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Dear UK National Tree Seed Project Volunteer,

As the UK National Tree Seed Project (UKNTSP) draws to a close, we would like to say thank-you to everyone who has volunteered their time to the project. We estimate that more than 110 people have volunteered for the UKNTSP in 2019 alone. Through this, over 145 seed collections have been made and processed here at the Millennium Seed Bank (MSB), of which approximately 75% were made by non-Kew staff. These collections stretch across the whole of the UK. Over the 7 years of the UKNTSP more than 1300 seed collections have been made and are now stored at the MSB. Without your help this project would not have been able to achieve the number, quality or geographic range of collections it has.

The collections made through the UKNTSP represent a significant contribution towards conserving our UK woody flora. At a time when our UK woodlands are under increasing threat from a range of factors including pests and diseases and climate change, these collections are a valuable scientific and conservation resource. If you would like to find out more about the project, the use of the collections and how to access them please visit the UKNTSP webpage (<https://www.kew.org/science/our-science/projects/uk-national-tree-seed-project>).

Although the UKNTSP is coming to an end, the work of the UK seed conservation programme is ongoing. If you would like to keep up to date with the activities of the team here at the Millennium Seed Bank you can follow us on twitter @Kew\_MSBUK or keep up to date with developments through our project pages on the RBG Kew website.

We hope you have enjoyed volunteering for the UKNTSP and thank-you once again for your contribution to the project.

Yours faithfully,

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