

OCCIDENTAL ARTS AND ECOLOGY CENTER'S SEED SAVING RESOURCES

Recommended Reading

Corporate Agribusiness & the Threat to Biodiversity:

Fatal Harvest: The Tragedy of Industrial Agriculture. Andrew Kimbrell (ed.) Island Press, Covelo, California, 2002.

Seeds of Change, The Living Treasure: The Passionate Story of the Growing Movement to Restore Biodiversity and Revolutionize the Way We Think About Food. Kenny Ausubel.
Harper, San Francisco, California, 1994.

Shattering: Food, Politics, and the Loss of Genetic Diversity. Cary Fowler and Pat Mooney, University of Arizona Press, Tuscon, AZ, 1990.
An excellent and comprehensive presentation on subjects of the value of agricultural diversity, the crisis of genetic erosion, the politics and business of plant genetics, and genetic resource conservation.

Seed Saving & Human Culture:

Enduring Seeds: Native American Agriculture and Wild Plant Conservation. Gary Paul Nabhan, with a Foreword by Wendell Berry. North Point Press, San Francisco, California 1989.

The Seed Keepers. Vandana Shiva, Vanaja Ramprasad, Pandurang Hegde, Omkar Krishnan, and Radha Holla-Bhar. Navdanya, New Delhi, 1995.

This booklet is available by writing to The Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Natural Resource Policy, A 60 Hauz Khas, New Delhi 110 016.

Lost Crops of Africa Vol. 1 Grains. Board on Science and Technology for International Development. National Academy Press, Washington D.C. 1996

Lost Crops of the Incas: Little Known Plants of the Andes with Promise for Worldwide Cultivation. Report of an Ad Hoc Panel of the Advisory Committee on Technology Innovation Board on Science and Technology for International Development, National Research Council.
National Academy Press, Washington, D.C. 1989

Blue Corn and Square Tomatoes: Unusual Facts About Common Garden Vegetables. Rebecca Rupp. Garden Way Publishing, Pownall, Vermont 1987.

Seed Catalogues

Abundant Life Seed Foundation
PO Box 772
Port Townsend, WA 98368
tel: (360) 385-5660 / fax: (360) 385-7455

Beckers Seed Potatoes
R.R. #1
Trout Creek, Ontario POH 2L0

Cook's Garden Seed and Supplies
PO Box 535
Londonderry, VT 05148
tel: (802) 824-3400 / fax: (802) 824-3027

Deep Diversity
P.O. Box 15700
Santa Fe, NM 87506-5700

Ecology Action - Bountiful Gardens
5798 Ridgewood Road
Willits, CA 95490
tel: (707) 459-6410 / fax: (707) 459-6410

J.L Hudson Ethnobotanical Catalog of Seeds
Star Route 2, Box 337
La Honda, CA 94020

Johnny's Selected Seeds
Foss Hill Road
Albion, Maine 04910-97310
tel: (207) 437-4305

Lawson Bag Company
PO Box 8577
Northfield, IL 60093
tel: (708) 446-8812

Native Seeds/SEARCH
526 N. 4th Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85705
tel: (520) 622-5561 / fax: (520) 268-9233

Nichols Garden Nursery
1190 North Pacific Highway
Albany, OR 97321-4580
tel: (541) 928-9280 / fax: (541) 967-8406

Oregon Exotics Rare Fruit Nursery
1065 Messinger Rd.
Grumps Pass, OR 97527
tel: (503) 846-7578

Pinetree Garden Seeds
Box 300
New Gloucester, ME 04260
tel: (207) 926-3400 / fax (207) 926-3886

Ronniger's Seed Potato Co..
P.O. Box 307
Ellensburg, WA 98926
(800) 846-6178

Richters Herb Catalog
(Canada's Herb Specialists)
Goodwood, Ontario, Canada LOC 1A0
tel: (905) 6340-6677 / fax: (905) 640-6641 /
email: orderdesk@richters.com

Seeds Blüm - Heirloom Seeds & Other Garden Gems
HC 33 Idaho City Stage
Boise, ID 83706
tel: (208) 342-0858 or (800) 742-1423 / fax:
(208) 338-5658

Seeds for the World - Vermont Bean Seed Company
Garden Lane
Fair Haven, VT 05743
tel: ((803) 663-0217 / fax: (803) 663-9772 / gen.
office tel: (802) 273-3400

Seeds of Change
P.O. Box 15700
Santa Fe, NM 87506-5700
tel: (505) 438-8080 / fax: (505) 438-7052.

