



### Environmental Impact

The food of the future will come from locally, organically-grown crops and perennial polycultures. They will reduce environmental impacts associated with soil erosion, fertilizer and pesticide run off and fossil fuels used in transportation.



### Sharing Abundance

Growing our own food connects us with nature and with the seasonal cycles of life. Once you see how easy it is to grow food, there will be many opportunities for sharing that abundance in your community.



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please visit us at:

For information about participating in EPP,

Please help us in our work—we have lots of volunteer opportunities.

to help make Gainesville a more beautiful, sustainable place to live.

working to promote edible landscaping and local food abundance

The Edible Plant Project is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based group

# The Edible Plant Project

Think globally—act locally.  
Plant a fruit or nut tree today.



**Sustainable Abundance**  
 Imagine a local abundance of delicious edibles in yards and gardens around town. They can be grown without intensive chemical fertilizers and pesticides because they are locally adapted varieties, ideally suited to our conditions, grown from seed carefully saved from year to year and shared with neighbors.

**Low Maintenance Edibles**  
 A special focus of EFP is tree crops: fruit and nut trees. These wonders of nature need to be planted only once, and they yield bountifully for decades, often with minimal care. Have you stood under a tree loaded with fruit, gorging yourself on the crop? There are mulberry, loquat, pear, pecan, persimmon and fig trees around Gainesville that make heavy harvests of delicious fruit & nuts every year.

**More is Better!**  
 For many of these tree crops, it is a simple matter of starting new plants from cuttings or seeds. At the Edible Plant Project's nursery we grow new fruit and nut trees for distribution to the community at prices set just high enough to cover our expenses and to make them affordable to all. We sell at the downtown farmer's market in Gainesville the second Wednesday of each month.



**The Edible Plant Project's vision is to create positive alternatives to the unsustainable food system in this country.**



Please help us in our work by volunteering & planting vegetables, fruit & nut trees! Grow & harvest food & help make Gainesville a beautiful, sustainable place to live.

**Volunteer at the Nursery**  
 We have regular work parties at the nursery where we start new plants, weed and tend existing ones. Volunteers help by producing trees for distribution, and in the process learn how to start and grow their own trees. Please join us there and in the process have fun participating in your local community and contributing to its health and vitality.

**Seed Bank**  
 We are creating a seed bank of locally-adapted, non-hybrid annual food plants so we can save our own seeds from year to year, improving crops by selecting seed from the strongest plants. By sharing and distributing seed, we aim to be independent from the seed companies and their hybrid varieties that require chemical fertilizers & pesticides for production.

**Recipes & Processing**  
 Sharing recipes and processing techniques makes sure the bounty is well utilized. For example, dehydrated mulberries taste like mulberry-flavored raisins! Yum!!! Fresh, locally grown fruits, nuts, and vegetables, harvested at the peak of ripeness are higher in nutrients than store bought ones.

