



TACF Fact Sheet

Restoration Chestnuts 1.0: Frequently Asked Questions

TACF Member Benefits and Policies

What are the seeds? Are they blight resistant?

These seeds are referred to by our scientists as B3F3s. We now call them our Restoration Chestnuts 1.0 and they are the result of over 30 years of back-cross breeding. They have the potential to be blight resistant, but there is no guarantee. And that's exactly why we need our members and partners to help test and evaluate these seeds—to see if they have enough blight-resistance and American growth characteristics to survive in the wild.

Does TACF sell the Restoration Chestnuts 1.0 to the public?

No, TACF does not sell the Restoration Chestnuts 1.0. Seeds are a TACF member benefit for Annual Sponsors (starting at a minimum of \$300.00 annually).

How will I know if I am eligible to receive seeds?

If your membership is \$300.00 and above, you will automatically have the opportunity to receive restoration seeds. A Germplasm Agreement will be sent to you with our acknowledgment letter. We must have a signed agreement before seeds can be shipped to you.

Why do I have to sign a Germplasm Agreement?

The Germplasm Agreement prohibits the sale or transfer of pollen or nuts from these trees to ensure they are not put into commercial production. This is critical to allow TACF, our members, and partners to continue with our research and evaluation. The Germplasm Agreement is a standard agreement used by many universities that provide plants for testing and evaluation.

Can I get seedlings instead of seeds?

No, at this time only seeds are available to Sponsor members. In the future, as seed production increases, TACF will be able to offer seedlings to more of our members.

When will I receive my seeds?

TACF will ship your seeds in mid-March. You will need to either plant the seeds (outside or in pots) or keep them in cold storage (~34°F) until an appropriate planting time for your area. It is important to plan ahead so that you are ready to care for your seeds. Chestnut seeds are perishable, and proper handling will help ensure success.

If I am offered seeds and do not wish to receive them, can I donate them to another person or my TACF chapter?

Yes, you can provide your seeds to anyone you wish, but the landowner must provide a signed Germplasm agreement before TACF can ship the seeds.