state lands - Contact the property manager prior to collection.
- County forests - Contact the local county forest administrator.
- Federal lands - Contact the USFS forest superintendent.
- Private lands - Seek permission from the landowner prior to picking

