

SEED SAVING

Collect seeds on a dry, sunny day after the dew has evaporated off the plants. Pluck your seed heads and store them in a sampled paper bag or envelope that is labeled with the plant name, location and date collected. If the seed head is not completely dried out, all it to dry indoors on a paper towel or plate place out of direct sun. If you collect seeds from the wild, take a maximum of the percent of the available seed to allow for continued viability of the plant in the landscape.

Most native seeds in the landscape will remain dormant over the winter. Mimic these winter conditions by putting the labeled seed bags in a ziplock bag in the refrigerator with a desiccant pouch to absorb any moisture. INaturalist or PictureThis apps can help with plant identification and growing conditions. To learn more about seed saving, visit [Xerces Society](#).