

Tree Seed Collector Role Description

Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Cumbria Wildlife Trust is a wildlife conservation charity. Cumbria Wildlife Trust cares passionately about wildlife and wild places – we're here to put wildlife back into our land and seascapes to make Cumbria a wilder county with more space for nature. We restore and connect wild places, work with nature to tackle the climate emergency and support people to take local action for wildlife.

We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the dedication and support from our community of volunteers.

As a Tree Seed Collector volunteer for Skiddaw Forest, you will be helping to restore 620 acres of lost Atlantic rainforest.

What is a Skiddaw Tree Seed Collector?

Volunteers will learn to identify native upland tree species, using a list of approved areas for collection and guidelines on how to collect seeds responsibly.

This is ideal for those who are already out and about in the Lakes and offers the opportunity to make a real environmental impact. No prior experience is necessary, just a passion for nature and a good level of fitness.

Your role will involve:

- Learning to identify native tree seeds.
- Spending time in the Lake District in approved areas, following guidelines to collect tree seeds responsibly.
- Communicating with the Plumgarths Community Tree Grower and Gardener.

What's in it for you?

- Becoming part of a friendly and dedicated team at Cumbria Wildlife Trust
- The chance to make a real environmental impact

Who would suit this role?

This role will suit anyone who is interested in volunteering with Cumbria Wildlife Trust particularly those who:

- Have a good level of fitness
- Are confident in and enjoy spending time in the Lake Districts, for example through walking or fell-running
- Can work independently but are happy to keep in touch with staff
- Can be suitable for families



However, please note that you don't need to have all of these interests or skills to undertake this volunteering role.

Extra information

Your place	Lake District National Park
Time commitment	Flexible within the months of August-October and May-June
Volunteer Coordinator	Ruth Alcroft volunteering@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk
Staff Contact (if different)	Izzy Sharpe, Community Tree Grower and Gardener
Training/Resources	Volunteer handbook and Trust induction. Volunteers are able to receive travel expenses of 0.45p per mile agreed in advanced with their staff contact. Tree seed identification training and guidance on responsible collecting will be provided.
Other Requirements	

This role is purely voluntary and this arrangement is not meant to be a legally binding one or an employment contract