

Forest Stewards Guild- Sustaining Ash Partners Network (SAP-Ne)

Pathways to Sustain Ash Series: Why Preserve Ash Seed?

February 20th, 2025, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. ET

Webinar Agenda

Webinar Purpose To: (1) Provide an overview of ash species identification to support inventory and seed collection efforts, (2) Share a regional status update on ash, (3) Offer diverse perspectives on the importance of preserving ash seed, (4) Discuss upcoming series on ash seed collection practices and field tour.

Introduction

- Welcome and meeting purpose- Rachel Swanwick, Northeast Program Manager, Forest Stewards Guild
 - SAP-Ne overview
 - Agenda overview and meeting ground rules

Ash 101 and Regional Status on Ash Species Decline

- Dr. Nate Siegert, Forest Entomologist, USDA Forest Service
 - *Ash in the Northeast: Its status in relation to the emerald ash borer invasion*
- Q&A

Reflections Across Stakeholders: Why Preserve Ash Seed and Approaches to Prioritize Collection Across the Region

- Jessica Raspitha, Environmental Specialist, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
 - *Saving Seeds for Cultural Preservation*
- Dr. Jill Hamilton, Associate Professor & Director, Schatz Center for Tree Molecular Genetics, Penn State
 - *Creating the molecular passport for ex situ collections: enhanced monitoring for conservation and restoration in Fraxinus*
- Jeff Carstens, Horticulturist, USDA-ARS North Central Regional Plant Introduction Station
 - *A Comprehensive Collection (Fraxinus) for the Future*
- Q&A and Group Discussion

Meeting Wrap Up

- Summarize meeting highlights
- Upcoming events
- Post Webinar Survey