Seed Savers Exchange
3076 North Winn Road
Decorah, IA 52101
tel/fax: (319) 382-5872

Shepherd's Garden Seeds
30 Irene Street
Torrington, CT 06790
tel: (860) 482-3638 / fax: (408) 335-2080

Southern Exposure Seed Exchange
PO Box 170
Earlsville, VA 22936
tel: (804) 973-4703 / fax: (804) 973-8717

Territorial Seed Company
PO Box 157
Cottage Grove, OR
tel: (541) 942-9547 / fax: (541) 942-9547

Wild Garden Seed
Shoulder to Shoulder Farm
Box 1509
Philomath, OR 97370
tel: (541) 929-4068

Other Resources

Californians for GE-Free Agriculture • (707) 874-0316 • www.calgeefree.org

This is a coalition of organizations working to prevent the commercialization of genetic engineering in California agriculture, and to promote economically and ecologically sustainable agricultural solutions.

International Society for Ecology and Culture (ISEC) • Berkeley, CA • (510) 548-4915 • www.isec.org.uk

This non-profit organization is concerned with the protection of both biological and cultural diversity. Their emphasis is on education for action: moving beyond single issues to look at the more fundamental influences that shape our lives. They operate the Lahdak Project in the Indian Himalayas, running a wide range of 'hands on' projects to counter the negative effects of conventional development in that region.

Native Seeds/SEARCH • Tucson, AZ • (520) 622-5561 • www.nativeseeds.org

Working to conserve the traditional crops, seeds and farming methods that have sustained native peoples throughout the United States and northern Mexico. Promote the use of these ancient crops and their wild relatives by gathering, safeguarding, and distributing their seeds while sharing benefits with traditional communities and preserving knowledge about their uses.

Reinvesting in America • www.worldhungeryear.org/ria/ria_seeds.asp

As a part of the Reinvesting in America Program's identification of organizations which create self-reliance, economic justice and food security, this feature is designed to highlight some of the most effective seed saving efforts around the world.

Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology • New Delhi, India • +91-11-696-8077 • www.vshiva.net

Their mission is to conserve biodiversity and to protect people from threats to their livelihood and environment by centralized systems of monoculture in forestry, agriculture, and fisheries. They operate Navdanya, which means "nine seeds", a program in India to conserve agricultural biodiversity, supporting farmers to take control over the political, ecological and economic aspects of agriculture.

Rural Advancement Foundation International (RAFI) • Pittsboro, NC • (919) 542-1396 • www.rafiusa.org

RAFI works to ensure a reliable supply of safe, healthy food which is dependent upon strong family farms and rural communities; close connections between consumers and producers of food; environmentally sound farming; and, safeguarding of agricultural biodiversity.

Seed Savers Exchange • 3076 North Winn Rd., Decorah, IA 52101 • (319) 382-5872 • www.seedsavers.org

A nonprofit membership organization dedicated to promoting preservation of genetic diversity by saving old-time food crops from extinction. SSE provides a seed exchange network, a seed catalogue, and other publications. The Flower and Herb Exchange is a project of Seed Savers Exchange, and is focused on preserving heirloom and unusual flowers and herbs that are not commercially available.

Seeds of Diversity • P.O. Box 36, Station Q, Toronto, Ontario M4T 2L7 Canada • (905) 623-0353 • www.seeds.ca

Seeds of Diversity is a non-profit membership organization that save seeds from rare and unusual plants for the purpose of preservation, a living gene bank.

Seed Saving Techniques:

Harvest Editions and Winter Yearbooks of the Seed Savers Exchange. Kent Whealy. Seed Savers Publications, Decorah, Iowa, 1981-1998.

Garden Seed Inventory: Second Edition. Kent Whealy. Seed Savers Publications, Decorah, Iowa 1988.

Hortus Third: A Concise Dictionary of Plants Cultivated in the United States and Canada. L.H. Bailey. Macmillan Publishing, New York, New York 1976.

The Seed Starter's Handbook. Nancy Bubel. Rodale Press, Emmaus, Pennsylvania 1978.

Breed Your Own Vegetable Varieties: Popbeans, Purple Peas, and Other Innovations from the Backyard Garden. Carol Deppe. Little, Brown and Co., Boston/Toronto/London 1993.

Collecting, Processing and Generating Seeds of Wildland Plants. James A. Young & Cheryl G. Young. Timber Press, Portland, Oregon 1986.

Seeds: The Ultimate Guide to Growing Vegetable, Herbs & Flowers. Sam Bittman. Bantam Books, Toronto/New York/London/Sydney/Auckland 1989.

Seed to Seed: Seed Saving Techniques for the Vegetable Gardener. Suzanne Ashworth. Seed Saver Publications, Decorah, Iowa 1991.

Park's Success With Seeds. Ann Reilly. Geo. W. Park Seed Co., Inc., Greenwood, North Carolina 1978.

Seed Savers Exchange: The First Ten Years. Kent Whealy. Seed Savers Publications, Decorah, Iowa 1986

Saving Seeds: The Gardener's Guide to Growing + Storing Vegetable and Flower Seeds. Mark Rogers. Storey Publishing 1990