

General Information About the Rhody Native™ Initiative

Recognizing a need in Rhode Island, for local ecotypes of our own native plants for use in restoration and to meet the demands of a growing native plant market for home and business landscapes, the Rhode Island Natural History Survey {a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization} developed the Rhody Native™ initiative. In 2010, we envisioned the program as a means of facilitating the production of native plants in Rhode Island through partner growers. In 2014 RINHS began its propagation efforts, and remains committed to continuing to produce genetically diverse plants sourced from seed collected from wild native plant populations around the state. We continue to search for growing partners to increase seed production capabilities, so if this is of interest to your business, please contact us!

Added Capabilities

Our collective experience and knowledge at the Rhode Island Natural History Survey, enables us to offer assistance with habitat specific species selection, habitat management, and restoration planning. In 2014, we began to offer contract growing for restoration, nurseries, and landscape professionals. Since the inception of the program, we have aimed to provide land managers and designers with a broad selection of species, to enable the creation of diversified habitat. If there is a species you desire, which is not on the 2015-16 list of species available, please inquire. We may have seed in stock, as we have wild collected seed from many more species than the 94 featured here. Rhody Native will also collect and grow on contract, so if there is a species not stored in our collection, we may be able to obtain seed for you from our collection locations.

Ordering

We sell plugs in complete flats; though can combine seedlings already potted into individual containers to make up a complete flat. You can purchase plugs by placing an advance order from the list of species on the following pages. Expected finish dates are listed, along with the cell number in each flat. Plant orders must be picked up on the campus of the University of Rhode Island, at a pre-arranged time and date. If you are tax exempt, we require a copy of your tax exempt certificate when you place an order.



Questions or Inquiries

To discuss any orders, species quantities, contract growing, or partnership possibilities, please contact Hope Leeson at the Rhode Island Natural History Survey at 401-874-5807 or via email at hleeson@rinhs.org.