

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Seed Bank (MARSB) aims to increase the availability of genetically appropriate native seed across the Mid-Atlantic through targeted seed collection and active seed banking*.*We are also building a network of diverse partners to collaboratively meet the seed needs for region-wide, landscape-scale restorations.  MARSB is a conservation program established by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, which works closely with Seeds of Success (SOS), a national effort that seeks to collect and bank the entire US flora. With funds from the US National Arboretum, MARSB is seeking a qualified individual to make seed collections of *Viburnum* species throughout the state of New York in response to the effects of the Viburnum Leaf Beetle. This is a full time, six month position that will require significant travel and time in the field. Applicants do not have to reside in the boroughs of NYC, but will be required to occasionally report to work at the offices in Staten Island.

**Position Title**: Seed Collector

**Primary responsibilities:**

* Under supervision, assist with all activities associated with managing the collection of seed for the goals of the Viburnum Collection Project
* Communicate with various land owners regarding habitat and species data information
* Seek permits for seed collection with multiple state, federal and private land owners
* Scout for and make collections of various *Viburnum* species through the state of New York according to established protocol
* Collect and compile extensive ecological data associated with each seed collection
* Communicate regularly with MARSB Seed Collection Coordinator
* Conduct outreach activities related to the project
* Communicate with and oversee volunteer seed collectors

**Qualification Requirements:**

* Bachelor’s degree or higher with an emphasis in botany, forestry, ecology or related field
* Strong taxonomic skills, including formal class and fieldwork in plant taxonomy and plant identification
* Familiarity with the flora of the northeast and experience in plant community delineation and field data collection
* Experience with GIS and GPS
* Demonstrated ability to work independent of supervision
* Willingness to work alone in remote areas and camp overnight in field locations
* Excellent time management, record keeping, administrative, and communication skills
* Valid driver’s license

If you have any questions regarding this position please contact Clara Holmes (clara.holmes@parks.nyc.gov). Interested applicants should send cover letter, resume, and contact information for two references to Clara Holmes.