

Cariboo Seed PROJECT



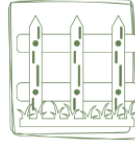
01. Seed Production & Seed Bank

- Experienced gardeners: recruitment for one or more seed crops for 2026
 - identifying growers
 - spreading the word
- We need more gardeners to give it a try!



02. Supporting Growers to Grow Seed Crops

- Seed Mentorship Program
- BC Eco Seeds Membership
- Are there any producers who would want to be mentors or seed growers?



03. Supporting Backyard Gardeners: Seed Library

- sharing locally grown seeds and offering mentorship and training



04. Marketing

- BC Eco Seed CoOp
- Local marketing system for producers who grow seed



05. Long Term Goals

- local seed bank development & growth
- seed library active and engaged
- increased knowledge of seed saving best practices
- increasing production and/or number of producers of seeds in the region annually

Seed Library

- Provides local gardeners with free seed that is adapted to our local growing conditions.
- Provides resources and training on how to grow seed that will not cross with other plant cultivars.
- Helps growers to learn how to grow, select, harvest, clean, test and store seed saved from their own gardens.
- Patrons can donate seed from their own gardens to the seed library.

Seed Bank

Seed banks attempt to preserve a genetic diversity of plants and protect them from extinction, but they also provide a degree of food security in times of trouble. We aim to:

- build a community of local growers who are trained and experienced in saving their own seed.
- increase seed saving capacity in the local gardening community.
- store quantities of seed and work with growers to expand the collection, maintain existing seeds, and explore ways that we can support local food security and seed diversity in the Cariboo region.

