



**CHESTNUT CHAT – Q & A**  
**CHAT VI: IDENTIFYING CHESTNUTS WITH TOM SAIELLI**  
**DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020**

QUESTION	ASKER NAME	ASKER EMAIL	ANSWER(S)
I just raised two seedlings and I would like advice on where to go with them. These are definitely American. I found a bunch of burrs in a town forest in Springfield VT in March. Jan Lambert	Jan Lambert	jan@valleygreenjournal.com	Hi Jan - I think I addressed this in response to your note about the mother tree you collected the nuts from, but send me a note off-line and happy to help with site selection or finding a good home for the trees - kendra.collins@acf.org
Since we'll have a good sampling of the genetic diversity in the breeding orchards, why do we need to keep looking for more trees in our state chapters?	Roger Willby	rwiredraw@aol.com	live answered
If you want to make a comment should you put it in QA?	Frank Skalak	mathob@icloud.com	live answered
Also I have found the mother tree that bore all those seeds, it is quite large but is dying at the top. I planted two seeds and now have two seedlings about 10 inches high. I met with Barbara Schultz two days ago and she confirmed the ID.	Jan Lambert	jan@valleygreenjournal.com	Hi Jan - Kendra here - I'm the RSC for New England and based in VT. I would love a Tree Locator Form (or TreeSnap record) and a sample for ID to add this tree to our inventory for VT. We could also include your seedlings on one of our germplasm conservation orchards if you don't have a place for them on your property. We can connect more off-line - kendra.collins@acf.org
Tom, I am from VA. Many years ago there was a huge chestnut tree on a remote back road in Washington VA, Do you know anything about that tree?	Jan Lambert	jan@valleygreenjournal.com	live answered



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I found a just-dead 45 ft. tall chestnut that's sprouting, and a live 60 ft. tree nearby, both in WV. What should I do? The leaves on the live tree are too high for me to reach.	Chris Deets	cdeets@gmail.com	<p>To collect leaves from tall trees you might have some luck heading out after a good storm - you might find a few leaves on the ground. If the tree is sprouting you can collect from sprouts. And if not, get a zoomed-in photo of the flowers in the canopy and we can do our best with that. Also - brown leaves in the fall aren't great, but better than nothing can be collected in the fall.</p> <p>In both cases, Tom would be happy to get samples from new wild trees in WV - you could send in a Tree Locator Form or TreeSnap report.</p>
Define FIA and how to access data bases.	Doug Gillis	doug4769@att.net	live answered
Tom,	Robbie	js4501@aol.com	
Is it worth searching far outside the range.... hills of Arizona that mimic the flora and fauna of Appalachian area? I used to live in the East and grew up with chestnuts but now live in Arizona and wondering if I can be of help in this area?	Robbie	js4501@aol.com	live answered
Are there guidelines for determining whether a specimen may be too small or blight-ridden to be of much interest or value?	Ethan Garrett	ethandrakegarrett@gmail.com	live answered
Is there a database of confirmed wild chestnut locations that's more easily accessible than the FIA data?	ddohler	dohler@gmail.com	TACF keeps a database of reported chestnuts, however it is not publically available because many of the locations are on private land.



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Wouldn't it be most exciting to find a stand of trees, suggesting that they are propagating on their own?	TwiggTaylor	jfttpublic@gmail.com	For sure!! : )
For those of us in areas where chestnuts are rare, can you give any tips for quick recognition, especially of bark on small trees where the leaves won't be easily visible?	Scott Laseter	slaseter@kmcllaw.com	<a href="https://www.acf.org/resources/identification/">https://www.acf.org/resources/identification/</a>
Address use of binoculars, tags to mark trees for scion wood collect, bags to collect samples in with site data recorded	Doug Gillis	doug4769@att.net	live answered
Where can one obtain the brochure Tom mentioned?	carlmgallegos@aol.com	carlmgallegos@aol.com	live answered
How will the recording of this program be made available?	Sandy Weber	sandyweberrn@gmail.com	live answered
Are you only interested mature, flowering trees?	TwiggTaylor	jfttpublic@gmail.com	live answered
Tom, How do we get a GPS reading onto TreeSnap when there is not enough cell service?	Doug McLane	mclanedouglas@hotmail.com	live answered
Could TACF recruit private pilots to spot Am Chestnut in bloom	RobertNClark	rnclark1938@yahoo.com	live answered
I live in Maine and have been reviewing a tool called the Maine Forest Spatial Tool at this link. <a href="https://mfst.acg.maine.edu/App/Index">https://mfst.acg.maine.edu/App/Index</a> American Chestnut Habitat Suitability	Rich Bray	rnbrayjr@yahoo.com	live answered



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Are the prediction models open-source?	ddohler	dohler@gmail.com	live answered
I'd be interested in any tips for locating Chestnut trees from small private aircraft. I know there must be some near me as I have a tree that is getting some open pollination, but can't find the source. As a private pilot, I'm interested in doing aerial searches.	Jim English, N.Y. State Chapter	jenglish@netzero.com	live answered
The tree I know about has leaves that are way up there, so how can I collect a sample? Jan Lambert	Jan Lambert	jan@valleygreenjournal.com	You can often collect a fallen leaf after a good storm event. Or take some good photos of the canopy. Brown leaves that have fallen in the fall are not ideal but can be used.
I am the editor of an environmental newsletter, do you have information you can send out as a press release? Jan Lambert	Jan Lambert	jan@valleygreenjournal.com	Hi Jan, I'm the media and communications manager at TACF. It would be helpful to have a few specifics about the information you're looking for. Please email me at <a href="mailto:jules.smith@acf.org">jules.smith@acf.org</a> . Thanks for joining the chat!
Do satellite images have enough resolution to find flowering trees - using wavelength filtering?	TwiggyTaylor	jfttpublic@gmail.com	
I am in Georgia and it sounds to me that state is outside the Chestnut area...Should I still try to find chestnuts here?	Angela C Belfort	angelacbelfort@gmail.com	live answered
what about outside range....worth searching in Northern Arizona or do chestnuts not exist?	Robbie	js4501@aol.com	live answered
thanks....	Robbie	js4501@aol.com	live answered



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on your map what do all the colors mean?	Patty	hatch108@charter.net	
I have a half dozen sprouts and small trees in my forest. Would you want all of them in snap tree or just one?	Richard Turrell	rlt229@cornell.edu	For TreeSnap you are welcome to report all of them. With our Tree Locator form you can note a number of trees or an area of a number of acres. So kind of up to you : )
thanks Sara !!!]	Robbie	js4501@aol.com	
Great chat Tom !!!!	Cherin	cherin@acf.org	
great info Tom, thank you Robbie	Robbie	js4501@aol.com	

