

FGCA's Certified Seed Collector (CSC) Course

Training is delivered by the Forest Gene Conservation Association (FGCA) with **certification** provided through the FGCA's *Ontario Natural Selections* Program.

The CSC Course focuses on native woody plant species; however, the basic collection principles and best practices can be applied more broadly.

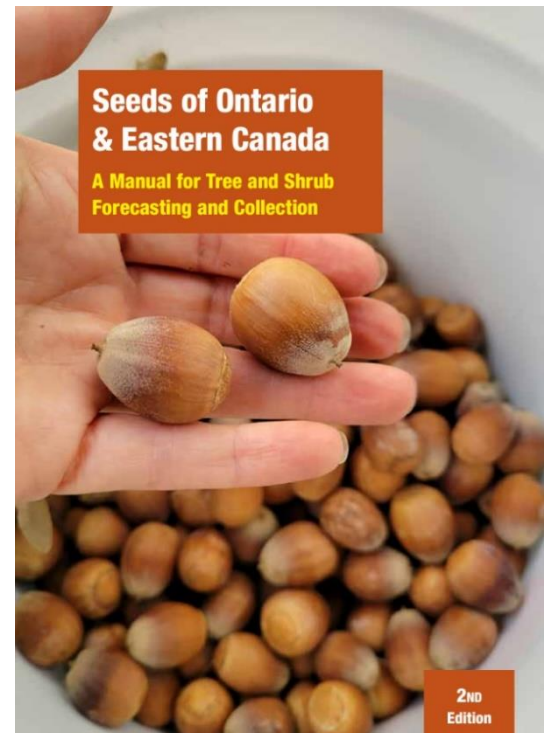
2024 Pricing:

Full Certification + 2024 Manual: \$455 plus HST = **\$514.15**

Full Certification [already own 2014 manual]: \$400 plus HST = **\$452.00**

Requirements for Full Certification in 2024:

1. Own the FGCA's Seeds of Ontario & Eastern Canada (2024) manual (*right*)
 - o *use of the 2014 Seeds of Ontario Trees & Shrubs is permitted for the 2024 training season if already owned.*
2. Attend the Basics Seed Collection webinar - 1 Half Day (4hrs.)
3. Attend the Advanced Seed Collection webinar - 1 Half Day (4hrs.)
4. Attend Mid Season Q&A Check-in virtual session (1.5 hrs.)
5. Attend the In Field hands-on training session - 1 Full day (8hrs.) [*travel to site is required*]
6. Sign and return the Certified Seed Collector Code of Ethics
7. Complete the Certified Seed Collector Online Exam with a passing grade



With all of these requirements fulfilled you will receive a certification package with your CSC number.



Webinar Content (June)

Basics Seed Collection Webinar (4hrs.)

Topics include an introduction to:

- Intro to Ontario's Forests
- Flowering & Seed Biology
- Seed Quality Basics
- Basic Forecasting and Seed Collection Practices

Advanced Seed Collection Webinar (4hrs.)

Topics include advanced theory of:

- Ontario's Forests and Afforestation Programs
- Advanced Seed Quality and Genetics
- Advanced Forecasting
- Collection Operations for Professionals & Documentation for Climate Change

Mid-Season Check-In Webinar (Late July - 1.5 hrs.)

- Forecasting tips and Q&A in preparation for In Field Hands-on Training session.
- Currently optional but attendance is strongly recommended.

In Field Hands-on Training (August to September- 8 hrs.)

- Full day of hands-on training and application of theory in the field.
- Participants will review and practice:
 - Plant identification
 - Seed collection techniques
 - Cut tests & quality assessments
 - Techniques for handling & shipping
 - Required documentation
- Travel to site required.