



# Native Plants Queensland



## NPQ Seed Bank Policy

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### Background

Native Plants Queensland (NPQ) operates a Seed Bank, providing native seeds to members free of charge. Seeds are collected voluntarily by NPQ members across Queensland then sent to the volunteer Seed Bank Officer for processing and storage within the refrigerated Seed Bank. Members requiring seeds send their requests to the Seed Bank Officer who packages the seeds then posts them to members.

Seed postage and some other small Seed Bank expenses are covered by the Geoff Simmons Bequest, a sum of money NPQ has “to use for the purpose of encouraging or providing for the collection and distribution of seeds from plants native to Queensland.”

### Purpose

The purpose of NPQ’s Seed Bank Policy is to ensure that the distribution of native seeds collected by members and stored in the NPQ Seed Bank is equitable and fair.

**Scope** This Policy applies to all activities associated with the NPQ Seed Bank.

### Responsibility

**NPQ Council** It is the responsibility of the NPQ Council to approve this policy for use within NPQ and communicate it to all members.

**Seed Bank Officer** It is the responsibility of the NPQ Seed Bank Officer to implement this policy and review it annually.

### Policy

Native Plants Queensland stores native seeds for use by members within a Seed Bank. The native seeds are precious assets intended for personal use by members to grow native species. As seed supplies are limited restrictions are in place to ensure that seed distribution is equitable and fair.

- Maximum number of species per order: 20
- Maximum quantity of each species per order: 50 seeds
- Maximum number of orders per year: 2
- Applications for seed outside these restrictions may be referred to NPQ Council for consideration.

### Version Control

Version	Date	Author	Changes
V.1	9 July 2023	Bethlea Bell	Created
V.2	16 July 2023	Bethlea Bell	New information about the Simmons Bequest and an additional dot point in the Policy section.