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## Seed Picking Western Australia

### An Overview of what is Expected of an Independent Seed Picker.

Firstly we would highly recommend that in order to pick seed you obtain a Commercial Seed Picking License from the Shire in which you intend to pick seed. These are relatively easy to obtain, but do come with a fee of \$100.

We expect that as a picker you will treat the environment/plant with respect and make as little impact to the area as possible. There is a wealth of information on the internet regarding responsible seed picking techniques. A fantastic book detailing almost all you need to know about Australian native seeds and picking techniques is:

Australian Seeds, A guide to their collection, identification and biology.

Editors; Luke Sweedman & David Merritt

ISBN; 0 643 09298 6

### Identification

It goes without saying that Identification is a fundamental part of seed picking. However we are aware that there are many species to remember and would do our best to offer advise on I.D.

**Florabase**- Department of Environment and Conservation- Western Australian Herbarium, Online, is a great way to view more information and pictures of WA species as is Worldwide Wattle Website for Acacia species, details as follows:

[www.florabase.calm.wa.gov.au](http://www.florabase.calm.wa.gov.au)

[www.worldwidewattle.com](http://www.worldwidewattle.com)

It is condition of some of our larger orders that each species supplied has been identified by the Western Australian Herbarium. Therefore it is now a Kimseed requirement that for each species collected the picker provides Kimseed with a photo/datasheet of the species collection information, along with a pressed sample. Kimseed sample datasheets attached.

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A further requirement of many orders is to know the provenance of the seed. Again the picker needs to provide us with evidence of this on the datasheet. Provenance data should be gathered by means of GPS long/lat refs.

### Payment

It is typical of the industry that seed is bought at 0.5 of the book price. Full payment of 0.5 book price is given for clean seed (seed cleaned to retail standard). Seed pickers are welcome to clean the seed themselves in order to receive the full 0.5 of book price perhaps minus final tweaking for retail standards. For pickers who do not have, time, equipment, knowledge etc to clean the seed, Kimseed are able to do so. Cleaning costs will be deducted from the final clean seed price.

### Standards

Kimseed reserve the right to check that seed meets the required standards before payment. This may be measured on seed fill, viability, purity etc and is dependent on the species.

### Seasonality

Seed picking is a seasonal task and hence sometimes of the year are much busier than others. The more observations made of species throughout the year will help you further develop an idea of when seed is going to be ripe for picking and will help you plan as best you can a seed collection schedule, to maximise time and effort in each season. This is not to say that money can not be from chance findings because it can. Kimseed will welcome small and large quantities of seed and therefore pickers can be as involved or as casual as they like, providing that the mentioned requirements are met such as I.D samples etc.

### Knowing which seed to collect

Providing the seed is of good quality it is likely that we will often be interested in purchasing the seed from the picker. However to avoid picking any unwanted species or too much of a particular seed, we would recommend that as soon as you find a pick able crop that you call and we will give the go ahead and a recommendation for quantity we are able to take. If unsure as to its identity take photos and email through so we can confirm Identification.

Care needs to be taken when picking seed that you:

Do not pick rare or threatened species!

Don't cross contaminate with weed species or different seeds  
(very difficult/costly to separate- in some cases will render the seed



none saleable.

Only harvest seed when it has reached physiological maturity- seed must be wanting to fall away from the plant. If picked before it is ripe it will not germinate and is therefore of no value. Seed must be VIABLE.

Once picked the seed is left out to dry in the sun before packed to freight down to us. This way it reduces likely hood of seed turning mouldy and will also allow you in some cases to separate waste- pods etc from the seed, thus minimising freight weights/costs.

Pack seed in breathable bags, the seed may well turn mouldy if allowed to sweat.

This document is to act as a brief guide to seed picking and the expectations of Kimseed. Please feel free to ask any questions and we welcome any thoughts you may. We impart this information to you in good faith and would hope that you consider giving Kimseed first choice on any seed you may pick. We look forward to doing business with you and hope that we can make seed picking in the Pilbara as profitable as possible to all who come on board.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Native Seed Data Collection Sheet



Genus	Date Collected .....day.....month.....year	
Species	GPS Ref	Altitude
Site Name	Latitude	
Soil Type	Longitude	
Topography	Photo number	
Flowering	Sample number	
Est, seed harvest time	Rainfall patterns (please circle) Recent    expected    unexpected	
Est, quantity of seed	Disturbance trends (please circle) Burns    clearance    runoff	
Abundance (please circle) Dominant    scattered    solitary	Seed Collector	
Additional Notes		

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