



Do you gather wild plants or mushrooms in Southeastern Pennsylvania?

We'd like to talk with you.

The Purpose

People living in southeastern Pennsylvania have long gathered and still do gather wild plants and fungi for a variety of reasons, including the economic, cultural, subsistence, and other benefits they provide. But we recognize that the foraging/gathering of wild plants and mushrooms is a practice not often discussed in public venues. Thus, we are interested in learning about the diversity of plant and mushroom species that are gathered, the ways these materials are used (as crafts, tools, food, medicine, etc.), and the motivations for gathering. In this way, we seek to discover and document this practice and its **importance to people** living in Philadelphia, Montgomery, Delaware, and Chester counties.

Who We are and How this Information will be used

This study is being conducted by researchers from Ursinus College. Results from this research will be published in a final report online, presented at academic conferences, and submitted for academic publication.

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