

I am happy to offer ACS members the Seed Exchange list for 2018. I apologize for how late I am in getting the seed cleaned and posting the list, my job duties increased significantly in June 2017 and left me with less time to dedicate to the Exchange. I made my usual trip to Oregon and made collections at Iseli, Stanley and Sons and The Oregon Garden. 2017 was not a good cone/seed year! Peter (Iseli) and I struggled to find much, I missed Larry Stanley but wandered around a bit and collected a few cones but when I dried and extracted the seed there was nothing viable. TOG was not much different; I collected quite a bit but got very little in the way of good seed. Hopefully, the trees just needed a break from the last two years, which have been stressful weather-wise in the Northwest and produced lots of cones. I am hoping for better luck this year!

Dennis Groh made a wonderful donation of seed in 2017 from his collection in Dearborn Heights, MI. He has a great selection of pines and the seed donated should be well cross-pollinated and hopefully produce some interesting seedlings. I was in Michigan myself in November and went to Hidden Lake Gardens and met with Paul Pfeifer and Jon Genereaux. I got to see Jon's propagation setup that he wrote about in the Fall 2017 CQ and talk about his plans for this year, very interesting concepts! Paul had collected some cones/seed for me to take back to Olympia. I hope to visit both Dennis and HLG later this year when I am in MI again. I have also enlisted the help of my brother-in-law, Allen Marlow, who lives in Saline, MI, and has offered to help make some collections in the area. I want to thank all the people listed above for their support of the ACS and the Seed Exchange. Without cooperation from members, arboretums and public gardens the Exchange would not be very successful!

Please be sure to mark your first selections with a circled number of packets you would like ① and your ALTERNATE choices by marking with the number of packets and a checkmark ✓. WITHOUT ALTERNATE SELECTIONS I WILL USE MY BEST JUDGMENT FOR SUBSTITUES.

This year the price will go up to \$1.50 per packet, with a \$9 minimum. Do not send cash. Make checks payable to **American Conifer Society**. If you know someone who requires a printed copy of the list, please ask him or her to send a self-addressed stamped envelope to me and I will send a list. Please remember that seed donated is open pollinated. Orders are filled in the order that they are received.

If you are interested in donating seed or cones, please refer to the Seed Exchange page of the website for more details.

Thanks,

Jim

PS For information on how I stratify and germinate seed, send me an email at treeguy45@comcast.net