

Native Seed *for* Restoration *with the* Southwest Seed Partnership

Successful landscape restoration is made possible by a reliable supply of genetically appropriate native plant materials. Seed from other regions not only wastes resources but could introduce maladapted genes. The Southwest currently has few native seed producers able to provide land managers with a diversity of appropriate, locally-sourced seed. The Southwest Seed Partnership (SWSP) is working to address this challenge through a coordinated approach, connecting land managers and other seed buyers with native seed producers.

The SWSP seeks restoration seed buyers who want access to locally-sourced, genetically diverse native seed. Help us identify the species that are in greatest demand.



Forb species currently being developed:

Asclepias speciosa
showy milkweed
Asclepias subverticillata
horsetail milkweed
Heterotheca villosa
hairy false goldenaster
Sphaeralcea angustifolia
copper globemallow
Sphaeralcea coccinia
scarlet globemallow

Grass species currently being developed:

Bouteloua curtipendula
sideoats grama
Bouteloua gracilis
blue grama
Sporobolus airoides
alkali sacaton
Sporobolus cryptandrus
sand dropseed

Join us at our Stakeholder meetings and help shape the SWSP! For more information visit our website:
southwestseedpartnership.org

Benefits to buyer-partners – The SWSP:

- Pools demand so that growers know species are most needed and quantities.
- Provides information about native seed producers and nurseries and sources of native seed for sale.
- Offers a forum for sharing knowledge about successful revegetation approaches and identifying information gaps.
- Conducts research to inform production and restoration/revegetation success.
- Delivers native seed workshops and trainings.
- Works to ensure high quality seed by coordinating with resource experts and seed certification in NM and AZ.
- Collects ecologically appropriate seed from native species and works with farmers to produce native seed crops.



The Southwest Seed Partnership is an implementation of the **National Seed Strategy** (Department of the Interior, 2015).

Some Native Seed Vendors for the Southwest

Southwest Seed – Dolores, CO/ southwestseed.com/ 800.543.1279

Produce over 40 grass and wildflower species for seed (all tested) on certified fields, and offer advice for successful establishment and species selection.

Bamert Seed Company – Muleshoe, TX/ 800.262.9892

Offers high quality seed for over 300 grass, forb, and woody species, as well as blends, with some local ecotypes available.

Curtis & Curtis Inc. – Clovis, NM/ curtisseed.com/ 575.762.4759

Sells high quality grass, forb, and woody plant seed, including native species. Consulting, custom mixes, and planting services available.

Plants of the Southwest – Santa Fe & Albuquerque, NM/ plantsofthesouthwest.com

Large selection of seed and containerized native grasses, forbs, and woody species, including many local ecotypes and certified seed. Retail nurseries and online store, advice available.

Santa Ana Native Plants – Pueblo of Santa Ana, NM/ 505.867.1323

Nursery providing wide diversity of native grass, forb, and woody species in containers using primarily locally-sourced seed.

Lone Mountain Natives – Silver City, NM/ lonemountainnatives.com/ 575.538.4345

Nursery stock and seed for wildflower and woody species, with contract growing and consulting services available.

HydraAquatic – Albuquerque, NM/ hydraaquatic.com

Specializes in growing native wetland and riparian plants, with custom growing and a complete catalog of seedlings, shrubs, and trees for wildlife habitat and water quality improvement.

For best success, when selecting seed to buy:

- Choose local sources when possible. Ask vendors where the seed originated.
- Request seed test results to avoid inadvertently introducing exotic species to your project sites.

